



**Wednesday,
November 21
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Worship at 7:00 p.m.**

Thanksgiving Dinner

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 Church 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

Immediately following our Thanksgiving dinner, all are invited to gather together in the Sanctuary for this special service of thanks.

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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Gary United Methodist Church

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Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10:00 a.m.

Prison Ministry Series: in the Chapel, coordinated by Judy Grote. Louis Dooley, the author of *Prison Saved My Life*, will share his powerful story of receiving Jesus Christ while serving a life sentence for theft and attempted murder. Copies of Dooley's book are available for \$22. Your purchase allows Dooley to send a book to an inmate in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Great Figures Part II DVD Study: through Nov. 18 in the Anderson Room. Join Cliff Hill in this study as we encounter characters in the New Testament and take a fresh look at how these figures have been interpreted by both the secular culture and the church. *Today:* Paul, the Evangelist.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

9:15 a.m. Kids' Worship

Preschool 3's–4's meet in the Preschool Room on the lower level
Kindergarten–Grade 3 meet in the Lower Level Lobby

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Preschool 3's–4's meet in the Preschool Room
Kindergarten–Grade 5 meet in Gamon Hall
Grades 6–7 meet in the Heritage Room
Confirmation (Grade 8) meets in the Jr. High Room
Grades 9–12 meet in the Sr. High Room

Next Week

Recognizing our Veterans: On Nov. 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!

All Good Things | Understanding Gratitude in the Season of Thanksgiving: Nov. 11 and 18 in the Chapel, led by Betsy Boyd. Join us 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.

Gary Church in Mission

ESSE (Adult Day Care Provider) Pancake Breakfast: Nov. 10 from 7:30–11:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wheaton. Cost: \$5. All are invited to join us for breakfast, as well as raffle baskets, silent auction, and door prizes. Tickets available in the Commons between services or contact the Church Office.

Christmas Sharing, December 3–8: Be part of one of our latest mission projects as we come together, along with other Wheaton churches, to serve the needs of over 1,000 families in Wheaton/Warrenville District 200. Each family will receive a box of food and new clothing items, and will be able to go through donated items (clothing, toys, linens). Volunteer opportunities are available, and food boxes for each family are needed. Ornaments on the tree in the Commons indicate specific new items needed. Sign up to help at the display in the Commons.

Children's and Youth Ministries

Serve Sunday: Today from 3–4 p.m. at Brighton Gardens, Wheaton. Middle and High School students, come play Bingo with the seniors of Brighton Gardens.

Word & Table: High school students meet every other week from 6:30–8 p.m. for dinner at a different host home. Today: the Bilezekian home.

Play Date: Nov. 7 from 4–5 p.m. in the Activity Center. All ages are welcome.

Midweek at Gary Youth: Middle Schoolers, join us on Wednesdays from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Turkey Shuffle: Nov. 11 from 4–6 p.m. in the Activity Center. Middle and High School students come and celebrate with us by playing ridiculous Thanksgiving games! The winning team will take home the coveted Golden Turkey.

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship | Friendsgiving: Nov. 16 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Fourth and fifth graders are invited to a Thanksgiving celebration featuring food-themed games and a pie eating contest at Gary! Bring canned goods for the People's Resource Center.

Parent's Night Out: Nov. 16 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Drop off your children at Gary Church and enjoy a night out while the kids enjoy supervised play time with their friends. Parent's Night Out is open to children ages 6 months–grade 3. Reservations are required through the Church Office and a donation of \$5 per child is suggested.

PJ's & Pancakes Helping Hands Mission: Nov. 18 from 9–10:50 a.m. in the Lower Level. Children ages Preschool 3–Grade 5 are invited to wear their PJ's to church and enjoy a celebratory pancake breakfast after wrapping pajamas for Christmas Sharing.

A Christmas Carol at Drury Lane Theater: Families are invited to attend together on Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child. RSVP to the Church Office by Nov. 18.

Please Note

Next Week's Lectionary Readings: We invite you to include the lectionary readings in your devotion times. Readings for next week are Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17, Psalm 127 or 42, Hebrews 9:24–28, and Mark 12:38–44.

Honoring Dave Brewer: Dave, our Business Administrator for over 22 years, retired in June. His ministry celebration will take the form of a DVD. All are invited to record a message in the Commons on Nov. 4 and 11. Photos of Dave and Heidi will be included. If you have any to share, email them to the Church Office by Nov. 18. Love gifts are still being collected in the Church Office through Nov. 25.

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

Opportunities at Gary Church

Spiritual Pilgrimage Informational Meeting: Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Anderson Room. Come learn the details of this trip to Israel and the Palestinian Territories planned for April 24–May 5, 2019.

Faith Club: A Women's Interfaith Book Discussion Group will meet on Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons for a potluck meal and to choose books for the winter.

Praise Service: Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. at Winfield UMC. This service features musicians from both the Gary and Winfield congregations. All are welcome to attend.

Songs of War and Peace: Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This recital sponsored by the Fox Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, commemorates 100 years after the Armistice of World War I. A free-will offering to benefit Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans will be received.

The Lunch Group will meet on Nov. 15 at 12 p.m. in the Commons. The main dish will be provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost: \$2 per person. All are welcome.

Downtown Wheaton Association Christmas Parade: Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. If you would like to walk in the parade with others from Gary, contact Kim Austin through the Church Office.

Theology + Film: Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. This group views 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.

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

Acorn Coffeehouse presents the Hat Stretchers on Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cost: \$10. Veterans of the Chicago acoustic music scene, this string band trio features music with crooked harmonies and foot stompin' rhythms.

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