

Gary United Methodist Church

September 13, 2020

Congregational Care

Today's altar flowers are given by

Barbara Holmes in loving memory of her mother, Florence Holmes

Congratulations to

Bettye Montgomery on the birth of her great-grandson, Shepard Allen Collier, on Aug. 3.

Stay Connected to the Church Family

Gary Kids Zoom Party: Today at 2 p.m. on Zoom. All children ages preschool 3's–grade 5 are invited to a virtual party with actual fun! We'll play games, sing songs, and pray over joys and concerns. Plus, kids will hear about our monthly Helping Hands mission and enjoy a Christ-centered lesson from Mr. Jared. Check the weekly Gary Kids email for Zoom meeting details.

Gary Youth Unboxing Parties: We're kicking off the new ministry season with an in-person gathering filled with surprises. Come and see what's in the boxes! *High School:* Tonight, 6 p.m. in the parking lot. *Middle School:* Wed., Sept. 16, 7 p.m. in the parking lot.

Lectionary Readings

- This week's readings: [Exodus 14:19–31](#), [Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21](#), [Romans 14:1–12](#), and [Matthew 18:21–35](#)
- Next week's readings: [Exodus 16:2–15](#), [Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45](#), [Psalm 78](#), [Philippians 1:21–30](#), and [Matthew 20:1–16](#)

Judges: Mondays, Sept. 14–Oct. 19, 7 p.m., led by Dr. Michael Graves on Zoom and streamed in the Anderson Room. Join us for this journey through Judges as we explore and discuss remarkable characters such as Gideon, Deborah, Samson, and Delilah. Register [here](#) and indicate if you wish to attend on Zoom or in the Anderson Room.

Gary MOPS: First and Third Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 15, 8 p.m. First Tuesday of the month will be via Zoom, third Tuesday of the month will be in varying formats. Additional details and registration for this group of women of all ages and stages of motherhood can be found on our [website](#).

The Brahms Institute for Singers: Thursdays at 7 p.m. starting on Sept. 17 via Zoom. We will get our singing voices back in shape with breathing and vocal exercises, look at choral anthems together, and begin studying the Brahms Requiem. There will also be surprise guests! Anyone interested may join! Register [here](#).

In-Person Worship: Sun., Sept. 20 will be for Confirmation families only. To register for Sun., Sept. 27 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. using our new AV system, and a recording will be available later in the morning for those who prefer to continue worshiping at home.

Be Part of the Gary A/V Team: Are you interested in learning more about our new audio and video systems? Would you be willing to volunteer once or twice a month to control these systems during a Sunday service? No experience is necessary. If you are interested or have questions, contact the [Church Office](#) or Tony Venezia or Dave Mann, who have been leading the A/V volunteer teams.

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.

Sept. Mission Focus: Christopher and Michelle Hays Mission to Colombia. As a professor of New Testament at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia, Christopher provides transformational theological education for Latin American pastors. The Hays family is also heavily involved in work for Venezuelan refugees and COVID-19 relief. Learn more at [haysfamilymission.com](#). Contributions to support their work can be made [here](#), or by sending a check to the Church Office with Hays in the memo.

Cub Scout Popcorn: It's that time of year when Gary's Cub Scout Pack 335 raises money by selling popcorn and other treats. You can order yours at [www.trails-end.com](#) and use Scout Code 43ZYS2RT to support our pack.

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.

