

Christmas Sharing:

December 4–9



Be part of one of our largest mission projects as we come together, along with seven other Wheaton churches, to serve the needs of over 1000 families with children in Wheaton/Warrenville District 200. Each family will receive a box of food and some new items, and will be given the opportunity to select gently used clothing, toys, small household goods, etc.

There are many ways to help:

- Sign up in the Commons to donate food boxes and to volunteer your time.
- Take an ornament from the tree in the Commons and purchase the new item indicated.
- Clean out your closets and bring gently used items to the church December 4–7.

Order a Christmas Sharing T-Shirt and help Gary Youth buy gifts for middle and high school students for Christmas Sharing. If we sell 60 shirts, we will have over \$600 to purchase gifts! Place your order in the Commons today or at bonfire.com/gary and you'll receive it in time to wear when volunteering for Christmas Sharing—or just to look festive all season! Prices range from \$15 to \$25, and there is an option to add an extra donation at check-out. Shirts were designed by Gary Youth students Anna Mathis and Leah Austin.

Pajama Drive!

November 1–19

The children's ministry team is sponsoring a pajama drive for Christmas Sharing. Donations of new pajamas for all children from infant to high school youth are greatly appreciated. Collection bins are located in the lower level lobby.



Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

www.garychurch.org

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Gary Church in Mission

Kimmer's Ice Cream Supports Christmas Sharing: Place an order in the Commons today or next Sunday for an ice cream cake or pie. Kimmer's will donate to Christmas Sharing \$2 for each pie and \$3 for each cake sold.

PDQ Restaurant Supports Christmas Sharing! Plan to dine at 167 Danada Square W., Wheaton on Nov. 17 from 4–9 p.m. Mention Christmas Sharing when ordering and a portion of your total will be donated to the Christmas Sharing program.

Jubilee Furniture volunteers are needed in the store at 703 E. North Ave., Carol Stream on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Contact the store for more information at 630-682-1910. Proceeds benefit Outreach Ministry.

Children's and Youth Ministries

Winter Musical Casting Call: Today from 2–4 p.m. at Gary. Students in grades 6–12 are invited to be part of *The Old Testament Fast Forward* presented on Mar. 18. Those interested in a solo should come prepared to share a short, simple song.

Gary Youth Turkey Bowl: Today from 4–6 p.m. Celebrate Thanksgiving with us! We'll be bowling frozen turkeys in the Activity Center. The winning team will take home the coveted Golden Turkey. You don't want to miss it.

Gary Youth Midweek: Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m. Middle and high school students, join us in the Activity Center to meet new friends and get plugged into Gary Youth ministries.

Parent's Night Out: Nov. 17 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Lower Level. Parent's Night Out is open to children ages 6 months–Grade 3. Reservations are required through Gary's Church Office and a donation of \$5 per child is suggested.

PJ's & Pancakes Helping Hands Mission: Nov. 19 from 9–10:50 a.m. in the Lower Level. Children ages Preschool 3–Grade 5 are invited to wear their PJ's to church and enjoy a pancake breakfast after wrapping donated pajamas for Christmas Sharing.

Drop & Shop: Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at Gary Church. Children age 6 months–Grade 5 are welcome to join us for games and activities while you finish up your holiday shopping! Space is limited. Reservations are required by Nov. 26 and can be made through the Church Office. A \$15 donation per family is suggested.

Opportunities at Gary Church

Kiwanis Travel Adventure Cinema Series: “Jordan & Israel: More Stories,” Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets available at the door. All are invited.

Camerata Chicago *Magnificat* & *Gloria* Concert: Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at College Church, Wheaton. They will perform Bach’s *Magnificat*, Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, and Handel’s *Zadok the Priest*. Tickets can be purchased using coupon code GUMC for a 50% discount at <https://cameratachicago.ticketleap.com/20171117-wheaton/t/gumc/>. After discount cost: Adults \$25; seniors \$15; and students \$5.

Explore Membership: Nov. 19 from 1:30–3 p.m. in the Anderson Room. If you are considering membership join the pastors to get better acquainted, discuss what it means to be United Methodist, and learn more about our Gary congregation. Contact Kim Austin at kaustin@garychurch.org to register.

The Lunchtime Literary Group will meet on Nov. 28 at 12 p.m. in Commons A to discuss *Monticello* by Sally Cabat Gunning. Pack a lunch and join the discussion.

Praise Service: Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. in Winfield’s Sanctuary. Following the service there will be an optional dinner and fellowship time at a local restaurant. All are welcome to attend.

Please Note

College Care Package Donations: In Dec., right around finals time, we will send Gary college students a small care package with snacks and positive messages from our congregation. We would gladly accept donations to include such as microwave popcorn, gum, Chapstick, small cookie packages, notes of support, packages of post-it notes, etc. Please drop off items in the Church Office by Nov. 26.

2017 Church Conference: Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. This annual meeting with our District Superintendent, Rev. Dick Wisdom, is open to all in the church.

Usher positions are available for both the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services. Contact Dick Selover through the Church Office for more information on this way to serve.

Interested in joining the Gary Sound Team? We are looking for people who can operate the soundboard just one service a month. No experience is necessary. Training provided. To volunteer, or for more information, contact the Church Office.

Burning Bush Art Gallery—*An Outreach of Gary Church*

Now Showing: *Zendaddy and the False Selves* through today. The show features paintings by Gary member Bill Austin in celebration of El Día de los Muertos with a Day of the Dead Altar by Charles Heinrich and his students at James Giles School in Norridge.

For more information visit www.garychurch.org or the Chimes newsletter.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 p.m. at Gary Church

As we come together to thank God for another year of blessings, Rev. Barb Good will provide the message. Rev. Good served as Associate Pastor at Gary Church from 1996–2000 and is currently Senior Pastor at Palos United Methodist Church in Palos Heights.

This special service of thanks will include Holy Communion.

UMW Christmas Market

Sunday, November 26, throughout the morning in the Commons

Gary’s United Methodist Women offer a large array of unique handmade crafts, knitted items, and baked goods. All proceeds of the sale go to missions that support women and children, a lovely consideration when selecting a special gift for a teacher, hostess, friend, or family member.

