

CHIMES



The Newsletter of Gary Church and Winfield Community Church
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Hands and Feet in Service

The love of Jesus was displayed in many ways the week of September 25 as our team from Gary put their hands and feet to work in service to God's people in Lafayette, IN. This was our 11th trip in nine consecutive years to Lafayette, IN. The team included Kevin Carlson, Joe and Lois Davisson, Bob and Fern Evelhoch, George Masek, Ralph and Kathy Gehrig, Jamie Geiger, Ken Hoppe, Nickie Kelly, Elaine McCluskey, David and Cindy Plate, Allen Reed, David Rush, and Gerry Schmidt.

The team spent the first part of the week working on three homes. The main priority was the interior remodel of an existing house for the new home owner, Shawn Rector. Shawn worked side by side with us during the week, which was such a blessing. We cleaned all the walls, patched a lot of drywall, painted the walls and ceilings, painted the front porch, installed a new exterior door, installed new kitchen cabinets, counter top and sink, and new light fixtures. In addition to working on Shawn's home, part of the team worked Monday and Tuesday at a second home removing old carpet and painting walls, doors, and trim. The third project was at a new construction site where we were doing landscaping, moving dirt, removing rocks, and preparing the soil for seeding the new lawn.

Through the generous contributions from Gary Church members our team had the opportunity to present Doug Taylor, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette, a check from Gary Church for \$1,000.

Looking forward to our next trip!
Gerald (Gerry) Schmidt





Thank you to everyone who helped with Trunk or Treat. The trunks were spook-tacular, the costumes were adorable, and the hospitality was immeasurable!





Many denominations and churches celebrate or mark what is known as “Reformation Day” on October 31 or the Sunday prior to October 31. “Reformation Day is a day set aside to recognize, remember, and celebrate the Protestant Reformation. In some countries, it is observed as an official holiday. It remembers Martin Luther and the central role he played in the reform movement that split the western church of Rome.”¹ This year, commemorations of the Protestant Reformation have reached new heights as we mark the 500th year.

In our adult education classes, led by Dr. Andy Tooley during the month of October, and in our worship services on October 29, we too recognized the 500th year. “United Methodists celebrate Reformation Day with a sense of moving toward unity and community.”² “Though we are not descendants of Luther, both John and Charles Wesley were priests in the Church of England, so our roots are deep in the Anglican tradition.”³ In our sanctuary windows, images of Martin Luther and John Wesley are placed across from each other, but each looks toward the chancel and the cross of Christ. The stained-glass windows also communicate that we are a people who are both into the Word and into the world.

Our roots do indeed go deep! The late Bishop Reuben P. Job is often seen as one who helped to shape how United Methodists view the teachings of John Wesley. In his book *A Wesleyan Spiritual Reader*, Bishop Job wrote, “There was a time when Methodists could be recognized very easily. To refer to the history of the Methodist movement in Great Britain and the United States is to discover that Methodists were never easy to hide! Like their father in the faith, Methodists were interested in such simple things as saving faith, the practical ways to keep that faith alive, and a living out of that faith in every aspect of daily life, both private and public.”⁴

Job goes on to describe the committed and contagious nature of the faith of our forebears as bringing “respect as well as derision...Many wanted what Methodists appeared to have. Among these gifts were a certain knowledge of their own salvation, an at-homeness in this world and confidence in the next, a living companionship with a living Christ, and access to the power of God that could and did transform the most broken and hopeless persons into productive, joyful, and faithful disciples.”⁵

Our guiding theme for the year—“Rooted in Trust”—draws upon this rich legacy, but in a way that is always looking forward to where God is leading us as disciples and as a faith community.

It is that living relationship nurtured from the source that is God’s power that will make a difference in our lives and in our world. In this way, we are a part of the continuing movement of the work of God in the lives of God’s people. Let us be rooted in trust in the God who is able through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Christopher L. Peerson

¹ <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-is-reformation-day>

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ Reuben P. Job, *A Wesleyan Spiritual Reader* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998), 193

⁵ Ibid

Our Mission

Grow in faith, knowledge and understanding of Christ as Lord and Savior

Serve our community and the world by sharing time, gifts, talents

Nurture one another through worship, fellowship, love

Demonstrate our discipleship to Christ

Proclaim God's grace and Good News

Sunday Worship Opportunities at Gary

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Kids' Church begins following Children's Time, Preschool 3's–Grade 3

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for children, youth, and adults

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Childcare is available for newborn-2 yrs., 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Helpful Publicity Information

When submitting articles and announcements for Gary publications, please adhere to these deadlines:

- Weekly e-news, Gary Youth e-news, or Children's Ministry e-news to blemna@garychurch.org by Tuesday noon
- Bulletin announcements to office@garychurch.org (or submit a written copy) by Tuesday noon
- Chimes articles to office@garychurch.org by the **15th of each month**

All content will be included in Gary publications at our discretion. Content may be edited at our discretion. Submissions received after the deadline may not appear until the following week/month. The next Chimes will be the **January** issue mailed the last week of December. ***The submission deadline is November 20.***

Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Brian Jones, *Part-time Associate Pastor*

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Protecting Your Privacy

In an effort to protect the privacy of our members, personal contact information (phone numbers and/or email addresses) will not be shared in Gary/Winfield publications.

Gary/Winfield Churches use photos and videos of adults taken at events, classes, and worship for our printed and online publications and in social media unless an individual specifically directs the church not to do so by completing a form available in the Gary Office. We will only use photos or videos of minors when their parents or guardians have given permission to do so by signing the Children's or Youth Ministry Registration Forms, available on our website.



Those for Whom We Care and Pray

THANK YOU...

The Habitat for Humanity team would like to recognize Gerry Schmidt for his hard work and efforts on organizing the Gary Workforce September Habitat Mission in Lafayette, IN. Thanks Gerry!

Kevin Carlson

ADDRESSES NEEDED

The Church Office does not have addresses for the following members: Bernadine Powles, and Ryan and Stephanie Whaley. Please contact the office at 630-668-3100 or office@garychurch.org if you know their current addresses.

BAPTISMS

Riley Grace Krick, daughter of Jay & Nicole Krick, Oct. 15

Cole Daniel Kitzman, son of Nathan & Amy Kitzman, Oct. 15

CONGRATULATIONS

The Rozwat Family on the birth of their grandson and nephew, John Joseph Rozwat V, son of John & Laura, brother of Charlie, on Oct. 17

OUR SYMPATHY

Fran Langille passed away on Aug. 8

Judy Pierce passed away on Oct. 16.

Eric Ostensen, Deb Evans, and Corey Ostensen on the death of Deb's grandmother, Arlene Farrell, on Sept. 7

The Weber Family on the death of Cheryl's mother, Jane Bennett, Oct. 6

Don & Judy Leo on the death of Don's cousin, Bill Barnes, on Oct. 8

Rev. Lynn Longenbaugh, former Gary Pastor, on the death of his wife, Peggy Longenbaugh, on Oct. 11

Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are available for purchase to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. The cost is \$12 per plant. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, December 10. Plants will be in our Sanctuary for the evening services on December 24 and may be picked up after the 10:00 p.m. service or during office hours.

Name _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

flowers given in honor / memory / other of _____



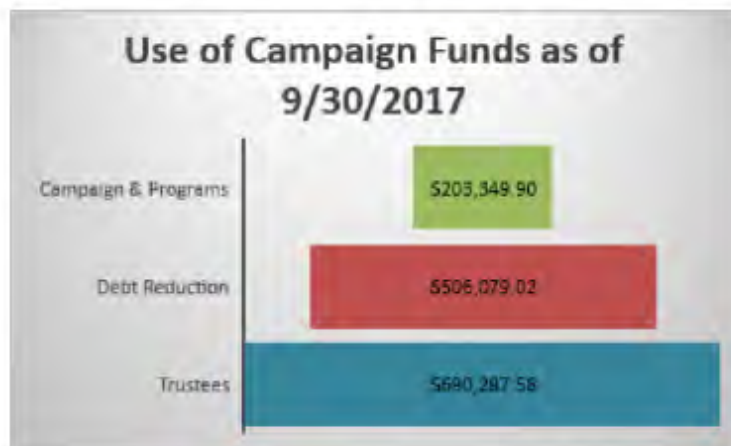
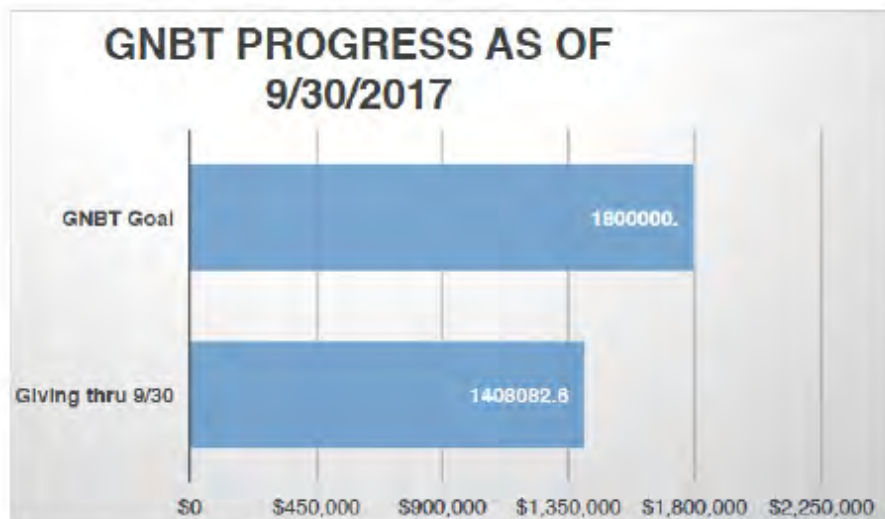
I will pick up poinsettia(s) _____

I will make the gift of poinsettia(s) for distribution among church friends and family _____

God's Next Big Thing

Campaign Report

October 13, 2017



God's Next Big Thing

Campaign Milestones

- ✓ Church families' giving through September has culminated in contributions equal to 78% of the GNBT goal of \$1.8 Million.
- ✓ 241 Families have participated and many have already completed their pledges.
- ✓ We have received a total of \$1,251,100 in pledged gifts and \$156,982 of non-pledged gifts.
- ✓ Total support to the Trustees has reached \$690,288 through September.
- ✓ The mortgage was paid off in 2016 and no additional debt reduction is required.

It is a pleasure to present another positive God's Next Big Thing Campaign to-date report! Once again, your gifts and pledges have continued to move us closer to our \$1.8M, five-year campaign giving goal. The graphics and summary show to date our giving progress and distributions to initiatives.

As I reflect on your prayers, faith, gifts, and commitment to God's work, I am reminded of James 2:17(NIV): "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

It takes faith, prayer, and commitment to plan, to give to the plan, and to execute the projects and programs to further God's work. Our progress to date is "FAITH IN ACTION!" Your "faith in action" inspires and excites! Action does keep faith alive. As I see the results of your gifts of participation, service, love, commitment, I am overwhelmed with joy. I know the love of God is present in this work!

Thank you for living your faith everyday through giving your talents and gifts to God to further his kingdom at Gary, our community, and world. I thank God every day for the opportunity to be involved in his work at Gary! Thanks be to God!

Blessings and gratitude,

Myra Burgess
Strategic Planning Committee
Co-chair of GNBT

The Gift of Generosity

We thank everyone who has supported Gary Church this past year, and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. Set up your on-line giving through our website (www.garychurch.org). You will need to create a profile if you haven't already done so. Once your profile has been created, you will be able to set up withdrawals from either your checking account or your credit/debit card. You can also opt in to be able to donate by text. If you have any questions, contact Dave Brewer through the Church Office.

Stock Transfers

If you're thinking about doing a stock transfer to Gary Church contact Dave Brewer through the Church Office. The transfer process is taking 7 to 10 business days, and in order to count for this year's tax credits, *the transfer has to be completed by December 31.*

Thanks from the Finance Committee

Members of the Finance Committee wish to extend thanks to the congregation for their faithfulness in giving through GNBT. Your commitment will help to ensure infrastructure integrity for the foreseeable future.

As many of you are approaching completion, or have completed, your GNBT pledge, we ask that you turn your attention, in terms of giving, to the operational budget of the church. As you can see in the accompanying chart, giving is running behind budget, which was based on last year's figures. Our church staff are excellent stewards, so when this occurs it has true implications for programs. We are asking that you take some time to prayerfully re-examine your situation to determine if you can increase your offering. No amount is insignificant. *Thank you.*

Giving YTD Actual	Giving YTD Budget
\$638,737.79	\$670,075.02

Save the Date:

2017 Church Conference
Monday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.
in the Chapel
 This annual meeting with our District Superintendent, Rev. Dick Wisdom, is open to all in the church.
Mark your calendar!

Ways to Share your Time and Talents

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

Interested in joining the Gary Sound Team? We need five or six more members! We are looking for people who can operate the soundboard just one service a month. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve. We will train you in the basics of the soundboard. It's a lot easier than it looks! To volunteer or for more information, contact the church office at 630-668-3100.

The Praise Service at Winfield Church is in need of AV assistance and a childcare provider for this monthly Saturday evening service. If you can help, contact Pastor Bruce through the Gary Church Office.

Trustees Corner

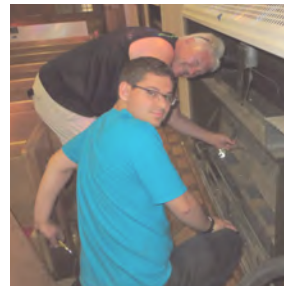
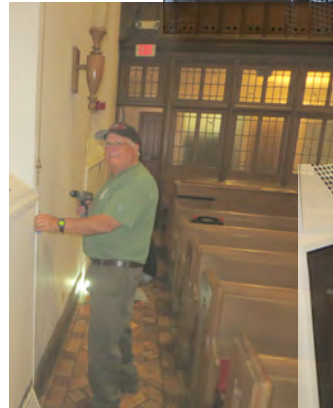
In my last article, I provided information on repairs to the steam heating system for the Sanctuary, the Chapel and Gamon Hall. September and October were busy as we completed all the repairs to the system. Volunteers from the church changed out 39 radiator steam traps located in the Chapel, Gamon Hall, and the Sanctuary. The volunteers also removed the radiator covers in the Sanctuary and Chapel so our HVAC mechanical contractor, Power Mechanical, could make repairs to the radiators. The volunteers then reinstalled the radiator covers.

Power Mechanical also installed the new boiler feed water tank, repaired the heating control system in the Sanctuary and Gamon Hall, installed a new heating control system in the Chapel, replaced about 50 feet of leaking steam return piping, and made several modifications to improve the efficiency of the system. We should be good to go for another heating season.

A big thank you to Eric Ostensen, Keith Nystrom, Jesse Exner, Bob Barnes, Kevin Carlson, and Steve Wernicke for helping with the steam repairs.

Repairs to the asphalt alleyway along the south side of the church were completed in October making the road much smoother. In October, work also started on another big project—the masonry and roof repairs to the Tower and masonry tracery repairs to the exterior of the Sanctuary stained-glass Rose Window. Plans are to complete this work before the cold weather arrives.

Gerald (Gerry) Schmidt
Chair of Trustees



4th & 5th Grade Fellowship

The 4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Group took part in a service project on October 14. They put the loppers they are holding to good use at Churchill Woods as part of the DuPage Forest Preserve Fall Cleanup Day.



Casting Call for our 2018 Musical



OLD TESTAMENT FAST FORWARD

November 12, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Calling all 6–12th grade singers and actors! It's time to begin rehearsing for our annual Winter Musical.

Come join the fun and be part of The Old Testament Fast Forward. This amusing musical by Tom Long and Allen Pote proposes to retell the entire Old Testament in 10 minutes! Needless to say, they don't get all the way through, but there's plenty of humor and moving moments as the kids encounter the lessons and eternal truths found within the Bible stories.

The rehearsal schedule for grades 6–12 is as follows:

Casting Call for Grades 6–12 | November 12, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Read-through | November 19, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Character Development Session | to be scheduled in December based on cast availability

Weekly Cast Rehearsal | Sundays, January 7–March 11, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

(with one exception: January 28, 1:00–3:00 p.m.)

Rehearsals for grades 1–5 will begin in January and will follow this schedule:

Casting Call for Grades 1–5 | January 21, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Weekly Rehearsal | Sunday, January 28, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Sundays, Feb 4–March 11, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

The musical will be performed on Sunday, March 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Contact Directors Ellie Pentland, Melinda Keske, Leigh Ann Gaul, or Carey Bebar through the Church Office if you have questions.

Recognizing our Veterans

Veteran's Day is November 11. On the preceding Sunday, November 5, we will honor veterans during worship. Our veterans will be asked to stand as we pray for them. If you have served, or are serving our nation in the armed forces, we look forward to recognizing and praying for you during this very special time!



United Methodist Scholarships and Loans

The United Methodist Scholarship and Loan Programs help supplement the financial needs of today's students. Funding for these scholarships and loans are provided through offerings, wills, annuities, and other designated gifts. To apply a student must be an active, full member of the United Methodist Church for at least one year. Applicants must be pursuing a degree program at any accredited institution with the U.S. and can be pursuing any career. *The Fall 2018 Application opens January 3, 2018 and closes March 7, 2018.* For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships>.



Together in Mission

God is back at work in Christmas Sharing—December 4–9

It was in 1969 that Bill Davisson and other members of Gary responded to the invitation to join God at work serving seven needy families with children in District 200.

Now, 48 years later, in a combined effort with eight other churches, all the schools of Wheaton/Warrenville District 200, the Milton Township office, World Relief, area businesses and many individuals, we expect to join God at work in serving the needs of over 1000 families with children in District 200!

As the needs have grown over the years, we have also grown in how we serve these needs. Our mission is to provide a Christian connection with these needy families by helping to clothe and feed them.

There are a number of ways for you to join with God in serving:

Donate food boxes (or money for food purchase). Deliver to church December 4–7.

- Sign up to donate food box(s) at the display in the Commons or write a check to pay for a food box.
- Pick up a food shopping list and the number of boxes indicated on the list.

Donate packages of unpeeled carrots (whole) and/or apples for the food boxes Dec 5–8.

Donate new coats, children's pajamas, socks, diapers, gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves.

- Take ornaments from the tree in the Commons.
- Place unwrapped items in bags (include the ornaments) and return them to the Commons by December 4.

Donate new toys.

- Take an ornament from the tree and purchase appropriate toys for the stated ages and genders. Teen gifts are a special need.
- Place unwrapped items in box by tree (include ornament) in the Commons by December 4.

Donate used toys, sports equipment, and children's books in good condition, December 4–7.

Donate gently used clothing, all ages and sizes, December 4–7.

Donate gently used household items—linens, Christmas decorations, kitchenware, small appliances, etc., by December 7.

Volunteer

- See the complete list at the display in the Commons and sign-up ASAP to work as many dates and times as possible between December 4–9.
- Lots of hands make easy work!

Donate money for “special needs” such as buying new or used children's coats, diapers, gifts, etc.

Pick up a checklist with more details at the display in the Commons.

Many past participants have said that helping the families is such a meaningful experience and has become a traditional start for their own family Christmas celebration. Won't you join God at work here at Gary and make this your tradition as well?

For more information, please see the Commons display, call the Church Office 630-668-3100, or visit the new website www.christmassharing.org.

Thank you! Joe Davisson and Shelley Kenyon

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. Donations can be placed in the collection bin in the Lower Level Lobby.



Christmas Sharing T-Shirts

Gary Youth is selling limited edition Christmas Sharing t-shirts, with all proceeds going toward the purchase of gifts for middle and high school students whose families visit Christmas Sharing. The shirts were designed by a Gary Youth student, whose entry won the design contest. Buy a shirt and then wear it when you volunteer for Christmas Sharing, around town, everywhere you go this season!

Together in Mission

ESSE News

Join us at the 21st Annual ESSE **Pancake Breakfast** on November 11 from 7:30–11:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church (515 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton). Tickets are \$5 each and are available in the Commons.



Your presence supports ESSE (Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly). Besides the breakfast, there will be bidding on raffle baskets full of goodies and gift certificates, and a Silent Auction that includes a two-night stay at The Cove in Lake Geneva, and baseball items autographed by Billy Williams.

Contact Debby Connor through the Church Office for more information.

United Methodist Student Day Sunday

Sunday, November 26

Your gifts on this UMC church-wide Special Sunday help deserving young United Methodist students continue their education and faith journeys as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do. Look for the special envelope in the bulletin that day or send your check to the Church Office with UM Student Day marked on the envelope. To learn more about United Methodist Special Sundays, visit www.umciving.org.



“WHISK” SENIORS A HAPPY HOLIDAY

Every year, Gary Church, partners with Outreach Community Center and First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton to host a Christmas Luncheon for the Older Adults Program at Outreach Community Center. Gary has graciously helped each year by providing volunteers who help with setup or cleanup, make food, serve seniors at their tables, provide transportation, as well as make financial donations to make the day possible. For many of these seniors, this annual event is the highlight of their holiday season, and for many, their only celebration.

This year's luncheon is Friday, December 15, for approximately 150 older adults from south Carol Stream. Our guests will enjoy a traditional ham dinner with all the trimmings, plus a holiday musical presentation by students from Franklin Middle School. They'll also receive an individual gift of kitchen utensils and a cutting board.

Watch for the holiday display in the Commons where you will find a signup sheet to volunteer for setup, cooking, or serving food.

You will also find donation envelopes. A \$12 donation will provide one older adult of Outreach Community Center a place at the annual Christmas Luncheon table. It's easy to make a donation: put your check in the envelope provided and drop it in the mail or leave it in the Church Office. Kindly make checks payable to Outreach Community Ministries.

Thank you for helping to “whisk” our seniors a happy holiday season.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Holmes through the Church Office.



Welcome New Members

Cindy Sennesse

Cindy Sennesse was baptized and raised at Ogden Park Methodist Church in Chicago. When she started looking for a new church last year and attended worship at Gary, she says she “felt like she was home again in this beautiful and friendly church.” Having lived in Wheaton since 1972, Cindy recently moved to Windsor Park and is enjoying all the people she is meeting there. She has three sons and seven grandchildren in the area, and she is involved in many activities—her favorite is serving as President for the Women’s Department Club which meets at Gary. Cindy’s Connections Sponsors are fellow Windsor Park residents Mary Anne and Bill Phemister.



Kathy Oswalt (left) with Sharon Blanchard

Kathy Oswalt, who is originally from Forest Park and now resides in Glen Ellyn, worked for IBM for 30+ years and had the opportunity to travel and live in various places. Last year, when she was looking for a new church, she liked the tradition she found at Gary as well as the music and the warm welcome she received. Kathy has become part of Women’s Bible Study, enthusiastically helped with VBS last summer, and looks forward to continuing to meet others and finding ways to be involved in this faith community. She enjoys the outdoors, particularly visiting Morton Arboretum. Her Connections Sponsor is Sharon Blanchard.

Michael and Richelle Villanueva Aria (6) and Christian (3)

The Villanuevas have lived in Wheaton for three years, and are becoming members by transfer from Cosmopolitan United Church in Melrose Park. Michael works at Northpark University in the center for online education. Richelle is a surgical nurse at Lurie Children’s Hospital and was an elementary educator prior to that. Michael and Richelle both participated in the Praise Service at Winfield and are excited to be able to use their love for music in ministry and to continue volunteering in Children’s Ministry as well. Aria—who is in first grade at Briar Glen Elementary—and Christian both love Sunday School here at Gary and adore participating in the children’s choirs. Their Connections Sponsors are Andy and Christa Tooley.



GrowServeBelong

MINISTRYCalendar

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:00 a.m.

Together in Mission

November 5–19 in the Chapel

Through our prayers, hands-on work, and financial gifts, Gary Church supports a variety of organizations seeking to enact real change in the world. Come hear from leaders of three such organizations about their efforts to help those they serve with the issues they face.

November 5

Justice - Understanding - Service - Teaching

JUST empowers inmates in the DuPage County Jail to pursue rehabilitation and make positive life changes by offering a broad range of services, including addiction recovery, education, spiritual enrichment, and social services. We welcome Chip DuBlois—who is well known to JUST, having served as a volunteer for over ten years, board member for eight years, and board president for five years prior to becoming Executive Director—to discuss the work of this nonprofit organization.

November 12

Addiction—the Human Condition

We welcome Rev. Dr. William Lenters, chaplain at the Rosecrance Griffin Williamson Campus in Rockford, where he leads spirituality, grief, and loss groups for teens and young adults seeking treatment for substance use disorders. Additionally, he writes a quarterly column to help church leaders better understand the disease of addiction and how they can help. Rev. Dr. Lenters states, “I have been a minister for 50+ years in the Christian Reformed Church and the United Methodist Church. You might say I know a thing or two because I have seen a thing or two. So have the members and friends of Gary Church. We will share our information, wisdom, and maybe even our ignorance together. Addiction is cunning, baffling, powerful, and it has us by the necks of our souls....” Please join him for this important conversation.

November 19

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

The vision of MSHV is to ensure that no veteran is left behind due to homelessness, joblessness, poverty and/or mental-health issues. Their desire is to ease suffering for veterans and their families and to empower veterans to become productive members of their communities. Please join us as a representative from MSHV shares more about this organization’s mission.

Old Testament, Part 3

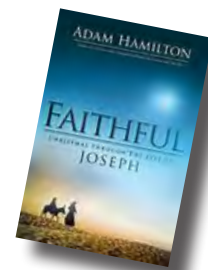
Through November 26, in the Anderson Room, facilitated by Cliff Hill

This study of the Old Testament uses the DVD lecture series by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of Old Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, and offers an introduction to the history, literature, and religion of ancient Israel and early Judaism as found in the Old Testament. Join us for Professor Levine’s interesting lectures on both the context of the Biblical books and the debates over their meaning.

Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph

November 26, December 10 and 17, 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel, led by JoAnne Chase

Joseph's place in the Nativity story is sometimes overlooked, but it contains valuable lessons for all of us. See the Advent insert for more information about this study.



Explore Membership

Sunday, November 19, 1:30–3:00 p.m. in the Heritage 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.

DURING THE WEEK

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room

In November, we continue our study of *Twelve Women of the Bible: Live-Changing Stories for Women Today*. Watch the bulletin for our next study topic. All are welcome at any time to journey with this weekly group for study, lively discussion, prayer, and friendship.

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in Commons E

Our study of the Book of Revelation continues in November. Watch the bulletin for our next study topic, and join us at any time for thoughtful and enlightening discussion in a relaxed, informal way.

Disciplines

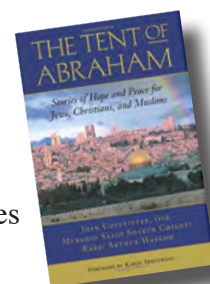
Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. in Commons E.

All are welcome to be part of this weekly lectionary-based study. For questions or to request a copy of the book, contact Heather Janiak through the Church Office.

Faith Club: A Women's Interfaith Book Discussion Group

November 9 and December 14, 6:00–7:30 p.m. in Commons E

Our fall book is *The Tent of Abraham: Stories of Hope and Peace for Jews, Christians and Muslims* by Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Sister Joan Chittister, and Murshid Saadi Shakur Chishti, with a forward by Karen Armstrong. Women of all faith traditions are invited to attend. Please read pages 79–124 for the October discussion. RSVP to Cathy Mousseau through the Church Office and contact her if you have questions.



Grief Matters Group

Wednesdays through November 29 (no meeting on Nov 22), 10:00–11:30 a.m. in Commons A

Since the fall of 2013, this support group has provided comfort and companionship for 47 people grieving the loss of someone close. Some attended for a short-time and some have never quit—each choosing what is right for them. We welcome others to join this community of people who understand the pain of your loss.



Ongoing Fellowship Opportunities

Find your place in the many fellowship groups at Gary Church!

Caleb Factor Men's Ministry

First Saturday of various months, 8:00 a.m.
in Gary's Commons
November 4, no December meeting

Monthly Lunch Group

Second Thursday, 12:00 p.m. in the Commons
November 9 and December 14

Playgroup

Second Thursday, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
November 9 in the Activity Center, no
December meeting

Parent's Night Out

Third Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
November 17, no December meeting

Lunchtime Literary Group

Fourth Tuesday, 12:00 p.m., Commons A
November 28, to discuss *Monticello* by Sally
Cabot Gunning, no December meeting

Game Night for Adults

Fourth Friday, 6:30 p.m. in Gary's Commons
No November or December meetings; join us
again in January

Gary Walkers/Talkers

Weekly, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:45 a.m.
or join us for coffee at 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

- Craft Circle: November 8, 7:00 p.m.
in Gamon Hall
- Mary Martha Circle: November 11,
December 2, 9:30 a.m. in the Commons
- Joy Circle: November 14, 7:00 p.m. in
the Gary Kitchen; December 11,
7:00 p.m. in the Commons
- Knitting Circle: November 14,
December 12, 7:00 p.m. in the Commons
- Susanna Wesley Circle: December 4,
7:00 p.m. in the Commons

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m. in
the Commons
To register, contact the Church Office.

Gary Gardeners

Various times throughout the year

For additional details,
contact the Church Office. Be
sure to check the Advent
insert for some special
events in December!

Gallery Hours:

Sundays 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
or by appointment, 708-705-8669

The Burning Bush offers:

- Drum Circles
- Open Mic Night
- Artist Events
- Gong Meditations
- And much more

Pick up a copy of our calendar
of events in the Commons



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With Heart, and Hands, and Voices

In this season of thankfulness, I want to express the gratitude I feel in serving alongside the members of Gary's Music Department. Our musicians are the voice of our shared faith, a powerful balm for healing, a gathering force for community, and a beautiful vehicle for the worship of almighty God. Music unifies our congregation, instructs our minds and hearts, calls us into faith, inspires us to obedience, and creates space for experiencing the joy and peace of God. In short, our ministry of music serves the mission of Gary Church, which is the very mission of Christ's gospel!

We thank the Lord for many blessings of the past year, especially for the gifted leaders who share themselves generously. Most of their work is unseen—praying, developing relationships, researching repertoire, preparing rehearsals, planning logistics, and training their groups. What we see and hear on a Sunday morning is the gleaming tip of the massive iceberg called preparation. We thank God for all of our directors and their collaborative pianists.

• **Sharon Schmidt, Sanctuary Ringers and Altar Bells** – The value and effectiveness of Sharon's faithful leadership as director of two ensembles and director of the handbell department cannot be overstated. Sharon is a hard working, well-organized, and visionary leader, and Gary Church is enriched by her ministries. It is always a joy to collaborate with her.



• **Nancy Brunner, Good News Ringers, and Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal, Glory Ringers** – Nancy and Kristin continue their legacies, directing these fun and educational groups. They never seem to run out of enthusiasm, as evidenced by their well-prepared rehearsals and successful performances in worship. **Jill Stoffels** is absolutely invaluable as their cheerful and able assistant. They instill musicianship in our next generation of worshipers!

• **Mike Krueger, Men's Chorus** – Mike is in his second year as director, and the remarkable **Willey Lee** serves as pianist. Mike's expertise as a highly trained choral director is taking this beloved men's group to new levels of musicianship. His energy and dedication are contagious, and the Men's Chorus has never sounded better.

• **Ellie Pentland, Broken Together** – Ellie brings innovation and a very personal approach to this performance group for grades 6–12, encouraging students to find their unique voices and share their individual gifts. Will you please pray for a collaborative pianist? It is a significant need for this ministry to our young people, as they take their place among us as leaders of worship.

• **Allison Atteberry, Friendship Singers** – Allison's choir for grades 1–5 is thriving under her joyful and expert direction, as she provides formative experiences in vocal production and ensemble singing. She and her pianist **Willey Lee** are both formally educated in music, massively talented, and a true blessing to the children under their direction!

• **Cherub Choir – Jennifer Whiting** is thrilled that this interactive class is providing a fun and meaningful way for families to connect with Gary Church. Parents and guardians participate with their little ones, learning about basic principles of music in the context of God's love. **Claire Austin**, a high school senior, serves as a valued assistant, giving one of our fine students some practical experience in serving children through music ministry.

• **Dr. Lance J. Peeler, Organist** – We are exceedingly thankful for the brilliance we enjoy from Lance at the organ every week. He brings sensitivity, deep musicianship, kindness, generosity of time and talent, fine technique, broad knowledge, and great instincts about musical choices, voicing, timbres, balance, and timing. Lance is often the "glue" that holds every worship service together. This verbal applause is not meant to embarrass our humble organist, but to draw attention to our extravagant God, who was kind to us in bringing Lance to Gary Church!

• **Members of our Chancel Choir** – We must thank each of our singers for their faithfulness in service to our congregation. Nine months out of the year, they devotedly attend evening rehearsals at the end of a long work day, and they focus tirelessly on details of artistry and ensemble in order to bring beauty and truth into our gathered worship.



We must not forget the faithful members of the Men's Chorus, Celebration Singers, and our bell ensembles. Thank you, each singer and ringer, for your gifts to us! Additionally, Gary Church enjoys the offerings of many instrumentalists and singers who generously share their talents. The entire family of God finds representation within our music ministry—a beautiful picture of the body of Christ.

One could recount hundreds of transcendent and holy musical moments of the past year. May our ministry of music continue by God's mercy and power to expand our expressions of God's immense love, bringing glory to God alone. With the hymn writer we sing, "Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices!"

*With thankfulness for God's blessings,
Jennifer Whiting,
Director of Music*

Gary Music

*We invite you to connect with Gary Music!
All levels of experience and all ages will
find a warm welcome. Now is a great time
to join!*

Picture yourself in Gary Choirs!

Chancel Choir

HS–Adult
Jennifer Whiting, director
Thursdays, 7:00 P.M.
in the Choir Room.

Men's Chorus

HS–Adult
Mike Krueger, director
Various Saturdays, 8:00 A.M.
in the Choir Room

Broken Together

Grades 6–12
Ellie Pentland, director
Various Sundays, 12:30 P.M.

Friendship Singers

Grades 1–5
Allison Atteberry, director
Wednesdays, 5:45 P.M.
in the Choir Room
Please register through
the Church Office.

Cherub Choir

Age 3–Kindergarten
Parents or guardians attend
with their children.
Jennifer Whiting, director
Wednesdays, 5:50 P.M.

Picture yourself in Gary Handbells!

Altar Bells

HS–Adult
Sharon Schmidt, director
Wednesdays, 6:15 P.M.
in the Bell Room

Sanctuary Ringers

Adults
Sharon Schmidt, director
Sundays, 10:00 A.M.
in the Bell Room

Glory Ringers

Grades 7–12
Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal, director
Sundays, 11:00 A.M.
in the Bell Room

Good News Ringers

Grades 3–6
Nancy Brunner, director
Wednesdays, 5:00 P.M.
in the Bell Room

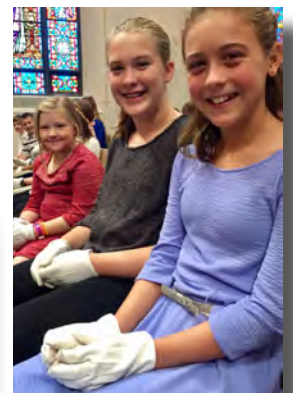
Instrumentalists

Contact Jennifer Whiting to play your solo
instrument, to accompany a vocal group, or
to be a part of an ensemble!

Additional Opportunities for Musicians

- Serve as an Accompanist
- Play your instrument in worship
- Serve as a Music Librarian
- Lead a music group
- Serve as a Teacher's Helper

For more
information, please
contact Jennifer
Whiting
at [jwhiting@
garychurch.org](mailto:jwhiting@garychurch.org).





gary kids church and sunday school

PJ's & Pancakes Helping Hands Mission

November 19, 9:00–10:50 a.m. in the Lower Level

Children ages Preschool 3–Grade 5 are invited to wear their PJ's to church and enjoy a celebratory pancake breakfast after wrapping donated pajamas for Christmas Sharing.

Journey to Christmas

Sundays, November 26–December 24

9:00 a.m. Kids' Church

Children age Preschool 3–Grade 5 are invited to celebrate the season with mission, music, crafts, and more. See the Advent insert to details on each week's activity.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Gary Kids will participate in the All-Church Advent Study, *Faithful*, in their Sunday School classes on November 26, December 10, and 17. We will help with Christmas Sharing set-up on December 3, and join Caroling in the Commons on December 24.



gary kids family

Playgroup

Thursday, November 9 from 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Let's play in Gary's Activity Center located on the upper level. Kids can run around, ride scooters, and play with balls and hula hoops. Snacks and juice boxes will be provided. All kids are welcome to attend.

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship | Friends-giving

Friday, November 10, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center

Bring two canned goods to donate, and join us for turkey bowl, a pie eating contest, and so much more!



Parent's Night Out

Friday, November 17, 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.

See the Advent insert for December Gary Kids Family Events.



Gary Youth

Midweek

Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center

Midweek is our weekly meeting for both middle and high school students, designed to deepen our relationships with each other and our discipleship with Jesus. Join us! (Remember that we don't meet the last Wednesday of the month.)



Gary Youth celebrates the holidays!

GY Second Annual Turkey Bowl

Sunday, November 12, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Thanksgiving with us! We'll be bowling frozen turkeys in the Activity Center all afternoon long. The winning team will take home the coveted Golden Turkey. You don't want to miss it.

Gary Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Our annual White Elephant Christmas party with Gary Youth is coming up. Join us at the Austin's house (they are hosting again this year) for an afternoon of Christmas cheer!



Join Gary Youth for Holiday Bingo with the seniors at Brighton Gardens on Sundays, November 5 and December 3 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Students will meet and leave from Brighton Gardens. If you are interested in getting more information or joining us, you can contact Claire Austin through the Church Office.



Our Confirmation class took part in their first service project in October when they prepared and served dinner for **Radical Time Out**.



News from Gary United Methodist Preschool

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about preschool for 2018–19! If you have a child of preschool age, watch for registration information to arrive before Thanksgiving. Registration opens first to our current preschool families and church members toward the end of November.

Registration is easy. Fill out a registration form and send it in with the registration fee. If you have questions, or would like to visit the preschool, contact Shelley Bornstein at (630) 668-3100 or via email at preschool@garychurch.org.



Gary Preschool Gift Cards



It is not too early to start your Christmas shopping, as we are bringing back Gary Gift Cards for the holidays! And there's no easier way than to let Gary Gift Cards do the shopping for you. This Gary United Methodist Preschool Parents Club program enables you to purchase gift cards for use at local retailers and have them delivered directly to you. We buy the cards at a discount, you buy and redeem the certificates for full face value, and the preschool keeps the difference. The profit may not seem like a lot, but every dollar adds up!

If you would like to order gifts for family and friends while at the same time giving back to the Preschool, complete the form on the next page, and return it with your check (made payable to Gary Methodist Preschool) to the Church Office or the Preschool by 11:00 a.m. on any of the following Wednesdays: November 29, December 6 and 13. Or you may shop online at www.shopwithscrip.com (Enter code: E278BD5913386 for Gary Preschool), drop your check at the church and have your cards delivered.

Do you need some gift ideas?

For Her: Macy's, Kay Jewelers, Williams Sonoma, Bath & Body Works, Sephora, Zappos.com

For Him: Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Home Depot, Best Buy, Dick's, BP, AutoZone, Ace

For Teens: iTunes, Aeropostale, GameStop, J Crew, American Eagle, Gap

For Kids: Toys R Us, Gymboree, The Children's Place, Disney

For Teachers: Barnes & Noble, Container Store, Target, Bath & Body Works

For Everyone: Visa, Starbucks, TJ Maxx, AMC, Ticketmaster, Overstock.com, Wal-Mart

For Crafts/Cooking: Michaels, JoAnn Fabrics, Jewel, Dominick's, Shutterfly.com

Business Gifts: Omaha Steaks, Fannie Mae Candy, Harry & David, Honey Baked Ham

For a night out: P.F. Changs, Outback, Chili's, AMC Theatres, Lettuce Entertain You

These are just a few of the hundreds of retailers offered by Gary's Gift Cards. See next page for more retailers, or visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of available retailers. And remember gift cards are not just for gift giving! If you know where you will do some of your holiday shopping, buy a gift card to use like a debit card as part of your payment.

•The fine print:

All sales are final. Gift certificates and debit cards cannot be returned for any reason, with the exception of a malfunctioning card.

Payment must be made at the time a participant places an order. Checks and money orders are the only forms of payment and should be made to Gary Methodist Preschool. Please do not send cash. Gary's Gift Cards payments are not tax deductible because you receive dollar for dollar value. Gary's Gift Cards does not accept credit cards. All Gary's Gift Card orders are double-checked. However, it is also the participants' responsibility to verify their order at the time of receipt. Any discrepancies should be addressed immediately. Gary's Gift Cards is not responsible for lost or stolen orders. If Gary's Gift Cards is unable to fill an order due to back orders from our vendor, we will make every attempt to get your certificates or cards to you as soon as possible. In the event your order will not be ready for scheduled pickup, we will contact you.

Gary's Gift Cards Retailers/Order Form

Retailer (Profit)	Amount	#ordered
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Grocery Stores & Pharmacies

Jewel/Osco (4%)	\$25	\$100
Ultra Foods (2%)	\$25	\$100
*CVS (6%)	\$25	\$100
Walgreens (2%)	\$25	
Whole Foods (3%)	\$25	\$100

Restaurants

Applebee's (8%)	\$25	
Arby's (8%)	\$10	
Baskin Robbins (9%)	\$2	
Boston Market (12%)	\$10	
Buca di Beppo (8%)	\$25	
*Burger King (4%)	\$10	
California Pizza Kitchen (4%)	\$10	
Cheesecake Factory (5%)	\$25	
*Chili's (9%)	\$25	

Also Maggiano's, Macaroni Grill & On the Border

Chipotle (10%)	\$10	
Chuck E. Cheese (8%)	\$10	
Cold Stone Creamery (8%)	\$10	
Dave & Busters (13%)	\$25	
Denny's (7%)	\$10	
*Domino's Pizza (8%)	\$10	
Dunkin Donuts (4%)	\$10	
Honey Baked Ham (12%)	\$10	
Jamba Juice (7%)	\$10	
KFC (8%)	\$5	
Lettuce Entertain You (12%)	\$25	
Lou Malnati's (8%)	\$10	
Noodles & Co. (8%)	\$10	
Olive Garden (9%)	\$25	

Also good at Red Lobster

Outback Steakhouse (8%)	\$25	
Panera Bread (9%)	\$10	\$25
*Papa John's Pizza (8%)	\$10	
P.F. Chang's (8%)	\$25	
Pizza Hut (8%)	\$10	
Qdoba (7%)	\$25	
Quiznos (10%)	\$10	
Rainforest Café (9%)	\$25	\$100
Red Robin (9%)	\$25	
Rock Bottom (6%)	\$25	
Ruby Tuesday (8%)	\$25	
*Starbucks (7%)	\$10	\$25
Steak n Shake (8%)	\$10	
Subway (3%)	\$10	
TGI Friday (9%)	\$25	
Wendy's (4%)	\$10	

Department Stores

Bloomingdale's (12%)	\$25	\$100
Carson Pirie Scott (8%)	\$25	\$100
JCPenney (5%)	\$25	\$100
Kohl's (4%)	\$25	\$100
Lord & Taylor (8%)	\$25	
Macy's (10%)	\$25	\$100
Meijer (3%)	\$25	\$100
Neiman Marcus (12%)	\$50	
Sears (4%)	\$25	\$100

Also good at The Great Indoors

Retailers in Bold are new to Gary's Gift Cards and those with an asterisk (*) are reloadable at www.shopwithscrip.com.

Target (2%)	\$25	\$100
Tanger Outlets (8%)	\$25	
Wal-Mart (2%)	\$25	\$100

Retail Stores

Ace Hardware (4%)	\$25	\$100
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Aeropostale (7%)	\$25	
American Eagle (10%)	\$25	
Bass Pro Shops (9%)	\$25	\$100

Also good at Outdoor World

*Barnes & Noble (9%)	\$10	\$25
Bath & Body Works (13%)	\$10	\$25
Bed, Bath & Beyond (7%)	\$25	
Best Buy (3%)	\$25	\$100
Brooks Brothers (16%)	\$25	
Build-A-Bear Workshop (8%)	\$25	
Cabela's (11%)	\$25	\$100
Claire's (9%)	\$10	
Container Store (9%)	\$25	\$100
Crate & Barrel (8%)	\$25	\$100
Dick's Sporting Goods (8%)	\$25	
Disney (2%)	\$25	\$100
Eddie Bauer (10%)	\$25	
Express (10%)	\$25	
Foot Locker Stores (9%)	\$25	
GameStop (3%)	\$25	

*Gap, Old Navy, Athleta, Piperlime,

& Banana Republic (9%)	\$25	
Gander Mountain (8%)	\$25	
Guitar Center (4%)	\$25	
*Gymboree (13%)	\$25	
H&M (5%)	\$25	
Hallmark (4%)	\$25	
Home Depot (4%)	\$25	\$100
J Crew (13%)	\$25	
J. Jill (8%)	\$25	
JoAnn Fabrics (6%)	\$25	
Journeys (10%)	\$25	
Kay Jewelers (6%)	\$50	
L.L. Bean (15%)	\$25	\$100
Lands' End (16%)	\$25	\$100

Limited (9%) \$25

*Lowe's Home Imp. (4%)	\$25	\$100
MC Sports (8%)	\$25	
Menards (3%)	\$25	\$100
Michaels (4%)	\$25	
Motherhood Maternity (6%)	\$25	
Nike (12%)	\$25	
Office Depot (4%)	\$25	\$100
Office Max (5%)	\$25	\$100
Omaha Steaks (11%)	\$25	
Payless Shoes (13%)	\$20	
Pier 1 (9%)	\$25	
Pottery Barn/Teen/Kids (8%)	\$25	\$100

Also good at West Elm & Williams Sonoma

Radio Shack (4%)	\$25	
Restoration Hardware (12%)	\$25	\$100
REI (8%)	\$25	
Sally Beauty (12%)	\$25	
Sephora (4%)	\$20	
Sports Authority (8 %)	\$25	\$100
Staples (5%)	\$25	\$100
Sunglass Hut (12%)	\$25	
Talbot's (11%)	\$25	
The Children's Place (12%)	\$25	
Toys/Babies R Us (1.5%)	\$20	
TJ Maxx, HomeGoods,(7%)	\$25	\$100

Entertainment

*AMC/Loews/Cineplex (7%)	\$25	
AMC single ticket (16%)	\$9.50	
Regal single ticket (15%)	\$9.50	
Six Flags One Day (8%)	\$30	

Gas & Auto

Auto Zone (5%)	\$25	
BP (2%)	\$50	\$100
Jiffy Lube (8%)	\$30	
*Mobil/Exxon (1.5%)	\$50	
Pep Boys (4%)	\$20	
Shell (2.5 %)	\$25	\$50
Speedway (4%)	\$25	

On-line & Other Services

Amazon.com (4%)	\$25	\$100
AT&T 125 min Prepaid (20%)	\$9.50	
Dell (4%)	\$100	
iTunes (3%)	\$15	\$25
Overstock.com (8%)	\$25	
Restaurant.com-\$50 (50%)	\$20	
Spa Finder (12%)	\$25	
Shutterfly (9%)	\$25	
Zappos.com (8%)	\$25	

Travel

American Airlines (8%)	\$250	\$100
Avis Rent A Car (8%)	\$50	
Best Western (12%)	\$25	\$100
Budget Car Rental (8%)	\$50	
Celebrity Cruises (9%)	\$100	
Hyatt Hotels (9%)	\$50	\$100
Marriott Hotels (8%)	\$50	\$100
Omni Hotels (8%)	\$100	

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Phone: _____

Pick up (please circle one): **Send (add \$5)**
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Winfield Community United Methodist Church
An Affiliate of Gary United Methodist Church

Someone You Should Know

Bob Biven

Bob Biven came to Winfield Community Church in 2004. He moved to the area in 2001, taking up real estate after semi-retiring from engineering for Amoco and BP. He spent the next few years getting to know the area and looking at churches. He said he visited some of the larger churches in Wheaton and Naperville, but didn't find them really welcoming.

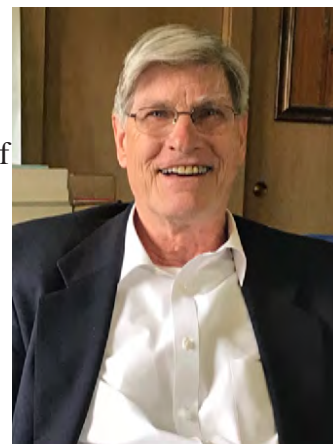
He visited Winfield Church on a day where Bill Miller announced a work day at the church, and Bob decided that he would come and join in. Can you imagine someone coming to church and joining right in with the work? That was the start of Bob's journey with the church, as he became a regular contributor to the Trustees in doing work around the church. He had found a place where he fit in and could contribute.

During this time Bob met his wife-to-be Gail who ran the Canterbury Gift Shop in Naperville. Pastor Amy did their wedding at the Arboretum. Unfortunately, a few years later she would also assist at Gail's funeral after Gail died of cancer. It was a time in which the close relationships at Winfield helped Bob get through a difficult time.

Bob has been an active member at Winfield, spending a lot of time with Bill and the Trustees taking care of things around the church. Bob became chair of the Trustees for a few years after Bill died, and says he likes updating the church. He was also on the Worship Committee and helped set up the sanctuary. He has also served on the Education Committee and joined the teaching rotation, helping to get it better organized. He loved teaching the youth, as they were easy to teach, and he enjoys seeing them now taking on leadership roles in Sunday School.

Bob married his current wife Judy and moved to Plainfield three years ago. But he and Judy make the drive to Winfield every other week for worship, and Bob still takes a turn each month mowing the lawn. Bob is someone who takes his church membership seriously, and has been a faithful contributor of his time, talent, and treasure to Winfield Church for many years.

Bob Biven is someone you should know.



Pastor Bruce Anderson



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WinCHIMES

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Winfield's annual **Harvest Fest** on October 21 featured games, hay rides, pumpkin painting, fellowship and food cooked over the campfire. Winfield Church families and friends had a wonderful day celebrating the fall season.

The next Praise Worship will be
Saturday December 2
5:00 p.m. at Winfield
Methodist Church.

*All future Praise Services will be on
the first Saturday of the month.*



OUR STAFF

Rev. Bruce Anderson, *Pastor*
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SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Nursery care is provided.
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Children's Christian Education



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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.