



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!



Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

www.garychurch.org

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Gary Church in Mission

Fifth Sunday Appeal: Today we join with other churches in the Northern Illinois Conference to collect a special offering for affiliate agencies of United Voices for Children that serve children, youth, and families in need.

Gary's Boy Scout Troop 35 will be taking advance orders for Christmas greens and wreaths today from 10–11 a.m. in the Commons.

Socktober Helping Hands Mission: Gary's children are collecting new socks to be donated to a local mission. Donations can be dropped off in the Lower Level through Oct. 21. Join Gary Kids as they share small acts of kindness that make a big difference!

Histio Heroes 5K Race: Oct. 21 at 9 a.m. in Batavia (with Little Heroes Hop for children from 9–10:15 a.m.). This fundraiser was started 12 years ago by Gary members Pam and Joe Kurtz to help the Histiocytosis Association fund research for this rare blood disease. Both participants and volunteers are wanted. Register at histioheroes.com.

Children's and Youth Ministries

Gary Playdate: Come play with us at our new meeting time, the first Wednesday of each month. Join us in the Gary Activity Center on Oct. 3 from 4 to 5 p.m. to socialize with other parents while your little ones play. Snacks will be provided!

Midweek at Gary Youth: Middle Schoolers, join us on Oct. 3 from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Serve Sunday: Oct. 7 from 3 to 4 p.m. Middle and high school students are invited to come play bingo with the residents at Brighton Gardens Assisted Living, 831 Butterfield Rd., Wheaton.

Word and Table: Our new format for High School Sunday nights begins on Oct. 7. We will meet every other week from 6:30–8 p.m. for dinner at a different host home. On Oct. 7 we will meet at the Marra home. Contact aisaac@garychurch.org for details.

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship: Oct. 12 from 6:30–8 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 mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat on Oct. 27 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Parent's Night Out: Oct. 19 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Drop off your children (6 months–grade 3) at Gary for some supervised play time, and enjoy a night out. Reservations are required through the Church Office and a donation of \$5 per child is suggested.

Opportunities at Gary Church

Faith Club: A Women's Interfaith Book Discussion Group. Join us on Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room to discuss *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong.

The Lunch Group will meet on Oct. 18 from 12–1 p.m. in the Commons. Main dish provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost: \$2 per person. All are welcome.

Praise Service: Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. in Winfield's Sanctuary. Following the service, there will be an optional dinner and fellowship time at a local restaurant. All are welcome.

Grief Support: Although the Grief Support group will not meet this fall, past members are invited to coffee on Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. in the Commons.

Weekday Studies

***Fear of the Other* Book Discussion:** Mondays through Oct. 8 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Anderson Room.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Anderson Room

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Commons E beginning Oct. 2. Study guides are available in the cabinets across from the Church Office. Cost: \$5.

Devotional Studies: Thursdays at 10 a.m. in Commons E

Disciple 3: Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Anderson Room beginning Oct. 4

Please Note

Please help Gary member Sue Sturm's 15 year-old grandson whose immune system is failing. A GoFundMe campaign has been set up to help the family with the costs of the treatment, which are not covered by insurance. The family will be in the Commons at 10 a.m. with more information and is also selling lip balm to help defray medical costs.

Remembering the Saints: Nov. 4 during both worship services. 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 Oct. 21 so that we can include them in our time of Remembering the Saints.

Burning Bush Art Gallery—An Outreach of Gary Church

Now Showing: *Awakenings Project* through today. This show features artists that are survivors of mental illness.

Acorn Coffeehouse presents Eric Lugosch on Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cost: \$10. Eric, a national finger-picking champion, is a very creative acoustic guitarist. Reservations are encouraged at acorncoffeehouse.com.

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

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.



What is the Pray for Me Campaign?

It 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. Our goal is to connect each of them with three prayer sponsors!

How do I get involved?

Sign up to be a sponsor on our website. Then on **October 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Activity Center**, you'll meet the family or student for whom you will pray and get a picture and prayer guide.

Say yes to praying for a young person—and cheer them on in faith and life!

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!