

Gary Youth November/December



Midweek & Sunday Nights

Midweek for Middle Schoolers

Wednesdays
7-8:30 p.m.
in the Activity Center
November 20 (Turkey Bowl)
December 4 and 11

High School Sunday Nights

Sundays
7-8:30 p.m.
in the Activity Center
Tonight, November 17
December 1 and 8

Holiday Events

Fourth Annual Turkey Bowl

Wednesday, November 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

Gary Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15, 5-7 p.m. at the Austin's house

College Care Packages

If you have or know of a college student who would enjoy a care package from our congregation, please submit the student's name and school address to the Church Office by Sunday, November 24. We would gladly accept donations for the packages such as microwave popcorn, gum, Chapstick, small cookie packages, Post-it notes, etc. *Please bring your donation to the Church Office by November 24.*



Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL
www.garychurch.org

Sun., Nov. 17, 2019

Gary Church in Mission

Christmas Sharing, Dec. 8-14: Be part of this mission project as we come together with other area churches to serve the needs of over 850 families in Wheaton/Warrenville District 200. Each family will receive a box of food and new clothing, and will be able to select from donated items (clothing, toys, linens). There are many ways to help support Christmas Sharing:

- **Sign Up** in the Commons to volunteer your time and to donate food boxes. Ornaments on the tree in the Commons indicate new items needed.
- **Pajama Drive Through Dec. 1!** The children's ministry team is collecting donations of new pajamas for children infant-high school. Collection bins are located in the Lower Level Lobby.
- **Gary Youth Is Selling Christmas Sharing T-Shirts:** Order yours through our website by Sun., Nov. 24. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of gifts for middle and high school students whose families visit Christmas Sharing.
- **Kimmer's Ice Cream Supports Christmas Sharing:** Place an order in the Commons on Sundays, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, or 8. Kimmer's will donate \$2 for each pie and \$3 for each cake sold to Christmas Sharing. Also on Tues., Nov. 26, 5-9 p.m., Kimmer's will donate a portion of their sales from their Wheaton location to Christmas Sharing.
- **Sharing a Story Book Donations:** New books are being collected for Wheaton/Warrenville students (Kindergarten-Grade 2) in need. A list of suggested books is available in the Commons and at Prairie Path Books, Town Square Wheaton.

Please Note

Poinsettias for Christmas: Poinsettias are available for purchase to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. The cost is \$12 per plant. Forms are located in the Commons. Return completed forms to the Church Office by Sun., Dec. 8.

Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna will be presented on Fri., Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. at Wheaton College's Edman Chapel. Gary Church has purchased a group of tickets at a cost of \$22.50 and we have several left. Contact the Church Office if you would like to purchase any of them.

2020 Pledge Cards are still being accepted. Bring yours to the Church Office. The office has extra cards if you need 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.

Gary Kids and Gary Youth

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship: Feed My Starving Children Family Outing: Tues. Nov. 19, 5–8 p.m. Our packing session is from 6–7:30 p.m. Families are invited to meet us at the Feed My Starving Children Aurora location at 6 p.m. Students attending without parents will meet at Gary at 5 p.m. and return to Gary by 8 p.m. Sign up at garychurch.org or visit fmssc.org and use the Join Code: 7GNNKE.

A Gingerbread Christmas: Sun., Dec. 1, 10 a.m. in Gamon Hall. During the busyness of the season, it's important for families to come together to have fun while learning about the true meaning of Christmas. That's why, on the first Sunday of Advent, we are offering this special event where families can play games, make gingerbread houses, and learn how God wants to make his home in us.

Upcoming Opportunities at Gary Church

Recycle, Re-use, and Reduce: the Work of S.C.A.R.C.E. Joy Circle invites all people interested in protecting our earth to hear guest speaker Kay McKeen, founder and head of S.C.A.R.C.E., on Tues., Nov. 19, 7 p.m. in the Commons.

Potluck Luncheon Pie Day: Thurs., Nov. 21, 12 p.m. in the Commons. Come share a meal and connect with friends. Just bring \$2 and a pie (sweet or savory) to pass.

Downtown Wheaton Christmas Parade: Fri., Nov. 29, 6 p.m. Come help invite the community to our Christmas Eve services and share the message that "Jesus is the Light of the World" by walking in the parade. Afterward, we'll enjoy some of the Downtown Wheaton festivities together. To participate, contact Kim Austin at kaustin@garychurch.org.

Lunchtime Literary Group will not meet in Nov. The next meeting will be Tues., Dec. 3, 12 p.m. in the Anderson Room. Pack a lunch and join us to discuss *The Long Haul* by Finn Murphy. Please note there is more than one book with the same title.

Caleb Factor Men's Ministry: Sat., Dec. 7, 7:30 a.m. (note early start time) in the Commons. Gary member Ed Williams will share the guest speaker stage with Mango, his Standard Poodle and certified therapy dog. Come meet Mango and hear about her weekly visits with Ed to local groups homes and other sites.

Camerata Academy Concert: Fri., Dec. 7, 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Wheaton. This concert from our Ensemble in Residence will feature concerti classics with young virtuoso musicians. Tickets can be purchased at cameratachicago.ticketleap.com or at the door. Cost: \$15. Tickets are free for students age 16 and under who are accompanied by a paying adult

Next Steps Lunch: Sun., Dec. 8, 12 p.m. Ready to meet more people at Gary, find ways to use your gifts to serve, explore ways to continue your faith journey? Join the pastors and staff for lunch and to explore how you can connect within the ministries of Gary Church. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Wed., Dec. 4

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

UMW Christmas Market

Today, throughout the morning in the Commons

The annual Christmas Market is a great opportunity to support missions and get some Christmas shopping done! A variety of craft, knitted, and food items will be for sale.



Thanksgiving Eve Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

We invite you to gather for a Thanksgiving meal before our 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 19, 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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7 p.m.

All are welcome at this special service as we come together to give thanks to God for our many blessings.