

Chimes

The Newsletter of Gary Church and Winfield Community Church

October 2018



We can't think of
a better way to
kick off a year
focused on
**Becoming
Family** than by
helping every
generation
in our church
reach the next
generation
through the
power
of prayer!

See pg. 3 to learn more.

PRAY for ME

Campaign

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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.



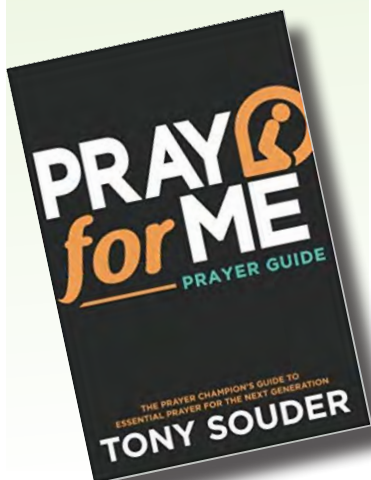
Submissions for the November/December *Chimes* newsletter are due by October 15. Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and weekly enews are due each Tuesday at noon. Send all submissions to office@garychurch.org.

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.

**Ready to make
the difference in
the life of a young
person?**

**Or convinced you
should sign up your
family/student to
surround them with
adults in their life?**

**Register at
garychurch.org and plan
to attend our launch on
Sunday, October 14 at
10:00 a.m. in the
Activity Center when we
will connect prayer
sponsors with their
family or student and
provide a picture and
prayer guide.**



Pray for Me Campaign Launch

Sunday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Activity Center

The *Pray for Me Campaign* is adults in the congregation committing to pray for specific families or youth every day for one year using a prayer guide.

We expect to have 25 families and 25 youth who wish to have someone pray for them and hope to connect each of them with three prayer sponsors! Our heart's desire is that this program will be more than just a way to bridge generations, but that the lives and faith of our students will be changed for the better by surrounding them with a team of adults cheering them on.



Becoming Family: Sacramental Living

by Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson



One of the great joys that I have as a pastor is to participate in the sacramental life of the Church—Holy Communion and Baptism.

In October, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday which helps us focus on “the universal and inclusive nature of the Church.”¹ It is a reminder that Christ called us to go make disciples of all nations, to baptize and teach obedience to his commands (Matt. 28:16-20). For two millennia Christians have sought to live out that command to go baptize and teach.

The first time that I participated in the sacrament of Baptism as a student pastor has never left my mind. It is as memorable as my own baptism as a teenager just ten years before. It was not the baptism of an adorable infant with beaming parents and family standing nearby, but that of an adult perhaps twice my age at the time. He was from the Caribbean and was our church custodian, and, as he came forward to be baptized that Sunday, he had his usual broad smile. On this day, however, you could see that he was tingling with excitement as he tried to control his body from jumping up and down.

He had committed the words of the baptismal covenant to memory—responses and creed. What made the moment even more special was that because of life circumstances, he had not learned to read. I stood amazed.

The first words of our Baptismal Covenant are “Brothers and Sisters in Christ.” They are a reminder that we are “becoming family” and are initiated into Christ’s holy church. They are a reminder that we are given new birth through water and the Spirit.

We are united with brothers and sisters all around the world through God's mighty acts of salvation. It is God's gift, offered to us without price (Grace). People of all ages, nations, and races—we become family. We become one in Christ Jesus.

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Too often we lose sight of our “oneness.” We



lose sight of our unity in Christ. We can easily get caught up in all the ways the world, the earthly powers and principalities, seek to divide us. Yet, we have this great commission given to us by Christ who holds all authority in heaven and on earth. He

calls us back to who we are meant to be in him—family, his family.

He sends us out into that same world in his authority and with the power of the Spirit to be reconcilers, just as God was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world to God (2 Cor. 5:19). Each time we participate in baptism we reaffirm our commitment to Christ and to one another. Each time we receive communion we are reminded that we, who are many, are one.

As we come to the table this World Communion Sunday—and each time we come to the Lord's table and each time we participate in baptisms to commit to sacramental living—we are becoming family.

¹ <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/world-communion-sunday>

Spiritual Pilgrimage

April 24–May 5, 2019

Nine Nights in Israel and the Palestinian Territories with 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. For more information contact Pastor Chris.

Detailed information on cost and registration will be available in early October.



Adult Christian Education and Discipleship

Find your Place

Our website is the place to go to register for special events, but did you also know it's a great resource for information about adult education and small group opportunities? You'll find descriptions for each of these classes and much more there.

October 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Fear of the Other</i> Book Discussion, 10:30 a.m.	2 Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study, 7 p.m.	3	4 Disciple 3, 10 a.m. Devotional Studies, 10 a.m.	5	6 Caleb Factor Men's Ministry, 8 a.m.
7 Great Figures of the New Testament, 10 a.m. Prison Ministry Series, 10 a.m.	8 <i>Fear of the Other</i> Book Discussion, 10:30 a.m.	9 Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study, 7 p.m.	10	11 Disciple 3, 10 a.m. Devotional Studies, 10 a.m. Faith Club, 6:30 p.m.	12	13
14 Pray for Me Campaign Launch, 10 a.m.	15	16 Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study, 7 p.m.	17	18 Disciple 3, 10 a.m. Devotional Studies, 10 a.m.	19	20
21 Great Figures of the New Testament, 10 a.m. Prison Ministry Series, 10 a.m.	22	23 Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study, 7 p.m.	24 Grief Support Coffee, 10 a.m.	25 Disciple 3, 10 a.m. Devotional Studies, 10 a.m.	26	27
28 Great Figures of the New Testament, 10 a.m. Prison Ministry Series, 10 a.m.	29	30 Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study, 7 p.m.	31	*Theology + Film: Contact the Church Office for the October meeting date and location.		

One way to access this information is to go to the menu and click on "Adult Ministries" (click first on "Ministries" if you are on a mobile device). When on a desktop or laptop computer, you can also use the calendar feature. Scroll down to the "Event Calendar" button on the home page, click on that, and then on "Calendar" to see

the events for the month. There's a lot happening, so you can use the "Categories" button to narrow your search. For example, if you choose "Weekly Studies," you'll see a calendar similar to this one. You can then click on any of the classes listed to get the details.

We encourage you to spend some time exploring our website to help you find your place at Gary.

Adult Christian Education and Discipleship

Find your Place

October's Featured Classes



Sundays at 10:00 a.m., October 7, 21, 28, and November 4 in the Chapel, coordinated by Judy Grote

Join Judy Grote, Executive Director of JUST of DuPage from 1996–2002, and various speakers to explore how we as a society treat prisoners and how important it is for Christians to engage in prison ministry.

October 7 | Guest Speaker Ellen Meuch—Ellen Meuch was an active volunteer of JUST DuPage when she met a young inmate named Mary Long. Ellen remained in touch with Mary after she was released from prison, and assisted her in developing Sacred Ground Ministries after Mary's son was murdered. Come to hear about the work of Sacred Ground Ministries from Ellen and Mary.

October 21 | Guest Speaker Barbara Garlinger—Barbara Garlinger, who has been a faithful volunteer for JUST at the DuPage County Jail for eighteen years, will speak about the impact this ministry has had on her life and the lives of the incarcerated women with whom she has sought to share God's love, and provide a range of programs to empower them to make positive changes in their lives.

October 28 | Guest Speaker Joe Vosicky—Joe Vosicky is a past president of the John Howard Association, a watchdog organization over state correctional facilities that promotes an efficient justice system. Join Joe as he speaks about the work of this organization and what they observe and learn from inmates, developing policies and practices to advance needed reforms.

November 4 | Guest Speaker Louis Dooley—As a young man imprisoned with a life sentence for theft and attempted murder, Louis Dooley, through a miraculous turn of events, received Jesus Christ in prison and recognized he had “new life” in Christ. After serving as an employee of *I Have a Bean*, Louis started Set Free Ministries and wrote *Prison Saved My Life*. His story will resonate with you, make you uncomfortable, shock you, make you laugh and cry; but in the end, it will give you hope. Join Louis for this powerful presentation! Your purchase of his book for \$22 will allow Louis to send a book to an inmate in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Commons E

The Men's Bible Study will kick off the new study session with a look at how this book we've been studying got to be what it is today. Where did the original manuscripts that make up the books come from? Who decided which of these were to be included. What was excluded and why? Join us for an informative study in a very casual atmosphere. It's a great opportunity to meet and get to know other men at Gary-Winfield Churches.

Caleb Factor Men's Ministry

Saturday, October 6, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Commons

Our guest speaker is Greg Chapman, Aurora District Lay Leader and life-long member of Hope United Methodist (Jesse Walker) Church in Joliet. After graduating from Plainfield High School, Greg moved to Washington DC and worked for the FBI in the Fingerprint Division. In his early 20's, he returned to Plainfield and joined the Plainfield Police Department. He later began an aviation career, running GTE Airfone's Aircraft Division for 17 years. In 2006 he purchased a portion of the Airfone Company from Verizon, which became Aerotek Design Labs, LLC. Please join us for a discussion on vocation and service and ways God calls us to live into our faith.



The Level of the Heart

by Carey Bebar



In last month's Chimes, I committed to offering a series of reflections on Christopher Miles Ritter's book *Seven Things John Wesley Expected Us to Do for Kids*. This month, I will reflect on Chapter Two, "Know Them Personally," and Chapter Three, "Pray for Them Intensely." In Chapter Two, Ritter asserts, "If we hope to minister to children, we must first know them. Of course, there are surface facts we all must wade through as we get to know anyone: What is your name? What is your family like? What do you like to do? What grade are you in? But the ultimate goal is to get to the level of the heart."

Every Sunday (and I literally mean every, single Sunday) I find a discarded Gary Kids nametag stuck to the carpet, table or chair, and once, under the drinking fountain. Every time I find these castaways, I smile—not because I love scratching off stickers, but because they hold the names of children I know on a heart level. If you've served in Gary's Children's Ministry, you know that Kids' Church begins with "Joys & Concerns." It is a special time when we celebrate the good, lament the bad, and offer all these things to God in prayer. Most of the joys are about upcoming birthdays, play dates, and vacations, while the concerns revolve around school, teachers, and siblings. To some these events may not seem to merit intense prayer, but to the children they are more than just day-to-day happenings. Their prayers are celebrations of milestones, friendship, and adventure, as well as anxieties about authority and conflict. They are the praises and problems of the human heart at any age—just packaged in a child's context. So, when I find these rogue nametags, I smile because I see the hearts of Gary's children—hearts I've come to know through prayer.

Prayer speaks to our soul and calls us into a deeper relationship with God and one another.

One of the main reasons I am excited for the *Pray for Me Campaign** is that the congregation will get to know the families and students of Gary Church in a way that gets to the level of the heart. Praying for someone, or having them pray for you, creates a powerful bond that goes beyond "surface facts." Prayer speaks to our soul and calls us into a deeper relationship with God and one another. I am excited that diverse generations will mingle life-long wisdom with childlike wonder all in communion with God. I cannot think of a more beautiful way to get to know Gary's students and families. When John Wesley spoke about the things we should do for children and youth he implored us to "pray for them in earnest." When we do, we will know them on the level of the heart.

*For more information about the *Pray for Me Campaign* see page 3.



Upcoming Events

Playdate

Wednesday, October 3, 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.



Friday, October 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Fourth and fifth graders are invited to plan a trunk for Trunk or Treat. Bring your creativity for this fun planning session and be sure to mark your calendars for

Trunk or Treat on October 27, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.!

Parent's Night Out

Friday, October 19, 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 church 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.

Socktober

Sunday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. Kids' Church

Gary's Kids are collecting New Socks for our neighbors who are homeless. Every night in the United States, an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets. This October, SoulPancake and Kid President want 2 million people to prove that even the smallest acts of love, like donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless.



Donations will be accepted until 9:00 am on Sunday, October 21. Bring them to the Lower Level Lobby.

Thank You, David Exner!

Thank you, David Exner for painting the "bee-line" and Gary Kids logo in the Lower Level Lobby! Your art work brings new energy to an active children's space where children and families can grow in faith.





Make New Friends but Keep the Old, One Is Silver and the Other Gold

by Jennifer Whiting

Singing together is a holy activity, not only because we worship God when we blend our voices, but also because our time together will not go on forever. Every gathering comprises a unique blend of people, and we cherish each rehearsal and each worship time as gifts from the Lord.

Our Chancel Choir is sad to say farewell to three wonderful sopranos whose musical gifts and warm friendships we have long enjoyed. Allison Atteberry and her family have moved north. She, Kenny, and their little boys Silas and Teddy are enjoying their new home in Lakemoor, IL. Helen Riggio is looking forward to living near family in Hillsborough, NC. Since coming to Gary in 1971, Helen has been a faithful member of several choirs for 47 years. Kay Hurley is another long-standing and valued member of our Chancel Choir. She and her husband Tom are retiring to Naples, FL. Allison, Helen, and Kay—we will miss your beautiful soprano voices as well as your sweet presence and generous hearts.

Chancel Choir is also welcoming ten new singers this season. Among them are three high school students! Meet our newest tenor, Carter Gaul. Carter is 15 years old and is enjoying his first exciting year of high school at Wheaton-Warrenville South. He is active in Key Club service projects as well as the WWS Men's Chorus, and he plans to participate in several sports.

Carter has attended Gary Church his whole life, and he has happy memories of singing in Cherub Choir with Miss Ellie. He now participates in four music groups: Glory Ringers, Broken Together (youth ensemble), Men's Chorus, and Chancel Choir. This could be a record for membership in the most music groups at Gary! He enjoys listening to pop and Christian music, and says, "Chancel Choir has been amazing! I love the music we sing. One of my favorites is the Moses Hogan piece."



When asked what it is like to be a high school student in a choir of mostly adults, he says, "It's kind of an honor to be one of the first younger kids to go into Chancel Choir. The first time I came to rehearsal I felt a little awkward, but then I saw there would be other kids my age there, too. Singing in the same choir as my mom took a little getting used to, but it's kind of like 'our thing' now, going to choir rehearsal together on Thursday nights. And it's nice to meet some of the older people that I haven't gotten to know before."

People are so friendly. They're really willing to help you and guide you, and the influence they have is helping my faith to grow. I gotta say it is different to wear a choir robe, but I kind of like walking around in a robe!"

Carter, we're glad to see you in that robe. Welcome to the Chancel Choir family!



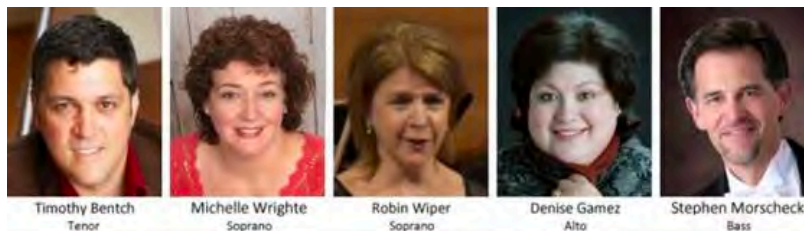
Camerata Chicago Presents

HANDEL MESSIAH & BACH MAGNIFICAT SACRED MUSIC SERIES

3:00 p.m. Saturday November 3, 2018 College Church, WHEATON

Tickets can be purchased at cameratachicago.org. Use code GUMC for a 30% discount.
Children 16 and under can go free with a paying adult.

Enjoy the outstanding musical artistry of Camerata Chicago and its new choir performing the Messiah (Part I - Christmas) by Handel with the Hallelujah Chorus and the Magnificat by Bach! At the heart of our elite choir are some of the top choristers in Chicago. We have five wonderful soloists all conducted by Maestro Drostan Hall. The concert is generously sponsored by Tyndale House Foundation.





Gary Youth Events

High School | Word & Table kicks off this month!

Sunday Evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

*October 7—Hosted by the Marras
1946 Richton Drive, Wheaton*

*October 21—Hosted by the Gauls
1605 Leabrook Lane, Wheaton*

Middle School | Join us at Midweek!

*Wednesdays at the church,
7:00-8:30 p.m. We do not meet the
last week of the month.*

Sleep Out Saturday is coming up!

*Saturday, November 3
Register by joining Gary Youth's page
at sleepoutsaturday.org. You can
fundraise online too.*

*You can grab a full fall calendar
anytime in the Commons by
the Church Office.*

The Power of Generations Praying

By Alexa Isaac

Together, we have been thinking about the research from Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) about Sticky Faith and prayerfully considering what it means for the students God has entrusted to Gary Youth. I've shared a bit about the first major theme: a Sticky Gospel that focuses on *grace* rather than *behaviors*.

Today I'd like to share about the next theme: **intergenerational relationships**.

FYI's research shows that intergenerational worship and relationships are linked with faith that sticks. That is, the more students join in worship side-by-side with people who are older and younger than them, the better. **And the more students know and are known by adults, the better.** But that only happens when students are connected to the rest of the church.

The difficulty is that many of our students don't know the whole church well; they only know the youth group.

Sometimes youth ministry can feel a bit like an adults' table and a kids' table at a family gathering. The adults have the "real meal" in one place while the kids are put in a separate location altogether, holding separate conversations and unaware of anything the adults say (and vice-versa).

Of course, we are not calling for an end to youth ministry (I love my job!), but a faithful response to the research requires the whole church to find more ways to come around one table as a faith family. **Ideally each young person will be surrounded by a team of five adults that consistently support and walk with that young person.** (You may have heard me reference this before, calling it a 5:1 ratio for ministry).

One of the ways we are answering this need is through the Pray For Me Campaign. This one hits home for me, because **I know I am a product of multiple adult's faithful prayers on my behalf.** And knowing how blessed I have already been by people who came before me, I can only imagine how my life could have become even richer if our church had had something like the Pray for Me Campaign.

The heart of Pray For Me is to connect each family of children and middle/high school student with three adults, of different generations, who will pray for them each day over the course of the year.

This exciting new adventure for our church will kick off on Sunday, October 14, when students will walk up to those who have signed up to be prayer sponsors and ask them to pray for them every day for one year. This means that in every high and low of the year, whether they are stressed about grades or land a role in the school musical, whether they get injured or win a game, whether they experience a break-up or being asked out on a first date, when they wrestle with sins and desires and lies told about who they truly are, students can pause and remember that they have at least three other adults cheering them on, praying to God on their behalf.

I'd love for you to consider even more ways our church could invite young people to be part of what's happening around our community. *I'd really love to hear your ideas, so could you please reach out to me with your thoughts about where you could see more connections potentially develop between adults and teenagers?*

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and thanks in advance for sending your ideas back to me!

Special Services at Gary and Winfield



**Make a Joyful
Noise unto the
Lord**

Remembering the Saints



Sunday, November 4 during both worship services

The Christian faith is something that is passed from generation to generation. On Sunday, November 4, 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 Sunday, October 21 so that we can include them in our time of Remembering the Saints.

Please note we will observe Holy Communion on Sunday, October 28 rather than on November 4.



**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 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

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

Finance Update

Dear Gary Congregation,

Please see below a summary of receipts and expenses as of August 31, 2018. Giving continues to run behind what was budgeted and also behind expenditures. We have withheld one apportionment payment and will continue to delay those payments so long as our giving lags behind expectations.

Continue to watch this space and your bulletin. We will be making an appeal as we approach year-end. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
John-Marc Bilezikian, Chairperson
Finance Committee

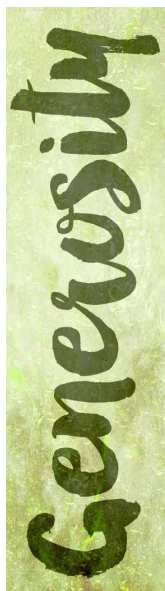
Giving YTD Actual	Giving YTD Budget
\$529,510	\$624,725
Expenditures YTD Actual	Expenditures YTD Budget
\$611,545	\$638,656

Reaping a Harvest

Our yearly stewardship campaign and sermon series begin October 7 and continue through Pledge Sunday on October 21. These Sundays will include testimonials—shared stories of taking part in ministry—from members of the congregation and drama. Let us, as one family in God, join in giving to further the mission of the church.

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Galatians 6: 9–10 (NRSV)



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.



MOPS & MOMSnext



Thank you to everyone who helped us have a great kickoff meeting...Carey Bebar and the childcare staff, Mike Capra, all the office and pastoral staff, and all the individuals who supported us at our Kimmer's ice cream social fundraiser!

Gary's MOPS/ MOMSnext group is off to a great start and is looking forward to encouraging everyone as we "Find Our Fire" this semester!



contact: wheatonmops@gmail.com
great resource: mops.org



FIND YOUR FIRE

Fall 2018 Calendar

October 9 Meeting
Surrender Daringly

October 23 Meeting
Death & Grieving, Karen Liebold, Speaker

November 13 Meeting
Gratitude & Service: Little Giraffe Foundation

November 27 Meeting
Reclaiming Home: Cathy Felz, Open Space Organizing

December Meeting
Christmas Celebration!

* Play Dates: Wednesdays Park or Gary's Activity Center 4-5 p.m.

* Coffee Hour: Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.
At Regi's Home. Contact wheatonmops@gmail.com for details.

* Additional MNO & Play Dates coming soon!

Check our MOPS Facebook page for updates throughout the semester!

Trustees CORNER

The Board of Trustees has been working on a long list of projects to keep our building and grounds in good repair.

Many projects have been completed this past summer: repairs were made to the driveway aprons, and several sidewalk sections that had become tripping hazards were replaced; the outside stairs to the north entrance were replaced; a bike rack was installed north of the west entrance; the enclosure of the dumpsters on the south side of the church was repaired and re-stained; many chairs in the Chapel that had become loose and wobbly have been repaired. In addition, the lower level commons area has new child-friendly chairs and a new look and logo painted on the walls. We thank the many volunteers who have helped with these projects.

Inspired Heights is continuing the tuckpointing of the exterior walls around the sanctuary and is currently working on the courtyard side of the building. This work includes repairing the tracery at the windows and coping on the dormers and includes filling in the old vents below the windows on the exterior with matching stonework.

The subcommittee working on audio and visual upgrades to the system in the sanctuary is in the process of hiring a design consultant to assess our needs and prepare a bid document that can be sent to contractors for estimates.

Board of Trustees

Together in Mission

Greetings Friends,

Thanks to all who visited (including our furry friends) or brought treats to ESSE (Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly) in August. Everyone loved the change in routine.

Please save the date: The 22nd ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST, November 10 from 7:30–11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 515 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton. You can eat your fill of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. The auction baskets are being put together and there are some great silent auction items too. Please join us for our biggest fund raiser to support our seniors. Look for the ticket table in the Commons in late October.



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

PANCAKES are coming! Add it to your calendar today!

~ Debby Connor
Gary Church ESSE Representative

Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette, IN

During the week of September 21, Gary's Work Force traveled to Lafayette, Indiana for the ninth year to put our hands and feet to work for the local Habitat for Humanity (HFH) chapter and to promote Habitat's vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. The group included Joe and Lois Davisson, Bob and Fern Evelhoch, Jamie Geiger, Sharon and Gerry Schmidt, and Kevin Carlson. On Monday we worked with the local HFH staff cleaning out a house that Habitat had recently purchased to rehab, taking eight dump truck loads to the trash transfer station. That evening we enjoyed a picnic barbeque with staff from HFH and the homeowners from past projects, Shawn Rector (2017) and Ryan Burns and her family (2016). We had a lot of fun reconnecting with the homeowners from our past projects.

On Tuesday we started installing vinyl siding on a new home in Otterbein, a small community northwest of Lafayette. On Tuesday evening we attended the house blessing for a recently completed HFH home. This was the 19th home built and funded for HFH of Lafayette by Tempest Homes, a Lafayette contractor very supportive of HFH.

During the week we had the opportunity to see the amazing new murals painted on buildings in the Wabash Ave neighborhood where Habitat's office is located. Cameron Moberg, a San Francisco street artist, was curator of Wabash Walls, a project funded by the Tippecanoe Arts Federation and guided by residents, churches, and businesses on the Avenue. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we continued installing siding on the Otterbein home and had most of the siding and soffit completed by Friday afternoon. We had a very safe and productive week.



2018 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project



Missions at a Glance

October 7:

World Communion Sunday
Offering

October 28:

Styrofoam Recycling
Collection, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
in the South Driveway

October 11:

RTO dinner provided by
the Confirmation class

November 3:

Bridge Communities Sleep
Out Saturday Night

November 10:

ESSE Pancake Breakfast

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

During the week of August 27 Gary Church members Elaine McCluskey, Gerry and Sharon Schmidt participated in Habitat for Humanity's 2018 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project in Mishawaka, Indiana. In addition to President and Mrs. Carter, country music stars Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood and Eric Paslay, as well as talk show host Dave Letterman swung hammers and raised walls on new Habitat for Humanity homes.

The Gary team was assigned to House #17, a one-story, three bedroom home, and worked side by side with the homeowner Farhat Sheikh and her children. The week started with just the floor in place, and by the end of the week the home had taken shape with walls, roof, windows, doors and most of the siding installed. On Wednesday House #17 was blessed with a visit by Mrs. Carter, who spent about 20 minutes talking to the volunteers and Farhat and her children.

The daily routine included a 6 to 6:30 a.m. coach bus ride from the hotel to the worksite where breakfast was served, followed by devotional—delivered by President Carter on the first day and Garth Brooks on the last day—and then off to work. Lunch was served on site and work concluded around 4 p.m. At the closing ceremony on Friday it was announced that the 36th Carter Build will be in Nashville the week of October 6, 2019.



Thank you

We were very surprised and pleased to receive our anniversary card last week. Thank you. Reading through the names, we recalled many pleasant memories of our 40 plus years at Gary. You are a large part of our church life and our married life.

Grace and George Smith

Thanks

It has been a tough year for the Wernicke clan, but our Gary Church family has helped us see through this trying time on the death of James Wernicke. Thanks to all for the cards, e-mails, texts, calls, FB responses, hugs, and most of all, your wonderful presence in our lives.

Steve and Barb Wernicke

Our Sympathy

Steve & Barbara Wernicke on the death of Steve's father, James R. Wernicke, on Aug. 28

Mark, Kathy, Erin & Ally Klage on the death of Kathy's aunt, Nancy Siewert, on Sept. 10

The Family of Betty Lyon. Betty passed away on Sept. 14.

Diana Bernholdt and Kelly Heighway on the death of Diana's mother, Jocelyn Bernholdt, on Sept. 6

No Addresses

In going through our database, we have found that we do not have addresses for the following:

*Michelle Kunkle
Susan Lawler
Jennifer Lundell
Matthew & Mike Miller
Brandon & Jaclyn Shetuni*

If you have information regarding their addresses, please contact the Church Office.

Thank you to everyone for supporting ChildServ's back-to-school backpack drive. Together we collected and delivered the following items:



- 9915 pages of loose sheet paper
- 816 crayons
- 336 colored pencils
- 174 #2 pencils
- 102 notebooks
- 100 colored markers
- 50 pencil top erasers
- 48 ball point pens
- 34 glue sticks and glue
- 21 highlighters/dry-erase markers
- 8 three-ring binders
- 7 rulers
- 5 folders
- 5 scissors
- 4 pencil cases
- 1- 8 subject tab inserts
- 2 erasers
- 2 hand sanitizers
- 2 backpacks

Someone You Should Know – In Memoriam

Frank D. Olson (Dan)

by Pastor Bruce Anderson

This Someone You Should Know is someone I would have liked to have known, but as he has passed away I have had to get to know him through the remembrances of his children.

I had heard the stories of how active Dan was in the church. It seemed to have had a central place in Dan's life. His daughters Debi and Jill recalled going to church and Sunday School with their father, and how happy that made him. Son Jeff remembered how active he was in the church, as Trustee, and later Chair of the Trustees, Sunday School teacher, and liturgist.

Dan was also hugely involved in sports, both as a player, coach, and supporter. He coached both his sons in baseball and umpired for his granddaughter Haley's softball team. In fact, I'm told Dan umpired over 2,500 softball games for many kids. Haley never got special treatment when her grandpa umpired her games, but she did get lots of grandfatherly encouragement. Dan was also the Sports Booster President the year Jeff's football team won state.

Jill remembers how important the members of Dan's teams were to him, and how he could remember all the players he coached on her brother's little league teams, their names and what type of skill they had as players. That is a special gift, and I have no doubt it made all of them feel special to be remembered that way.

But Dan wasn't a sidelines kind of guy. He liked to get in there and compete himself. Debi told me he played volleyball and mud football until the age of 75. And they all thought he was an amazing athlete in his "advanced" age.

He was also quite the game player, and family game nights were a staple in the Olson family. He would orchestrate family solitaire tournaments, bridge games, charades and poker and many other fun games.

Jill remembers watching her dad take his time making a perfect score sheet, like it was a graph, for family bridge games. And he always put a dollar in the pot for the winner—to make it more interesting. But, she said it would always be him winning the dollar, so he wasn't really risking anything.

It seems that Dan had quite a creative streak as well. He wrote wonderful children stories that the family loved to hear, which have been passed down from his children to his grandchildren. The stories were called "The Red Balloon" and, the family favorite, "The Cinnamon Bear." He recorded them on cassette tape and the family sat around and listened to them. He also wrote letters of encouragement to the family. Debi remembers Haley getting encouraging letters as she worked through Nursing School. It really made her day to hear from him and to know that he was thinking of her during trying times.



Another family legacy is Dan driving a school bus for the Head Start program. I am told that he enjoyed it so much, that daughter Debi followed in his footsteps and became a driver as well. They worked as a team—and she was happy that it made him proud of her.

Finally, were the holiday memories. It seems that Dan was something of a renaissance man and liked to bake. Jeff says he made the best homemade bread, and he would give each of them a loaf at Christmas time. (Though loafing was not generally tolerated in the Olson household.) Debi remembers waking up very early to go deliver newspapers with her dad, even on Christmas Eve!

Dan Olson has left a lasting legacy at Winfield Community Church, and in the community. He is someone I was glad to come to know.





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**We're hosting *Trunk or Treat*
at the same time as *Boo-
a-Palooza*, the Downtown
Wheaton Association's
annual trick or treating
event.**

Let's come together to show *RADICAL HOSPITALITY* to those not yet familiar with our church!

Decorate a Trunk

Sign up at garychurch.org.

Donate Candy and New/Used Costumes

A donation box for candy for the event and costumes for People's Resource Center families is located in the Commons.

Invite your Friends and Neighbors

And bring your kids and grandkids in costume!

We're inviting the community to our parking lot so that later they will come through our doors!