



# Gary Church Announcements

## Stay Connected to the Church Family

### Our sympathy to:

Jim Smith on the death of his wife, Geri Smith, on May 21. Arrangements are pending.

### Sunday morning, May 29

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Livestream and recorded worship services are available at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).
- **Altar flowers are given:** for the glory of God from a grateful listener.
- **Nursery:** 8:50–10:50 a.m. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery (lower level).
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 9:50 a.m. in the Commons. Volunteers needed for future weeks. Sign up at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).
- **Worship Talk:** 11 a.m. on Zoom. The link is available at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

**Sing with Chancel Ensemble's final song this spring:** Thurs., June 2, 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. We invite all singers to join us as we prepare Dan Forrest's "Come to Me." The piece will be presented in worship on Sun., June 5.

**High School Senior Recognition:** Sun., June 12. Gary's graduating high school seniors will receive an afghan and a special book in worship. Be sure to stop by the tables in the Commons to sign the books that will be presented to our seniors.

**Register on line for these events:** Visit [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) for details and to sign up.

- **Monumental Vacation Bible School:** Mon., June 20–Thurs., June 23 at Gary Church for kids entering Preschool 4s–4th grade. Volunteers are still needed.
- **Compass BLAST Camp:** Mon., June 20–Thurs., June 23 at Aldersgate UMC, Wheaton. BLAST Camp is for students entering grades 5–8. Want to help? Contact Pastor Dan ([dlee@garychurch.org](mailto:dlee@garychurch.org)).
- **Family Camp:** Thurs., July 14–Sun., July 17 at Pine Lake Camp, WI. Grow closer to God and each other through nature, worship and play.

**Celebrate Pentecost with altar geraniums:** Pentecost is Sun., June 5, and what a sight it will be to see the altar covered with red geraniums in celebration of the church's birthday. Sign up and purchase geraniums through [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org). Cost: \$10.

### Lectionary readings

- **This week's readings:** [Acts 16:16–34](#), [Psalm 97](#), [Revelation 22:12–14](#), [16–17](#), [20–21](#) and [John 17:20–26](#)
- **Next week's readings:** [Acts 2:1–21](#), [Psalm 104:24–34](#), [35b](#), [Romans 8:14–17](#) and [John 14:8–17](#), [25–27](#)

## Stay Connected to the Mission

**United Voices for Children:** Today, Sun., May 29, we will collect a special offering for United Voices for Children. Your gift will provide support for at-risk children, youth and families in Northern Illinois. You can also give at [garychurch.org/give](http://garychurch.org/give).

**Northern IL Conference Mission Challenge:** Over the next two weeks, items like dish soap, laundry detergent and toothpaste are being collected to give to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center during our Annual Conference in June. For a full list of needed items, go to [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org). Donations may be brought to the container in the Commons.

**Support 2022 Bishop's Appeal for Ukraine:** This year's special offering will go towards Ukraine assistance. Donations can be made at [garychurch.org/give](http://garychurch.org/give). T-shirts to show support of Ukraine can be purchased at [united-methodist-church.square.site](http://united-methodist-church.square.site).

**Final week of Educate a Girl mission project:** Beautiful bookmarks and caring notes of encouragement are ready to send to our scholarship students. And, thanks to generous giving, we are within reach of helping nine girls achieve a life-changing education. To help reach the goal, donate at [garychurch.org/give](http://garychurch.org/give) or through the Church Office.

**Help make Gary gardens gorgeous:** Anyone can join the Gary Gardeners team, and in the summer there's always something to do. If you can help with weeding, watering, maintaining/updating planters, general landscaping or various short-term projects, contact Barbara Wernicke through the Church Office ([office@garychurch.org](mailto:office@garychurch.org)).

**Congratulations to graduates:** We want to celebrate graduates of high school, college and vocational school with a listing in a future edition of the *Chimes* newsletter. Please let us know about your graduate at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) on the registrations page.

**Scouts BSA girls-only troop:** Gary Church is considering establishing a girls-only troop through Scouts BSA. The program is open to girls ages 12 to 18 and includes all aspects of scouting that our current Troop 35 participates in. If you know anyone interested, contact the Church Office ([office@garychurch.org](mailto:office@garychurch.org)).

**Summer musicians:** All ages are welcome to share musical talents. Contact Jennifer Whiting ([jwhiting@garychurch.org](mailto:jwhiting@garychurch.org)).