# Gary United Methodist Church April 11, 2021

# Stay Connected to the Church Family

#### Our sympathy to:

Pastor Chris & Sandy Pierson on the death of their niece, Katina Golden, on Apr. 2 Jill, Paul and Tom Stoffels on the death of Jill's mother, Jean Van Metre on Apr. 3 Kathy Hughes on the death of her husband, Tom Huges, on Apr. 5

Altar flowers: Sign up here if you would like to provide flowers on Sunday mornings, or contact the Church Office.

### **Sunday mornings**

- Limited In-Person Worship: Today, in-person worship is offered for 50 or fewer congregants at 9 a.m. We will provide livestreaming and recorded worship here. To attend in person next Sun., Apr. 18, register in advance or call the Church Office.
- Worship Talk: 11 a.m. on Zoom, link available at garychurch.org.
- Gary Kids Zoom Party: Apr. 11, 10 a.m. on Zoom for preschool 3's-grade 5.

**Faith Club:** A Women's Interfaith Discussion Group | Passover and Ramadan: Tues., Apr. 13, 7 p.m. on Zoom. Our Jewish and Muslim friends will share the importance of these major holidays in their faiths. If you would like to be part of the conversation, contact Kim Austin through the <a href="Church Office">Church Office</a>.

**Sacred:** Mondays, Apr. 19 and 26, 7 p.m. on Zoom. In celebration of Native American Ministries, this two-part series will feature several speakers who will share knowledge about Native American spirituality, culture, and the Native community in Chicago today. Register <a href="here">here</a>. To learn more about the speakers, visit our website.

Anti-Racist Book Club | Catalyst by CW Allen: Wed., April 28, 7 p.m. on Zoom, led by CW Allen. Imagine God interjecting a great catalyst into our lives that makes us the people God created us to be. God doesn't allow us to be acquainted with true purpose apart from uncomfortable seasoning, and this is exactly what has happened in CW's life. To join the conversation with author CW Allen, please purchase the book through the Church Office and register <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Weekly podcasts

- Gary Church Podcast: This podcast contains the scripture and sermon from each Sunday.
- Pastor Brian Podcast: There is a new episode each Monday which is designed to be used daily throughout the week.

### **Lectionary readings**

- This week's readings: Acts 4:32–35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1–2:2, and John 20:19–31
- Next week's readings: Acts 3:12–19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1–7, and Luke 24:36b–48

# **Stay Connected to the Mission**

**Outreach Ministries** *Prescription for Life*: Each year, Gary Church helps fund Outreach Ministries' Older Adult programs by filling pill bottles with loose change. This year, pill bottles can be picked up at the church during office hours. Donations may also be made <u>online</u> or by mailing a check to the church by Sun., Apr. 25.

Your tithes and offerings: To support the ongoing mission and ministry of Gary Church, please consider making a gift. Here are 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.

Gary Preschool is hiring: Teachers are needed for our Parent's Morning Out classes. The classes are Mon./Wed./Fri. and Tues./Thurs. in the morning, Sept. through May. To apply and learn more about these positions, email <u>Kirsten McCluskey</u>.

Gary Cares funds available: If you or your family are in need, do not hesitate to reach out to <u>Pastor Chris</u> or <u>Pastor Brian</u> regarding our confidential Gary Cares Fund.

**COVID-19 update:** Church Office hours are Mon–Fri., 10 a.m.–3 p.m. The building will remain locked. Our Health Team continues to monitor the COVID-19 guidelines of governmental agencies and the NIL Conference. Visit our website for the latest information.

