

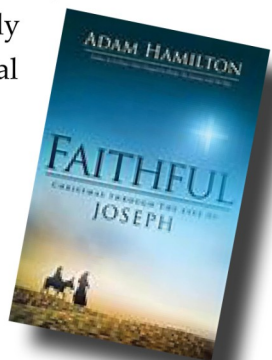
Faithful: **Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph**

All-church study on November 26, December 10 and 17, 10:00 a.m.

Adults in the Chapel, led by Rev. JoAnne Chase

*Children and Youth in their regular Sunday School
class locations*

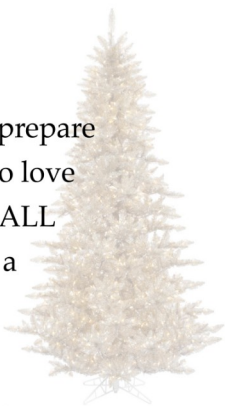
In this study, with material appropriate for each age group, Adam Hamilton examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph, the humble carpenter and earthly father of Jesus. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. Come explore the valuable lessons that Joseph's place in the nativity story contains for all of us. Books are available in the Commons.
Cost: \$15.



Gary Prepares for Christmas Sharing

December 3, 10:00 a.m. throughout Gary Church

The people of Gary Church will come together to prepare for Christmas Sharing—an outreach that calls us to love our neighbor and to be a voice of hope and faith. ALL ages will have the opportunity to serve and make a difference.



Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

www.garychurch.org

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Gary Church in Mission

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 1,000 families 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.
- *Make a donation.* If you are unable to shop for food, consider a donation. Make your check payable to Gary Church and notate Christmas Sharing in the memo and on the envelope.
- *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 Dec. 4–7.
- *Moore Toys and Gadgets:* For every \$100 worth of toys purchased at their store located at 107 E. Front St., Wheaton, they will provide 50% off a toy from a selection to be donated to Christmas Sharing.
- *Kimmer's Ice Cream:* Place an order in the Commons today 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:* Plan to dine at 167 Danada Square W., Wheaton on Dec. 1 from 4–9 p.m. Mention Christmas Sharing when ordering and a portion of your total will be donated to the Christmas Sharing program.

Heifer Project Alternative Gift Program: Dec. 3, 10, 17. Heifer Project assists those in poverty to become self-sufficient by supplying animals to them. See the display in the Commons to make a donation or give a gift in honor or memory of a loved one or friend.

Outreach Community's Senior Christmas Luncheon will be held on Dec. 15. A \$12 donation will provide an older adult a place at the luncheon. For many of the low-income seniors, this will be their only holiday celebration. Make your donation payable to Gary and notate Outreach on the check and on the envelope. Volunteers are needed to help bake, set up, and serve. Sign up at the display in the Commons.

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

Gary Youth Midweek: Students are encouraged to attend the Thanksgiving Worship service with their families on Nov. 22. Midweek will resume Dec. 6 from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

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.

Gary Youth Serve Sunday: Dec. 3 from 3–4 p.m. at Brighton Gardens. Come connect with seniors as we play Bingo.

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Christmas Sharing Service Project: Dec. 5 from 6–8 p.m. in the Lower Level Lobby. Join us as we help sort new toys for Christmas Sharing.

Family Fellowship Service Project: Dec. 6. Come to Gamon Hall anytime from 5:30–7:30 p.m. where we'll help prepare for Christmas Sharing. Kids age five and up can work with parents sorting donated items. Childcare is available for those under five by emailing childcare@garychurch.org. At 7:30 p.m. we'll head over to Kimmer's Ice Cream.

Opportunities at Gary Church

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.

The Lunch Group will meet on Dec. 14 at 12 p.m. in Gary's Commons. Pizza will be provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost: \$2 per person.

Please Note

College Care Package Donations: In Dec. (around finals time) we will send Gary college students a care package from our congregation. We are accepting donations such as gum, microwave popcorn, Chapstick, small cookie packages, notes of support, sticky notes, etc. Drop off items in the Commons 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.

Calendars for Burning Bush events such as drum circles, open mic nites, artist events, and gong meditations are available in the Commons.

Stock Transfers: If you're thinking about making a stock transfer to Gary Church, contact Dave Brewer through the Church Office. The transfer process is taking seven to ten business days and in order to count for this year's tax credits, the transfer has to be completed by Dec. 31.

For more information visit www.garychurch.org or the [Chimes](#) newsletter.

Kids' Church During Advent

9:00 a.m. for Preschool 3's–Grade 5

Gary Kids will be preparing for the coming Christ child through a variety of hands-on activities and lessons. Children are invited to celebrate the season with mission, music, crafts, and more in the lower level.

November 26 Advent Wreath Creations

December 3 Illustrating Christmas | A Time of Preparation for the Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

December 10 Lessons and Carols | A family worship service in the Sanctuary

December 17 A Shepherd's Tail

December 24 Happy Birthday, Jesus!

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.

