

Children's and Youth Ministries

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

Gary Youth Midweek: Students are encouraged to attend the Thanksgiving Worship service with their families on Nov. 21. Midweek will resume Dec. 5, 7–8:30 p.m. at Gary for middle school students.

A Christmas Carol at Drury Lane Theater: Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. All families are invited. Cost: \$15 per adult, \$10 per child. **RSVP to the Church Office by today.**

Drop & Shop: Dec. 1, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Children age 6 months–grade 5 are welcome to join us at Gary for games and activities while you finish up your shopping! Space is limited. Reservations through the Church Office are required by Nov. 25. A \$15 donation per family is suggested.

Gary Youth Serve Sunday: Dec. 2, 3–4 p.m. at Brighton Gardens. Come connect with seniors as we play Bingo.

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Christmas Sharing Service Project: Dec. 4, 6:30–8 p.m. in the Lower Level Lobby. We will be sorting new toys for Christmas Sharing.

Christmas Sharing Family Night: Dec. 4, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in Gamon Hall. Kids age five and up can work with parents sorting donated items. Childcare is available for those under five by emailing childcare@garychurch.org.

Opportunities at Gary Church

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.

United Methodist Women's Christmas Market: Nov. 25, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. in the Commons. There will be a large array of unique handmade crafts, knitted items, and baked goods. Proceeds of the sale will be donated to missions.

Caleb Factor Men's Ministry: Dec. 1, 8–9:30 a.m. Mark Himel, Associate Pastor of Grace UMC, Naperville and former Chief Executive Officer of the Damien Services Corporation, will share his interesting call story. All men are invited.

Praise Service: Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. at Winfield UMC. This family-friendly service features musicians from both the Gary and Winfield congregations.

Burning Bush Art Gallery—An Outreach of Gary Church

Now Showing: *Neon Daydream*, featuring the work of local artist Mike Hunnicutt, through Nov. 25.



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Gary Church in Mission

Christmas Sharing, Dec. 3–8: Be part of this mission project as we come together with other area churches to serve the needs of over 1,000 families in Wheaton/Warrenville District 200. Each family will receive a box of food, new clothing, and be able to go through donated items (clothing, toys, linens). There are many ways to help:

Sign Up in the Commons to volunteer your time and to donate food boxes. Ornaments on the tree in the Commons indicate specific new items needed.

Dec. 3–6: Clean out your closets and bring gently used clothing, toys, and linens to Gary.

Pajama Drive: Bring donations of new pajamas for children and youth, infant–high school, to the bins located in the Lower Level Lobby by Dec. 2.

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

Heifer Project Alternative Gift Program: Dec. 9, 16, and 23 in the Commons. Help families around the world become self-sufficient by donating an animal in honor of a friend or loved one.

Outreach Community's Senior Christmas Luncheon: Dec. 14. A \$12 donation will provide an older adult a place at the luncheon. For many, this will be their only holiday celebration. Make your donation payable to Gary. Note Outreach on the envelope. Volunteers are needed to help bake, set up, and serve. Sign up in the Commons.

Please Note

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 today. If you have photos to share, email them to the Church Office today. Love gifts are being collected in the Church Office through Nov. 25.

Downtown Wheaton Association Christmas Parade: Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. If you would like to participate, contact Kim Austin through the Church Office.

2019 Pledge Cards are still being accepted. Bring yours to the Church Office. The office has extra cards if you are in need of one.

Stock Transfers: Contact Deb Evans in the Church Office for information. The process needs to be completed by Dec. 31 to count for this year's tax credits.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to provide flowers on Sunday mornings in Dec. or in 2019, contact the Church Office.

Share Your Time and Talents: We are in need of ushers for funerals and special services, and a bus driver for the third Sunday of the month to pick up those not able to drive to church. Contact the Church Office for more information.

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

Celebrate the Season at Gary Church

On that first Christmas so long ago the angels announced the birth of the Christ child. This year, we invite you to come experience the wonder of the season as we explore the Christmas story and celebrate the hope it brings to the world.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

The First Song of Christmas

Sunday, November 25, 10:00 a.m. 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. After the angel's announcement to Mary, "you will conceive in your womb and bear a son," and before the birth came the first song of Christmas.

Kids' Church | Advent Wreath Creations

December 2, 9:00 a.m. for Preschool 3's-grade 5
Children are invited to create their own fragrant Advent wreath to be enjoyed at home throughout the season. Families can mark each Sunday by reading the Advent Wreath Devotion, featured in the Gary Kids This Week email, and lighting the candles of hope, love, joy, and peace.

Gary Prepares for Christmas Sharing

December 2, 10:00 a.m. throughout Gary Church
The people of Gary Church, from the very youngest to the very oldest, will come together to prepare for Christmas Sharing—an outreach that calls us to love our neighbor and to be a voice of hope and faith. All ages will have the opportunity to serve and make a difference.

In addition to December 2 at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services, we will celebrate Communion on December 16 and 23 during the 11:00 a.m. service.

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

All-church study on December 9, 16, & 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Adults in the Chapel, led by Dr. Gene Green

Children and Youth in their regular Sunday School locations

The Gospel of Luke offers us the fullest account of the people and events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ—Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Great and Augustus, angels and shepherds, Simeon and Anna, John who became known as "The Baptist," and Jesus "The Messiah." This babe was like none other. As the angel Gabriel said to Mary, "The child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." The Gospel story begins here, predicted by ancient prophets and told for us today. Journeying through story of Jesus, we will join with the shepherds who said, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

Lessons and Carols: "The Holy Family"

December 9, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. worship

Our Lessons and Carols service this year celebrates "The Holy Family." When sin entered the world, the family of God was broken. But the birth of Jesus changed everything! During Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate God's Son being born into his earthly family. Through scripture readings and music from our vocal choirs, handbells, and instrumentalists, we invite you to hear the story of God's love, and how he made a way for us to become part of his Holy Family, too.

