

Gary United Methodist Church

November 15, 2020

Stay Connected to the Church Family

Stewardship Campaign: Gratitude and Giving, Sundays through Nov. 22. In the midst of the loss and deep grief of this year, there have also been moments of joy, contentment, and gratitude. We approach our annual stewardship campaign and sermon series in this spirit of gratitude, knowing that giving can be an expression of gratitude, knowing that our gifts and service will allow impactful ministry to continue. On Commitment Sun., Nov. 22, we ask you to consider committing to giving as you are able for the next calendar year. Commitment cards can be dropped off on Sun., Nov. 22, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., mailed to the church, or filled out [electronically](#).

Worship Talk: Today, 11 a.m. on Zoom, facilitated by Rev. JoAnne Chase. Grab your cup of coffee, click on the Worship Talk link on the [website](#), and join the discussion of the morning service.

Anti-Racism Book Club: *The South Side* by Natalie Y. Moore, Wed., Nov. 18, 7 p.m. on Zoom, facilitated by Dr. Christa Tooley. All are invited to read and discuss this book that looks at the intersection of race and class in Chicago. To join the conversation, please purchase the book on your own and register [here](#).

Livestream Worship: On Sun., Nov. 22, we will have livestream worship only at 9 a.m. The service can be found on our [website](#). A recording will be available later that day.

Advent Gifts: Drive-through distribution on Sunday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. We are preparing resources for our congregation to experience Advent “together” even though physically distanced. Watch for an email message asking if you prefer to pick up your gift, have it delivered to you, or mailed.

Hymns at Twilight: Tues., Nov. 24, 7 p.m., livestreamed at [garychurch.org](#) or find the link on our Facebook page. Sing along as Kevin Lange hosts and accompanies this virtual event. Our theme is “Count Your Blessings,” and we invite you to suggest hymns that express your thankfulness. Email your song suggestions to office@garychurch.org.

Gary Preschool Registration: Our Parents’ Morning Out program (18-months –3 yrs.) is currently accepting applications for Jan.–May. Please submit an application with a \$50 registration fee to the preschool. Classes will be held on Mon. and Wed. mornings, 9–11:30 a.m. Families are welcome to sign up for one or both days. One day per week is \$80/month and two days per week is \$120/month. Class size is limited to 10 children with two teachers.

Lectionary Readings

- This week’s readings: [Judges 4:1–7](#), [Psalm 123](#), [Psalm 76](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:1–11](#), and [Matthew 25:14–30](#)
- Next week’s readings: [Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24](#), [Psalm 100](#), [Ephesians 1:15–23](#), and [Matthew 25:31–46](#)

Stay Connected to the Mission

Your Tithes and Offerings: To support the ongoing mission and ministry of Gary Church, please consider making a gift. Here are three ways to continue your tithes and offerings.

- **Online:** Make a regular or one-time gift [here](#).
- **Text-to-Give:** Text 844-928-1220 on a cell phone. Enter a dollar amount followed by the word “GARY.”
- **Checks:** Mail a check to Gary Church, 224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

Support Christmas Sharing: Gary Church has a 50-year history of generously supporting Christmas Sharing. This mission project with other area churches helps to serve the needs of over 850 families in Wheaton//Warrenville District 200. We plan to do it again in our 51st year—just differently this time. To provide for the needs of our guest families with the drive-through format we will use on Fri.–Sat., Dec. 11–12, our focus is on gift cards—so we need your monetary donations. Please contribute generously, with the usual Gary Church Christmas Sharing spirit, by sending a check to the Church Office or giving [online](#). Here are some more ways to help:

“Kimmer’s Kares” about Christmas Sharing: This year Kimmer’s Ice Cream will donate \$5 to Christmas Sharing for every pie sold through Wed., Dec. 30. They offer the following pies: Parent Trap, Cookies n’ Cream, Mint Chocolate Chip, Turtle, Caramel Sea Salt, and Peppermint. Call their Wheaton store (630-765-7704) to place your order and let them know you are supporting the Christmas Sharing fundraiser.

McDonald’s Fundraiser: Tues., Nov. 24. Mark you calendar and watch for details.

COVID-19 Update: The Church Office has limited, appointment-only hours, Mon–Fri., 10 a.m.–3 p.m. The building will remain locked. Gatherings of 10 or fewer are allowed following strict safety guidelines. Visit our [website](#) for the latest information.

