

CHIMES

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A Faith That Sticks

In the midst of an incredible year in Gary Youth, with our students growing in their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus, the thing I have been most thankful for and impacted by is our participation in **Sticky Faith**: a cohort of

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churches from across the country led by Fuller Youth

Institute. Fuller is committed to helping youth ministries create a faith in students that sticks with them, even after they leave their childhood home and head into the next chapters of life.

Our Sticky Faith team—Pastor Brian, Pastor Carey, Shauna Smith, Phyllis Geyer, my husband Tanner, and I—have engaged in monthly meetings, seminars, conversations, and even a two-day trip to California to study with experts who have spent years researching what cultivates a faith that sticks with students. What we've heard has impacted the way we do ministry, engage with our students, and even our own families. It has been a transformational journey, and we are ready and excited to begin sharing all that we have learned!

This is why I can't wait for our Sticky Faith Family class for parents, grandparents, family members of all ages—all of you who are so impactful and necessary in cultivating the faith of a child.

This five-week course, led by members of our Sticky Faith team, will help answer difficult parenting and faith questions: What happens when you see things in your kids that you don't like? How can you create a safe place to connect with your kids? How do you create a flourishing connection with your kids? These things are essential for cultivating a faith that sticks with students, but also benefit your personal relationship with your children and your family at large!

At the end of the course, you will begin creating your own Sticky Faith parenting plan, where you can take the months of research and learning from our team, the conversations we have together in class, and all of the ideas it will spark and begin to put it into practical action.

I am confident that God has big things in store for the families of Gary Church and, through this Sticky Faith cohort and class, has and will continue to work, rooting us in a deep trust and love for God. Can't wait to continue this journey with y'all!

~Alexa Isaac

sticky faith for families

Sundays, 10 a.m. September 10–October 8

led by Alexa Isaac in the Anderson Room

Gary in Mission this Summer

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Extremists for Love

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind... You must love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37, 39).

There is a connection between our love of God and our love of neighbor. Jesus describes how we are to love God; with all our heart, being, and mind. And, Jesus also describes how we are to love our neighbor. We are to love them as we love our self.

These sayings of Jesus, recorded in the Gospel according Matthew, are "the great ones." That is, according to Jesus, they are the first great commandment and the second great commandment. Jesus also says that the second is like the first. As people of faith, "love" is the greatest thing that we can do and "love" is what we are commanded to do.

The United Methodist Church teaches that, "In order to be truly alive, we embrace Jesus' mandate to love God and to love our neighbor and to make disciples of all peoples." Furthermore, "as we make disciples, we respect persons of all religious faiths and we defend religious freedom for all persons."

In a world that so often seems filled with hate and hostility toward one's neighbors, Christ still calls us to love.



In his book, *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community*, published fifty years ago, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote, "I have decided to stick with love...Hate is too great a burden to bear." King, who was no stranger to domestic terror and hate from extremists, was himself called an extremist. Though he wrestled with that categorization of himself, he wrote, "Was not Jesus an extremist for love? ...Was not Amos an extremist for justice? ...The question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice?"

During some of our adult education offerings this year we will be discussing a wide variety of topics to help us better understand our neighbors, that we might fulfill that command of Jesus. As I write, we have just finished our first of three sessions on Christian Unity. In a few weeks we will be learning about Islam. In October, we will mark the 500th year of the Reformation. Similarly, religious and other organizations in Wheaton have begun to develop a Wheaton Interfaith Council with this mission statement: "The Wheaton Interfaith Council is committed to affirming religious diversity in Wheaton, celebrating our similarities, understanding our differences, breaking down stereotypes, and defending human rights and human dignity." I pray that these times of learning and engagement will be not only educational but transformational for us.

Just as we are called to fulfill the Great Commission to go into the world to make disciples of all peoples, so too are we called to fulfill the greatest commandments to love God and our neighbor. As we read in the *Book of Discipline*, "Whenever United Methodism has had a clear sense of mission, God has used our Church to save persons, heal relationships, transform social structures, and spread scriptural holiness, thereby changing the world." These are times that call for extreme measures. Let us choose to be extremists for love.

Christopher L. Pearson

Our Mission

Grow in faith, knowledge and understanding of Christ as Lord and Savior

Serve our community and the world by sharing time, gifts, talents

Nurture one another through worship, fellowship, love

Demonstrate our discipleship to Christ

Proclaim God's grace and Good News

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.

Helpful Publicity Information

When submitting articles and announcements for Gary publications, please adhere to these deadlines:

- Weekly e-news, Gary Youth e-news, or Children's Ministry e-news to blemna@garychurch.org by Tuesday noon
- Bulletin announcements to office@garychurch.org (or submit a written copy) by Tuesday noon
- Chimes articles to office@garychurch.org by the **15th of each month**

All content will be included in Gary publications at our discretion. Content may be edited at our discretion. Submissions received after the deadline may not appear until the following week/month. The next Chimes will be the October issue mailed the first week of October. ***The submission deadline is September 15.***

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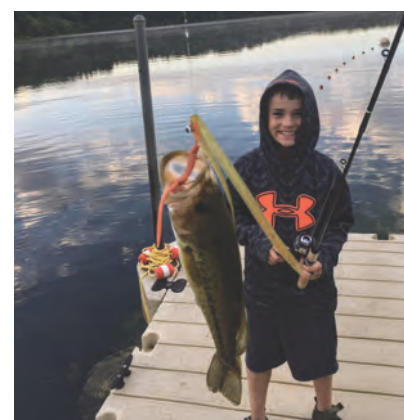
In an effort to protect the privacy of our members, personal contact information (phone numbers and/or email addresses) will not be shared in Gary/Winfield publications.

Gary/Winfield Churches use photos and videos of adults taken at events, classes, and worship for our printed and online publications and in social media unless an individual specifically directs the church not to do so by completing a form available in the Gary Office. We will only use photos or videos of minors when their parents or guardians have given permission to do so by signing the Children's or Youth Ministry Registration Forms, available on our website.





On July 28-30, Gary families gathered at Pine Lake Camp in Westfield, WI for a time of growing closer to God and each other through nature, worship, and play. This year's weekend theme was "By Still Waters." Family devotions focused on Psalm 23 and the ways in which the still waters of God's presence and care restore us beyond our imagining. During their free time, families enjoyed swimming, boating, hiking, archery, and more! Thank you to all who joined us for this year's event. We look forward to next summer...Family Camp 2018!



THANK YOU...

Thank You

Thanks to all of the Gary Church family for the love shown in your prayers and condolences on our loss of our father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Robert Gregory. Although he didn't live nearby, he felt connected to Gary through a 2010 Habitat trip and his hand-crafted gift of the Welcome Desk.

The McCluskey Family

Dear Gary Church Members and Friends,

We wish to thank you for your most sincere prayers over the past couple of months, and offer an extra thanks for your cards, hugs, and visits at Central DuPage Convalescent Center where we are currently.

Jack & Shirley Williamson

Pasta Dinner A Success!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Pasta Dinner at Cantigny in August to raise funds for Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. The event generated over \$5000 for the Shelter.

Don Kenyon

BAPTISMS

Harrison Grey Asencio, son of Daniel & Angelica Asencio, on Aug. 20

Evan Kenneth Rahn, son of Eric & Mary Ellen Rahn, on Aug. 20

Josephine Lynn Senn, daughter of Alexander Senn & Christine Hall-Senn, on Aug. 20

OUR SYMPATHY

Paul, Kara, Audrey & Sam Calderwood on the death of Paul's mother

The Shaughnessy Family on the death of their husband and father, Dave Shaughnessy, on Aug. 2

The Roell Family on the death of Walter's father, Paul Roell, on July 31

Judy Grote and Linda Walzak on the death of their dear friend, Florence Kawa, on Aug. 1

Mary Landreth on the death of her great nephew, John Booras, on Aug. 18

Celebrating Summer

On Sunday, August 13, Gary/Winfield gathered for the annual *Worship in the Park* and then enjoyed a picnic together. We celebrated summer and the upcoming school year with a blessing for our students.



Gary Church Offers Electronic Giving

This is a way to automate your regular weekly offering, providing convenience and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Follow these steps to set up your on-line giving:

1. Go to our website, www.garychurch.org, from your computer or smart phone.
2. Click on "online giving" under "Ways to Give" and create a profile.
3. Set up withdrawals from either your checking account or your credit/debit card.
4. Opt in to be able to send text donations if you would like to be able to text your offerings.

Another option for electronic giving is the app Joyfully2UMC. Download it from your smart phone app store. Select Gary as your home church and follow the prompts to make a donation. There are several Gary United Methodist Churches in the U.S., so please be sure to select the one in Wheaton.



Preschool News: Sponsor a Child

Gary Preschool is very fortunate to be able to sponsor two families from our community this fall with scholarship funds from generous donations by our United Methodist Women. They were able to cover a full year's tuition for one of the families! I recently had another request to sponsor a refugee family, and we enrolled their son in our four-year-old preschool class for this fall. Both parents work so they contribute a small amount to his tuition, but we need your help. If you would like to sponsor this student, any amount would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Shelley Bornstein at (630) 668-3100 or via email at preschool@garychurch.org.



Members of Gary Church will travel to Lafayette, Indiana *the week of September 25–29* to share our time and talents to support Habitat for Humanity’s mission: A world where everyone has a decent place to live. Lafayette is only a 2 ½ hour drive from Wheaton, so spend the whole week or come down for a day, two, or three. No previous building or remodeling skills are required; people of all skill levels join us each year. It’s not too late to be part of this effort to build homes and revitalize a neighborhood!

We are a family of Christian missionaries in Medellín, Colombia, where Christopher is a professor of New Testament at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia. We partner with a team of talented scholars from Latin America and the North Atlantic, with a common vision to serve the Church of South America by training pastors and empowering a new generation of Latin American theologians. We believe that equipping Christian leaders with a first-rate seminary education is a key means of helping the Church to continue to thrive and grow, both in Colombia and throughout all of Latin America. We'd love for you to take a look at what we're doing!

Run, Walk, Golf...for a Cause



Joy Circle

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

mums for missions

Preorder

September 10, in the Gary Commons or contact the Church Office
by September 14

Pick up

at Gary, Sunday, September 24, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost

\$10

All proceeds go to women's and children's missions.

Support Gary Scouts!

Gary's Boy Scout Troop 35 will be taking advance orders for **Christmas greens and wreaths** on *Sundays, September 17 and 24 from 10–11 a.m. in the Commons*. Get a head start on your Christmas planning while supporting our Scout Troop!

Get your fall supply of **popcorn** from our Cub Scout Pack 335. The boys will be ready to take your orders on *Sundays, September 17 and 24 and October 1 from 10–11 a.m. in the Commons*.



The Awakenings Project

*Featuring art, music, and poetry by survivors
of Mental Illness*



by Kelsey Kowalski

September 10 - October 8

Gallery Hours:

Sundays 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
or by appointment, 708-705-8669

Artists Reception:

Sunday, September 10, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



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MINISTRYCalendar

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:00 a.m.

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Understanding Islam in the Age of ISIS and Islamophobia

September 10, 17, 24, in the Chapel, led by Azam Nizamuddin

Attorney and Professor Azam Nizamuddin will help us unpack the religion of Islam in today's confusing public sphere. Some of the questions that will be explored include: What role does violence play in our discourse and understanding of religions? How has Muslim civilization responded to modernity and European colonialism in the past century? How do Muslims continue to maintain their spirituality and mindfulness despite internal fissures, and the external challenges of nationalism and the competition for global resources among superpowers?

Sticky Faith for Families

September 10–October 8, led by Alexa Isaac in the Anderson Room (Commons E on October 8)

Sticky Faith, developed by Fuller Youth Institute, is a ministry framework and parenting philosophy backed by practical and proven ideas to help develop long-term faith in teenagers. This five-week study—for parents, grandparents, anyone else connected to students—includes real-life stories and interviews with parents who share their own struggles, successes, and ideas that have shaped lasting faith in their own families.

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Hymnody of the Reformation

October 1, 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel, led by Dr. Lance Peeler

Martin Luther changed congregational singing forever. On the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will explore the legacy of Reformation congregational singing.

Old Testament, Part 3

October 8–November 26, 10:00 a.m. in the Anderson Room, facilitated by Cliff Hill

This study of the Old Testament uses the DVD lecture series by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of Old Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, which offers an introduction to the history, literature, and religion of ancient Israel and early Judaism as found in the Old Testament. Join us for Professor Levine's interesting lectures on both the context of the Biblical books and the debates over their meaning.

The Reformation at 500: Its History, Legacy, and Relevance for United Methodists Today

October 15, 22, and 29 in the Chapel, led by Dr. Andy Tooley

Perhaps more than any other event, the Protestant Reformation dramatically affected the course of western Christianity. What was the Protestant Reformation? How was it able to disrupt the social, political, and religious worlds of Europe? What were people trying to reform and why should all of this matter for Methodists living in the twenty-first century? Join us for this three-week class to discuss these questions and more.

Explore Membership

Sunday, September 10, 1:30–3:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

If you are considering membership, join the pastors to get better acquainted, discuss what it means to be United Methodist, and learn more about our Gary congregation. Contact Kim Austin at kaustin@garychurch.org to register. Participants are also encouraged to attend **Explore Gary** on September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Explore Gary

Sunday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. in Commons E

Whether you are new to the church or just ready for new opportunities to grow and serve, join us for this overview of the ministries of Gary Church. Come learn how you can connect and build friends in faith.

WEEKDAY STUDIES

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays beginning September 5 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room

If you are looking to grow in faith and fellowship, come journey with this weekly group for study, lively discussion, prayer, and friendship. The first study topic for the fall is *Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today*.

Men's Bible Study

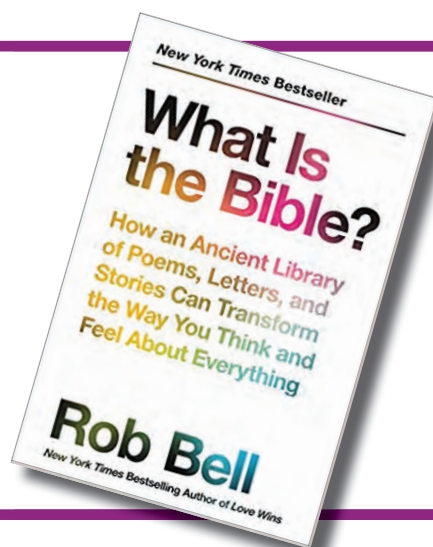
Tuesdays beginning September 19 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in Commons E

We will tackle the Book of Revelation this Fall. If you like symbolism and prophecy, Revelation is for you! But there is more - As Vance Havner is said: "I do not understand all the details of the book of Revelation, but there is a special blessing promised to all who read, hear, and keep its message and I don't want to miss that blessing." Join the men of Gary and Winfield churches for thoughtful and enlightening discussion in a relaxing, informal setting.

What is the Bible?

Mondays, September 11–October 16, 9:30 a.m. in the Anderson Room

Join Betsy Boyd for a compelling discussion of this book by Rob Bell, subtitled *How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything*. Come rethink the Bible and how it can inspire and shape our lives.



Find your place to connect in our Fellowship and Care Groups



September 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Walkers and Talkers , every Tues and Thurs, walk: 7:45 a.m., talk & coffee: 9 a.m.	6 	7 Care Cards , 1 p.m. every Thurs in the Heritage Room to make cards	8	9 Mary Martha Circle , 9 a.m. in the Commons
10 	11	12 MOPS , 9:15-11:15 a.m. in the Commons, 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays Knitting Circle , 7 p.m. in the Commons	13 Grief Matters 10 a.m. in Commons A, weekly through Nov 29	14 Gary Lunch Group , 12 p.m., Commons, bring dish to share + \$2 Infant/Toddler Playgroup , 4 p.m., Kelly Park	15 Parent's Night Out , 6:30-8:30 p.m., sign up through the Church Office	16
17	18 Susanna Wesley Circle , 6 p.m., Carol's Garden Restaurant	19 Joy Circle , 6 p.m. in the Commons	20 	21	22 Fourth Friday Game Night , 6:30 p.m. in the Commons	23 Supper at 6 , 5:30 p.m. in host homes, dessert at the church, sign up in the Commons
24 October 1 Young Family Fellowship Potluck: Save the date & watch for details	25	26 Lunchtime Literary Group , Anderson Room 12 p.m., bring a lunch & discuss <i>Hillbilly Elegy</i> by J.D. Vance	27 Craft Circle , 7 p.m. in Gamon Hall	28	29 	30 October 6 Caleb Factor Men's Ministry , 8:00 a.m. in the Commons



Mark your calendar for our other Supper at 6 dates: *January 6, March 24, and May 19.* These quarterly gatherings are a great way to get to know others at Gary. How does it work? In the month prior to each Supper, sign up in the Commons to host six to ten people in your home or to be one of the guests who each bring a dish to share. We gather in each host home around 5:30 and share dinner at 6 p.m.

Then around 7:30 we all meet up at the church for dessert and more great conversation.

Music AT GARY CHURCH

Calling All Men of Gary Church!

As I begin my second year as director, I would like to cordially invite all men (high school age on) to be a part of the great tradition that is Men's Chorus here at Gary Church. I especially extend a warm invitation to those who have not sung with us in the past – to come and try us out! No experience is necessary, just a wish for a good time, great fellowship, and of course great music. If you are a former member, consider rejoining us for the coming year.

On the subject of great music, I've selected some nice pieces that I think everyone will enjoy. Our first rehearsal is *Saturday, September 9, at 8:00 a.m.* in the Choir Room on the Upper Level. If you cannot make the first rehearsal, our next one is *September 16* – same time, same place. Please feel free to join us when you can around your travels, golf games, and life. The door is always open. If you have any questions, please contact me through the Church Office.

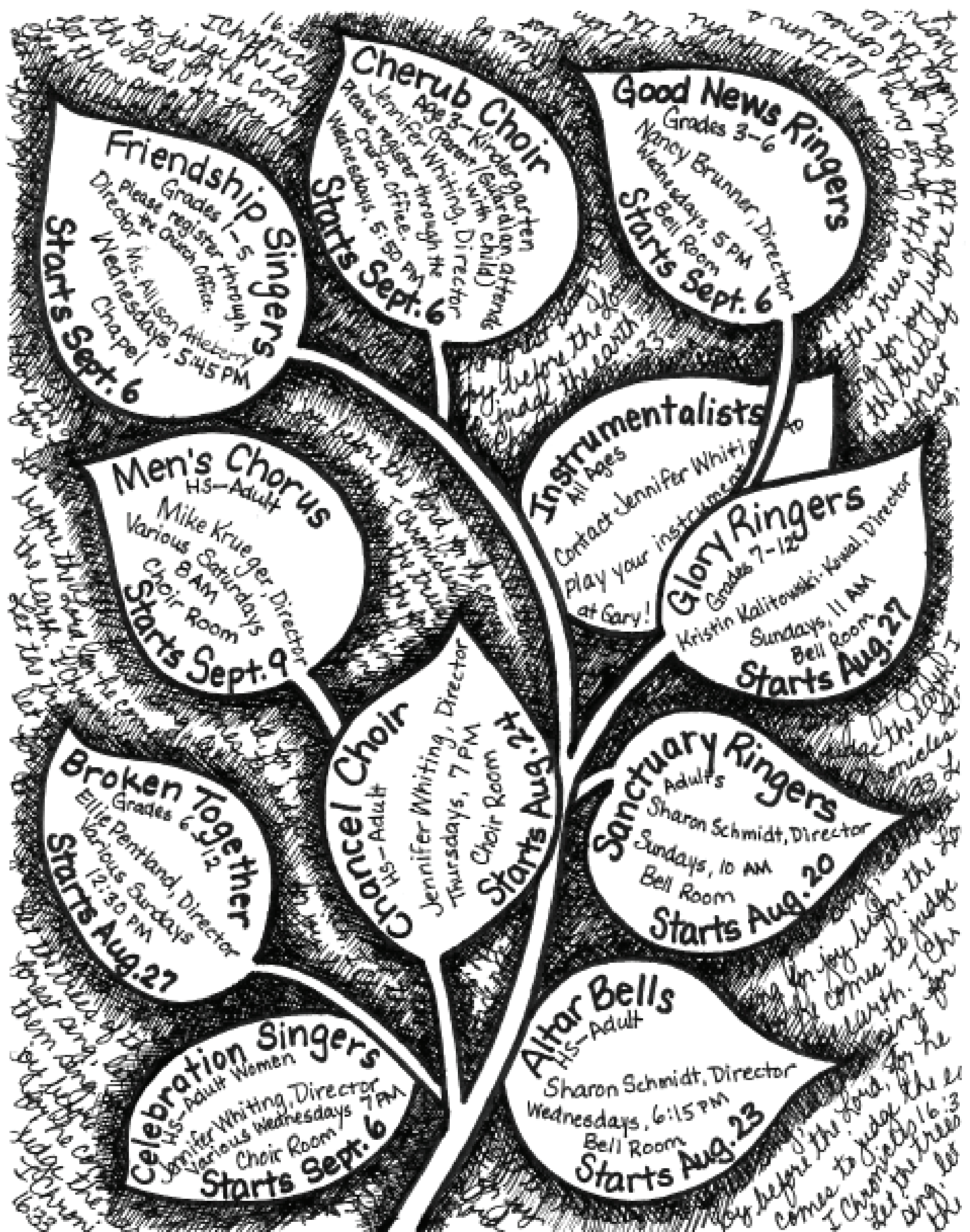
~Mike Krueger

Wednesday Evenings at Gary Church—Music and MORE!

Please join us; there's something for everyone in your family!

Childcare available 5:30–6:45 p.m.

Time:	5:00pm	5:30pm	5:45pm	6:00pm	6:15pm	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm
Bell Ensembles:	Good News Ringers ~ Grades 3–6 ~ Bell Room ~ 5:00–5:45 p.m.				Altar Bells ~ HS—adult ~ Bell Room ~ 6:15–7:30 p.m.					
Vocal Ensembles:			Friendship Singers ~ Grades 1–5 ~ Chapel ~ 5:45–6:30 p.m. ~ Registration required				Celebration Singers ~ HS—adult women ~ Choir Room ~ 7:00–8:00 p.m. ~ On announced weeks			
Music Class:			Cherub Choir ~ Age 3–K ~ Adult attends with child ~ Choir Room ~ <u>5:50–6:25</u> p.m. ~ Registration required							
Christian Formation:		Disciple Fast Track ~ Adults ~ Anderson Room ~ 5:30–6:45 p.m.					Gary Youth Midweek ~ Students grades 6–12 ~ Activity Center ~ 7:00–8:30 p.m.			



For more information, please contact Jennifer Whiting at jwhiting@garychurch.org.



We believe that caring for the child means caring for the whole family!
Here are a few ways Gary Kids is sharing the love with you and your kiddos.

Playgroup

Thursday, September 14, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Geared toward infants-preschoolers, this monthly group is a fun way for parents and children to enjoy some time out. We'll kick off the fall season at Kelly Park located at 1100 S. Main St in Wheaton. The playgroup will continue to meet the second Thursday of the month and will meet at various locations. Older siblings are welcome to attend.

Parent's Night Out

Friday, September 15, 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.

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Bowling Outing!

Thursday, September 21, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Let the good times roll! We will meet at Gary and head to Wheaton Bowl for a few strikes before returning to church. Cost is \$5 per person. R.S.V.P. through the Church Office by September 18.



August 25	September 21	October 21	November 10	December 5
Sillyness + S'mores	Bowling Night	Fall Clean-Up	Friends- giving	Christmas Sharing
In the activity center	Wheaton Bowl bring \$5	meet + return at Gary	in activity center bring 2 canned foods!	help us set up the toy section!
6:30-8:30	6:30-8:30	9:00am-Noon	6:30-8:30	6:00-8:00

As we get closer to these events, more information can be found at www.garychurch.org.

The heartbeat of Gary Kids pulses on Sunday mornings.
Be sure to join us for Kids' Church at 9:00 a.m.
and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.



Gary Youth

Students are vital participants in the life and ministry of Gary Church. Whether it is through Sunday School classes, Wednesday evening fellowship, or mission and outreach projects, Gary Youth strives to be a place where students can be real, challenge one another, and grow in faith.

Take a look at our fall calendar and plan to jump in!

Fall 2017

September	October	November	December
Midweek 9.6 9.13 9.20 9.22 Fall Retreat 9.24	Midweek 10.4 10.11 10.18 10.14 Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag 10.28 Trunk or Treat	Midweek 11.1 11.8 11.15 11.4 Sleep Out Saturday 11.12 Turkey Bowl 11.22 Thanksgiving Eve Service	Midweek 12.6 12.13 12.20 12.8 Christmas Sharing 12.9 12.17 Christmas Party

september 22-24
lake geneva
youth camp

Fall Retreat **\$160**

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30

facebook @ Gary Youth
 instagram @gary youth
 for text updates, text "GARY YOUTH" to 95577

Serve Sundays
 First Sunday of the month 3:00-4:00 p.m.
 Come play Bingo at Brighton Gardens!

Register for the Fall Retreat by September 6 at garychurch.org. As we get closer to the other events, details will be available in our bulletin, enews, and at garychurch.org.

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Winfield Community United Methodist Church
An Affiliate of Gary United Methodist Church



to be held at Winfield UMC one Saturday evening per month
If you are interested in being **a part of the music** or even being **a part of the service**, contact
Pastor Bruce at pastorbrucea@gmail.com.



In July West Chicago Food pantry received a gift of \$1200 on behalf of *Neighborhood Food Pantries*. Donations were collected from the Winfield Church rummage and bake sales.



Something You Should Know

This month I am writing about something that I would like you to know about, rather than someone. I recently went to see the movie *All Saints*, which was wonderful. It is the true story of All Saints Episcopal Church in Smyrna, Tennessee.

All Saints is a small, struggling church that has just received a new, first-time pastor. (It might remind you of another church in the area.) Pastor Michael Spurlock was sent to help facilitate the closing and sale of the church. (Not the ideal first appointment to my mind.) It is a small-member church with a good amount of property around it, which would be well suited for development.

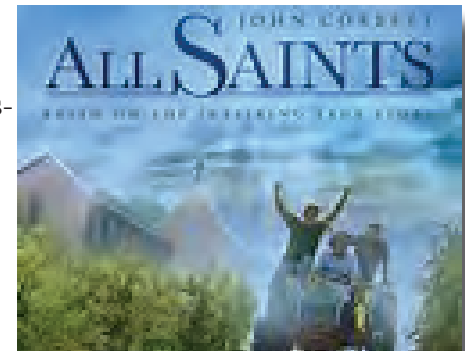
As Michael goes about inventorying the church's assets he has some discussions with parishioners about closing the church, with which they are understandably not pleased with. When reasoning with a parishioner about the small size of the congregation, as a reason for closing the church, the reply Michael receives is that "Jesus started out with only twelve followers and he did alright."

The rest of the story is about the conflicting needs and desires to both close and grow the church. The church attracts some Burmese refugees and follows the struggles to incorporate people with very different religious and cultural understandings into an existing congregation. The pastor then has to buck the denominational power structure that wants the church closed and sold in order to serve a new group of people that have nowhere else to go and need the church's help.

It is a wonderful story about struggling with God's will, human will and what is the right thing to do in challenging situations. This is not one of those traditional Christian films that tells you what you should believe and how to act. It leaves you with the questions of personal discernment and what would you do in similar circumstances.

This is not a film that has a large publicity budget and will be doing much advertising, which is why I want people to be aware of it and go see it if at all possible. At a time when we are facing so much intolerance and hatred, it is good to be reminded about how God's people, including clergy, can work to accept and help those who are quite different than themselves, and learn about themselves and God in the process. It is a true story with no pat answers, but a lot of possibilities. I hope that you will enjoy the film.

Pastor Bruce Anderson



OUR STAFF

Rev. Bruce Anderson, *Pastor*
Olive Aliga, *Music Director / Pianist*
Pam Keller, *Print Coordinator*



SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Nursery care is provided.

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Children's Christian Education



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Saturday, October 28
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

This year we will celebrate Gary's location in historic Downtown Wheaton by offering **Trunk or Treat** at the same time as **Boo-a-Palooza**, the Downtown Wheaton Association's annual trick or treating event. Get your Gary group together and sign up to **decorate a trunk and/or donate candy** to make this a successful outreach to our community. And be sure to bring your kids, grandkids, and neighbors **in costume** for this spook-tacular event!

A Trunk sign-up sheet and a candy donation box are located outside the Church Office.