

Gary United Methodist Church

October 18, 2020

Stay Connected to the Church Family

Worship Talk: Today, 11 a.m. on Zoom, facilitated by Rev. JoAnne Chase. Grab your cup of coffee, click on the Worship Talk link on the [website](#), and join the discussion of the morning service.

Remembering the Saints: Sun., Nov. 1 during worship. The Christian faith is something that is passed from generation to generation. During worship, we will take time to remember our loved ones—those upon whose shoulders we stand. If you have lost a loved one this year, we invite you to provide their full name and relationship to you to the [Church Office](#) by Mon., Oct. 19, so that we can include them in our time of Remembering the Saints.

The Brahms Institute for Singers: Thursdays through Dec. 10, for HS–Adults, 7 p.m. on Zoom. It is not too late to join this opportunity for singers! Anthony Quaranta leads vocal warmups, Jennifer Whiting introduces choral anthems, and distinguished musical guests help us discover Brahms' Requiem. [Register here](#) to reserve your spot, borrow a music score, and receive the Zoom link each week.

In-Person Worship: To register for Sun., Oct. 25, at 9 a.m., click [here](#). The service is limited to 50 pre-registered participants and will follow specific [safety guidelines](#). Each week the service will be live streamed at 9 a.m., and a recording will be available later that day for those who prefer to worship at home.

The Power and Challenge of a Girl's Education: Mondays, Oct. 26–Nov. 9, 7 p.m. on Zoom, led by Cathy Mousseau and Judy Selby. When girls are educated, entire communities are lifted. We will examine the barriers to a girl's education, the economic and social motivations to improve the situation, and review examples of powerful Christian efforts that are making a difference. Register [here](#).

Hymns at Twilight: Tues., Oct. 27, 7 p.m., livestreamed at [garychurch.org](#) or find the link on our Facebook page. Sing along as Kevin Lange hosts and accompanies this virtual event. Our theme is "Together with God," and we invite you to suggest hymns that express your fellowship with the Lord. Email your song suggestions to office@garychurch.org.

Anti-Racism Book Club: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, Wed., Oct. 28, 7 p.m. on Zoom. Coates offers a powerful framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. To join in the conversation, purchase your book and register [here](#).

Drive-In Communion: Sun., Nov. 1, 11 a.m. in Gary's parking lot. Register in advance to partake in the sacrament in your vehicle using a podcast liturgy. Fill out the [registration form](#) or contact the [Church Office](#). There will also be in-person worship and Communion on Sun., Nov. 1. [Register here](#).

Be Part of the Gary A/V Team: If you are interested in learning how it all works and serving on the team once or twice a month, contact Tony Venezia or Dave Mann through the [Church Office](#). You would be part of an important ministry that makes it possible for many to continue worshipping at home. This is an excellent opportunity for family teams who are interested in serving.

Lectionary Readings

- This week's readings: [Exodus 33:12–23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10, and Matthew 22:15–22](#)
- Next week's readings: [Deuteronomy 34:1–12, Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17, 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8, and Matthew 22:34–46](#)

Stay Connected to the Mission

Your Tithes and Offerings: To support the ongoing mission and ministry of Gary Church, please consider making a gift. Here are three ways to continue your tithes and offerings.

- **Online:** Make a regular or one-time gift [here](#).
- **Text-to-Give:** Text 844-928-1220 on a cell phone. Enter a dollar amount followed by the word "GARY."
- **Checks:** Mail a check to Gary Church, 224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

Habitat for Humanity: Mon.–Fri., Oct. 26–30, Lafayette, IN. Come for the whole week or just a day to help frame a new house. No experience required, and there are tasks for all. Habitat is following safety protocols, including limiting the number of people on the work site. Contact Gerry Schmidt through the [Church Office](#).

Midwest Mission Distribution Center Seeks Supplies: This facility located in Pawnee, IL is part of UMCOR and distributes supplies in response to disasters. Currently there is an urgent need for laundry detergent, dish soap, household cleaner, and toothpaste, which are included in the kits they ship for hurricane relief. Bring your donation to Gary by Wed., Oct. 28. Monetary donations can be given [here](#) or by sending a check to the Church Office with UMCOR in the memo.

Red Bird Mission: This mission in Kentucky's Appalachia coal country has been hard hit by the dual pandemic and economic crises. You can support them by donating [here](#), or by sending a check to the Church Office with Red Bird in the memo.

COVID-19 Update: The Church Office has limited, appointment-only hours, Mon–Fri., 10 a.m.–3 p.m. The building will remain locked. Gatherings of fewer than 50 are allowed following strict safety guidelines. Visit our [website](#) for the latest information.

