

Chimes

The Newsletter of Gary Church and Winfield Community Church

November/December 2018



Thankful

Wednesday,
November 21

Thanksgiving Eve
Dinner
5:30 p.m.

Worship
7:00 p.m.

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information.

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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.



Submissions for the January *Chimes* newsletter are due by November 20. Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and weekly enews are due each Tuesday at noon. Send all submissions to office@garychurch.org.

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

Making a difference in the life of a young person.

With a gym full of people, we launched our Pray for Me Campaign on October 14! We are thrilled to have connected so many families and students with sponsors who will pray for them in the next year—supporting them in faith and in life



Becoming Family: All Saints

by Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson



**We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints
who ever worshiped you**

**Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling
cement meeting houses**

Where your name was lifted and adored...

**Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices
made by those who have gone before us.**

Bless the memories of your saints, God.

**May we learn how to walk wisely from their
examples of faith, dedication, worship, and
love.**

– Safiyah Fosua

This beautiful prayer by Safiyah Fosua is at the center of my thoughts as we commemorate All Saints Sunday. As United Methodists, we acknowledge that we do not recognize saints in quite the same manner as our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters.

On October 14, 2018, seventy thousand people from every continent gathered in St. Peter's square when Oscar Romero the martyred Archbishop was declared a Saint by Pope Francis. Romero sacrificed his life for the sake of the gospel, advocated on behalf of the poor in El Salvador, and was martyred while serving mass. While not without controversy, Romero inspired many Christians, not just Roman Catholics, to deeper commitment to their faith.

On All Saints Sunday we come together in a mood that is both solemn and celebratory as we give God thanks for the lives and the deaths of the saints. When we gather in this way, we are consistent with our founder John Wesley who celebrated All Saints. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley described All Saints as a festival he "truly loved." Numerous times John Wesley lifted up his fondness of the day.

Similarly, Charles Wesley displayed his love for All Saints in song:

“Come, let us join our friends above who obtained the prize, and on the eagles wings of love to joys celestial rise.

Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone, for all servants of our King in earth and heaven are one.”¹

Those we celebrate need not have been martyred for their faith but were persons who inspired us nonetheless by their witness through acts both small and great, and through devotion true and strong.

Did you notice Charles Wesley’s emphasis on our union with “those to glory gone?” We are, as Charles wrote, “one family dwelling in him, one church above, beneath, divided by that narrow stream of death.” We call the names of family and those of the family of faith. For those who have recently lost loved ones, this can be both painful and comforting. We call their names not for intercession, but in recognition of the impact they made on our lives as they sought to faithfully follow the risen Christ. In this way, we join with all Christians on earth and in eternity in the communion of saints.

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It is for us, a day to celebrate their lives and comfort those who mourn. Many of our “saints” have indeed gone to glory this past year, but their memory and witness inspire us still, for we are the saints below.

¹ Wesley, Charles. “Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above.” United Methodist Hymnal.



Recognizing our Veterans

On Veteran’s Day, November 11, 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 special time!



Adult Christian Education and Discipleship

Find your Place

New Sunday Morning Classes

All Good Things: Understanding Gratitude in the Season of Thanksgiving

November 11 and 18 in the Chapel, led by Betsy Boyd

James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above." What does it mean to be grateful? How do we practice gratitude? Join Betsy Boyd for a look at Diana Butler Bass' book *Grateful*, which explores why gratitude is missing as a modern spiritual practice, offers practical suggestions for reclaiming it, and illuminates how the shared practice of gratitude can lead to greater connection with God, our world, and our own souls.

The First Song of Christmas

Sunday, November 25 in the Chapel, led by Rev. JoAnne Chase

Come experience the relationship between Mary, mother of Jesus, and her cousin Elizabeth through drama and discussion. See the Advent brochure for more details.

"For to you is born this day" – The Story of Jesus in Luke 1–2

December 9, 16, and 23 in the Chapel led by Dr. Gene Green

The Gospel of Luke offers us the fullest account of the people and events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ.

See the Advent insert for more information about this study.

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A D V E N T S E R I E S

Featured Weekday Classes

Theology + Film

Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel



This new group views classic and contemporary films through a theological lens to deepen our faith and better understand the world we inhabit. Come be part of this engaging viewing and lively discussion.

Devotional Studies Class MOVED!

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Commons E

We've moved to Mondays! This weekly group uses the daily devotional book by The Upper Room entitled *Disciplines*. In this devotional guide, readers encounter a diverse community of thoughtful Christian writers and theologians who guide them toward a deeper relationship with God. *All are welcome!*

Women's Bible Study | *Believing God:*

Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

The Women's Bible Study has begun a new ten-week study by Beth Moore, *Believing God*, which provides a personal study experience five days a week plus viewer guides for the group video sessions. This in-depth women's Bible study based on Isaiah 43:10 explores what it means not only "to believe in God" but "to believe God." Through studying the lives of Abraham, Moses, and others as examples of persons who believed God, Beth encourages women to deepen their own trust in God and receive a fresh word from God.

Fellowship

Find your Place

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 21, 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal before our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. Whether you don't have family in the area, don't have the resources for a meal on your own, or would just like to share a meal with your Gary family, we have a spot for you at our table!

RSVP through the Church Office by November 12, and if you are able, sign up to roast a turkey, bring a side, or help with clean-up. A sign-up sheet will also be in the Commons starting October 28.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 21, 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to gather together in the Sanctuary for this special service of thanks.

Caleb Factor Men's Ministry

Saturday, December 1, 8:00–9:30 a.m.

Caleb provides a creative, supportive fellowship of men who seek to know, love, and follow Christ.

Our December guest speaker is Mark Himel, Associate Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville. Formerly Chief Executive Officer of the Damien Services Corporation and Senior Vice President of Service-Master Company, Rev. Himel will share his interesting call story. All men are invited to attend.

Mark Your 2019 Calendar



February 22-23

La Salle Manor Retreat Center is a sacred place for anyone who seeks serenity, a deepened faith, or greater understanding of themselves, in a beautiful natural setting. The retreat begins Friday evening at 5:00 p.m. and will conclude on Saturday afternoon around 3:00 p.m.

Accommodations include single rooms (with a sink and mirror), shared bathrooms, linens, and delicious home-cooked meals. The early registration cost is \$130 (before January 1). After January 1, the cost is \$145.

Registration is limited. Sign up at garychurch.org.

Annual Winter Musical and Soup & Chili Cookoff

All youth and children are invited to participate in the 2019 musical, *Life of the Party: The Story of Mary and Martha*. And we invite everyone to mark their calendars for this fun, all-church event.

Auditions | Sunday, January 6, 2:00 p.m.

Rehearsals | Sundays, January 13–March 10, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Performance | Sunday, March 17, 4:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship | Friendsgiving

Friday, November 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Come to a Thanksgiving celebration featuring food-themed games like Egg Roulette, "I Can't Believe I Ate the Whole Thing" sumo wrestling, and a pie eating contest! Bring a canned food item for the People's Resource Center.



Playdate

Wednesday, November 7, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Activity Center

Come play with us! This is a great way to socialize with other parents while your little ones play. Snacks will be provided.

Parent's Night Out

Friday, November 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Drop off your children ages 6 months-grade 3 at Gary Church for supervised play time while you enjoy a night out. Reservations are required through the Church Office and a donation of \$5 per child is suggested.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Trunk or Treat! The hospitality was abundant, the costumes were adorable, and the trunks were spook-tacular!



PJ's & Pancakes Helping Hands Mission

Sunday, November 18, 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. *Pajama donations can be dropped off in the Lower Level through December 2.*

See the Advent insert for details on our December Gary Kids Family Events:

Drop & Shop

Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

RSVP to the Church Office by November 25.

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship | Christmas Sharing Service Project

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Gary

Christmas Sharing Family Night!

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Gary

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Saturday, December 15, 1:00 p.m. Drury Lane Theatre





Gary Youth celebrates the holidays!

GY Third Annual Turkey Shuffle

Sunday, November 11, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Thanksgiving with us playing ridiculous Thanksgiving games!

The winning team will take home the coveted Golden Turkey. You don't want to miss it.

Gary Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 23, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

Serve Sundays

Come play Holiday Bingo with the seniors at Brighton Gardens on *Sundays, November 4 and December 2 from 3–4 p.m.* We will meet and leave from Brighton Gardens. Contact Gwen Jones through the Church Office if you plan to join us.

High School Word & Table

Sunday Evenings, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

November 4 at the Bilizekian's

November 18 at the Austin's

December 2 at Shane's Deli

December 16 at the Gaul's

Midweek for Middle Schoolers

Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center (no meeting last Wednesday of the month)



The New 5:1

By Alexa Isaac

We're continuing to discuss the role of intergenerational relationships in developing Sticky Faith. In particular, the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) talks about creating a new 5:1 ratio for ministry, and I think this is an important concept for all of us.

In youth ministry, people talk a lot about a preferred ratio of one adult for every five kids on the retreat, or one adult for every seven kids for our Sunday morning small groups.

The new 5:1 essentially flips that ratio upside down. It says that **our goal should be to have five adults pouring into each kid.**

The idea comes specifically from the research of Dr. Chap Clark, who wrote a book called *Hurt: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers*. Clark believes that in order for a message to stick, a kid needs to hear it from five sources. **So if the message is: "God loves you a ton and wants to use your gifts to help make this world more right," that needs to come not just from you as a parent, and not just from me as a youth pastor, but from a few other caring adults as well.**

The great news is that these adults do not all have to be church staff or volunteers. Any adult who is invested in getting to know your child can be part of the team. Those five could include your close friends, your extended family, a coach, a leader from our ministry here, or another adult in our church family who will simply learn your child's name, ask about his or her life, and pray for your child. And, of course, there's no reason to stop at just five!

We are just coming off of the launch of our first Pray For Me Campaign as a church, and I could not be more thrilled for the students who participated. When I see the pictures of students with their prayer partners, I see them adding even more adults to their lives. Part of why I wanted this to be a part of our church is because I knew it would be such an easy—and powerful—way to build 5:1 ratios amongst our Gary Youth students and families!

And so, parents, remember this: building a team of five could be one of the single most significant gifts you give your child as he or she walks out faith through adolescence.

Does your child have five adults pouring into him or her? Who are those adults?

Would your child answer the same way if you asked him or her that question? Have a conversation this week and see what names come up! Then look for ways to build into these relationships even more. And as always, I welcome any input or stories from you as we reflect on a 5:1 ratio for your student!



Chancel Choir is like family to me...

by the Chancel Choir Members



...because we need each other and depend on each other.
...because we work together to create something new.
...because we get to know each other and care for each other.
...because we sing and pray together.
...because everyone is so kind and united.
...because we work as a family.
...because we are happy to be together to sing about good things.
...because the casual and friendly environment feels like family.
...because we are brothers and sisters in the Lord.
...because I am completely comfortable here and I like everybody.
...because I feel lifted up.
...because I can forget about the rest of the world and relax.
...because I can embrace a segment of my life I truly enjoy.
...because I love each one unconditionally.
...because of our shared love of Christ.
...because of the wonderful stories that are told.
...because we communicate with our voices, which touches the soul.
...because although we are all very different, we love each other.
...because we share a common goal.
...because it's nice to be among friends.
...because we care about each other.
...because we work well together and complement each other.
...because in Chancel Choir I have many more brothers and sisters.
...because we've been through so much together and have survived and prospered.
...because it is a group of people that I became part of, not just in awe of.
...because it is my connection to God.
...because I feel I have come home.

Celebrate the Light of Christ through Music and Poetry

Do you like to sing, or do you enjoy writing? Maybe both? We invite your music and poetry for a unique project!

Festival Choir Begins January 17! All Singers Are Welcome!

Our Festival Choir and Orchestra will present Dan Forrest's *Lux: The Dawn from On High* on March 3, 2019. Those who experienced *Requiem for the Living* in 2016 will recall the power and beauty of Forrest's music. You will not want to miss this chance to sing his newest major work.

Lux explores various facets of light in texts ranging from ancient liturgical chant, to scripture, to modern love poetry. The dual meaning of the subject unfolds as the light of dawn gradually ascends, and the Light of the World descends upon us—*The Dawn from On High*.

There are only seven rehearsals on *Thursday evenings, 7:30–9:00 p.m., beginning January 17*. Dress rehearsal takes place on Saturday morning, March 2. Singers may have two excused absences, but participation in the dress rehearsal is required. High school and adult singers of all experience levels are warmly welcomed! Please register through the Church Office (office@garychurch.org).

Release Your Inner Poet!

In keeping with the theme of light, this special worship service will also celebrate the brilliant stained glass windows of Gary Church. We invite you to consider writing a poem inspired by one of our beautiful windows. All ages are welcome to submit an original poem, even a short verse, to the Church Office with your name, age, and the name of the window that inspired you. You may also include a Bible verse that relates to your poem. These submissions will be published in a special booklet to be distributed to the congregation on March 3. Maybe your poem will someday be set to music as a Methodist hymn!

Through music and poetry, our entire church family will worship through forms of artistic expression. Let us encourage one another in faith, and honor the Giver of Light.

Songs of War and Peace

Sunday, November 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Gary Church Sanctuary

The Fox Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (FVAGO) presents *Songs of War and Peace*, a concert to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day when Britain, France, and Germany signed an armistice to end World War I.

The concert will include a survey of music composed or used in times of war, songs that speak to the consequences of war or the nurturing of peace, and music by composers who served in or were casualties of war.

Nine FVAGO chapter members including Kevin Lange and Lance Peeler will perform works for solo organ and organ with timpani.

Scouts from Troop 35 will post and retire the colors in respect for the flag, and we will honor veterans and active service members.

The concert event will include short scriptural and secular readings and a prayer for peace. This thrilling concert is presented free of charge. A free-will offering for Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans will be taken. *All are invited to attend and to bring a friend.*



An Organ Recital commemorating 100 years after the Armistice of World War I

Camerata Academy Concert

Friday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. in the Gary Church Sanctuary

This concert from our Ensemble in Residence will include the famous Double Concerto for two violins by Bach and Concerto for Four Violins by Vivaldi.





Finance Update

Dear Gary Congregation,

Please see below a summary of receipts and expenses as of September 30, 2018. Giving continues to run behind what was budgeted and is also behind expenditures.

Giving YTD Actual	Giving YTD Budget
\$599,412	\$701,542
Expenditures YTD Actual	Expenditures YTD Budget
\$697,527	\$717,904

If you were in church on Sunday, October 14, you heard Vickie Austin speak eloquently on the topic of stewardship. She highlighted three main areas that your giving supports, rightly indicating that our first priority is people. We support members and those in need in the community throughout their life span. Second, we support programs. Our programs are great opportunities for you to explore and exercise service gifts. Finally, giving supports the place where we gather. We have a building that is both functional and a testimony to our gratitude to God for what he has gifted us.

In approaching budgeting for the above in 2019, the Finance Committee has asked ministry staff, SPRC, and Trustees to maintain no more than last year's spending levels. This request created dissonance for us, because, while it is fiscally prudent given patterns over the past year, we know that it is a mismatch with the need in our community and with the grace we have received.

Many of you are evaluating your year-end giving priorities. Others are considering your giving levels for 2019. We ask plainly that you prioritize Gary UMC in your giving so that we might begin 2019 on our fiscal "front foot."

Sincerely,
John-Marc Bilezikian, Chairperson
Finance Committee

The Gift of Generosity

We thank everyone who has supported Gary Church this past year and look forward to support from all 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 consider 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 Deb Evans through the Church Office.



Stock Transfers

If you're thinking about doing a stock transfer to Gary Church contact Deb Evans 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 December 31.

2018 Church Charge Conference

Monday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.
in the Chapel

This annual meeting with our District Superintendent, Rev. Jeffry Bross, is open to all in the church.



Gary Preschool Gift Cards



It is not too early to start your Christmas shopping! And what easier way than to let Gary Gift Cards do the shopping for you? Gary Gift Cards is a Gary United Methodist Preschool program that 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 the certificates for full face value and redeem them 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 purchase Gary Gift Cards, please complete the other side, and return the form and your check (made payable to Gary Methodist Preschool) to the Church Office or the preschool by 11:00 a.m. on December 14. 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 Jeweler, 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: Gymboree, The Children's Place, Disney

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

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. Chang/s, Outback, Chili's, AMC Theatres, Lettuce Entertain You

These are just a few of the hundreds of retailers offered by Gary Gift Cards. See the reverse side 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

Grocery Stores & Pharmacies

Dominicks (4%) \$25 \$100
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

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

Total cards ordered: _____

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Pick up (please circle one): Send (add \$5)
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Missions at a Glance

November 3:
Bridge Communities Sleep
Out Saturday Night

November 10:
ESSE Pancake Breakfast

**November 15 and
December 13:**
RTO dinner provided by
Gary

November 25:
United Methodist Student
Day Special Offering

November 25:
United Methodist
Women's Christmas
Marketplace

December 7-8:
Christmas Sharing

December 9, 16, 23:
Heifer Project Alternative
Gifts

December 14:
Outreach Seniors'
Luncheon

December 30:
Fifth Sunday Offering for
United Voices for
Children

For details on these
events contact the Church
Office or see garychurch.org. A full list of the local,
national, and international
mission organizations that
Gary Church supports
is also available on our
website.

Pancake Breakfast to benefit Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets

The Cantigny American Legion Post is having its annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday November 3 at Le Jardin located in the Visitors Center at Cantigny from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, one of Gary Church's missions.

Besides enjoying a delicious breakfast, you will be supporting one of our church's missions.

~ Don Keyon

Greetings Friends,

The 22nd ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST is November 10, 7:30-11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 515 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton. You can eat your fill of breakfast—plus there are some great auction baskets and and silent auction items. Please join us for our biggest fund raiser to support our seniors. Get your \$5 ticket at the door or in the Gary Commons on Sunday morning.

Anyone wishing information about ESSE for a family member or friend, may contact me through the Church Office.

~ Debby Connor
Gary Church ESSE Representative.



Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunity

Want to learn more about substandard housing around the globe and what you can do to make an impact? Gerry Schmidt will be leading a Habitat for Humanity Global Village build trip to Santa Ana, El Salvador from March 2-10, 2019 and invites Gary members to be part of the volunteer team, working to make a difference. Global Village is a Habitat for Humanity program that provides volunteers an opportunity to build homes and experience the local culture in more than 40 countries. No construction experience is required—only an open mind, flexibility, and a desire to work hard. Learn more about this trip on Habitat's website: habitat.org/volunteer/travel-and-build/global-village/trips/gv19396





Christmas Sharing

God is back at work in Christmas Sharing—December 2–8

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, 49 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 be joining 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 through the process of 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 3–6.

- 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. 3–6.

Donate new coats, socks, diapers, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves by Dec. 3.

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

Donate new toys by Dec. 3.

- Take an ornament from the tree in the Commons and purchase appropriate toys for the stated age and gender.
- Place unwrapped items in box by tree (include the ornament) in the Commons.

Donate used toys, sports equipment, and children's books in good condition December 3–6.

Donate gently used clothing, all ages and sizes, December 3–6.

Donate money for special needs such as buying new children's coats, diapers, blankets, etc.

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 3–8.
- Lots of hands make easy work!

We will not have a housewares area this year but will be posting special requests from our guests on our Facebook page and in the Commons.

Pick up a checklist with more details on these opportunities 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 at 630-668-3100, or visit the website www.christmas sharing.org.

~ Thank you!

Joe Davisson and Shelley Kenyon



Pajama Drive!

November 1–December 2

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.

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Christmas Sharing T-Shirts

Gary Youth is selling limited edition Christmas Sharing T-shirts, with all proceeds going toward the purchase of gifts for teens whose families visit Christmas Sharing. Place your order through garychurch.org by November 17, and then wear your shirt when you volunteer for Christmas Sharing, around town, everywhere you go this season!

Outreach Christmas Party

Every year, Gary Church partners with Outreach Community Center and First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton to host a Christmas luncheon at First Presbyterian for the older adults supported by Outreach. For many of these seniors, this annual event is the highlight of their holiday season, and for some, their only celebration.

This year's luncheon for approximately 150 older adults will held on Friday, December 14. Our guests will dine on a traditional ham dinner with all the trimmings, enjoy a holiday musical presentation by students from Franklin Middle School, and receive an individual gift.

Gary has graciously helped each year by providing volunteers for set-up or clean-up, making food, serving seniors at their tables, providing transportation, as well as making financial donations to make the day possible. A \$12 donation provides a place at the table and a gift for one senior. To contribute, please make checks to Gary and note Christmas Sharing in the memo. Be on the lookout for the holiday table display where you will find a signup sheet to volunteer.

Thank you for helping provide our seniors a happy holiday season.

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

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 9. 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 _____



Thank You

I leave for NC with mixed feelings. I'm looking forward to being with family, a beautiful state and great weather. I will miss Gary Church and all the wonderful people. I thank you for the warm prayer shawl and the signature quilt signed by so many of you. I will forever be wrapped by the warmth, love, and prayers of this church.

Blessings and love to all of you.
Thanks, Helen Riggio

Congratulations!

Jeremy & Leanne Gascoigne on the birth of their son, Cooper Eugene Gascoigne, on September 27. Grandparents are Pam and the late Gene Gascoigne.

Kelsey & Jeffrey Reich on the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Rose Reich, on September 30. Grandparents are Jim & Mary Davis.

Jim & Chelsea Montgomery on the birth of their daughter, Shayla Elizabeth Montgomery, on October 15. Great-grandmother is Bettye Montgomery.

Nic, Michelle, and Adalynn Younkin on the birth of their son and brother, Landon Daniel Younkin, on October 21.

Baptism

Juliet Shayna Berberich, daughter of Tyler & Jenna Berberich on September 30.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to provide flowers for our altar on Sunday mornings, call or e-mail the Church Office.

Our Sympathy

Kristen, Joe, Lexie, and Evie Kalitowski-Kowal on the death of Kristen's father, Ken Kalitowski, on September 27.

Linda Morgan and Family on the death of her husband, Lew Morgan, on October 4.

Bob & Emily Peinsipp on the death of Bob's mother, Eugenia Peinsipp, on October 5.

Deb Connor on the death of her uncle, Richard Loeppert, on October 8.

Jacqueline Hoffman on the death of her daughter, Carole Laping, on October 8.

Mike, Terri, and Christian Kinney on the death of Mike's aunt.

Bernard & Susan McGuan on the death of Bernard's uncle, Don Garrett, on October 14.

Audrey Peterson on the death of her husband, Al Peterson, on October 14.

Jessica, Richard, Jack, and Mark Bianco on the death of Jessica's father, Phillip Miller, on October 19.



Praise
WORSHIP

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord

November 10, 5:00 p.m.
Winfield Methodist Church

Someone You Should Know

Jeffry Bross

by Pastor Bruce Anderson

Our new District Superintendent Rev. Jeffry Bross grew up as a T.O. (Theological Offspring). His father was a United Methodist pastor in the Wisconsin Conference and his mother served as a Christian educator. Jeffry was extremely active as a youth, even being elected to General Conference in 1988 as a high school senior. Jeffry graduated from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in 2002, and was appointed to Batavia United Methodist Church. While still an associate, he was sent by the church to develop a new church. Flowing Grace was birthed and after many years of struggle, growing pains and many celebrations, a chartered church without walls was born. For many years, his office was a storage unit and his church was in a trailer.

Jeffry is passionate about getting creative in ministry while always maintaining a strong foundation in the fundamentals of Wesleyan theology, which is fully planted in the grace of Christ. He loves mission and serving and has led over 48 youth and adult mission trips. He believes that disciples are made and strengthened and nourished in the community of the local church. He is passionate about empowering lay persons, loving the lost and lonely and getting rid of those things that prevent us from doing what we are truly called to be.

When it comes to relaxation, Jeffry loves to garden...really loves to garden, is a hunter, fisherman, and enjoys music and theater. He plays a mean guitar and can play any song with just four chords. He loves to sing, was serious about theater as a young person, and would love to travel more. Above all, he is real—a disciple, flawed, forgiven, and loved. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve you!





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Spiritual Pilgrimage Informational Meeting

Monday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

From April 24–May 5, 2019, Gary members and friends are invited to spend nine nights in Israel and the Palestinian Territories with an optional extension to Petra, Jordan. This spiritual pilgrimage will explore both land and people. It will provide an understanding of the significance of the Holy Land



from the standpoint of Biblical history and why it is important to Christians, Jews, and Muslims today. Participants will engage sacred scriptures, hear faith and political narratives from various perspectives, and meet people from different faiths working for peace in the land.

One week after we have celebrated Easter here at Gary Church, we will experience Orthodox Easter with our brothers and sisters from that tradition. The informational meeting will include details on cost, flight, and itinerary for those interested in participating in the Spiritual Pilgrimage.