

Welcome!

You are created in the image of God and have inherent sacred worth and dignity. Following the example of Jesus Christ, we celebrate people of any age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, ability, marital status, life circumstance and faith background. Wherever you are on your journey, we invite you to share in this life together at Gary Church.

At Gary Church, our mission through Christ is to grow in joyful faith and serve all in love. Here are some ways to grow and serve:

Sign up for blood drive

Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2-6 p.m., Commons

The need is especially great right now as blood supplies are at a critical low. Each pint can save as many as three lives. Register at garychurch.org. Walk-ins also welcome.

Exploring Membership

Sunday, Aug. 30, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room

Get better acquainted with pastors and staff, learn more about what it means to be United Methodist and about the history of our Gary Church congregation. Sign up at garychurch.org.

Blooms for Books

Support Sharing A Story's fundraiser by ordering mums. Cost: \$12 per plant. Mums will be available to pick up on Sunday, Sept. 20, 10-11:30 a.m. Proceeds will be used to purchase and distribute books to children in need. Order at garychurch.org.

Today

Stay for photo, food and fellowship

We're so glad you're here for worship in Memorial Park! After worship, we'll take an all-group photo. We'll also enjoy a picnic and fellowship. Please use the Green Team's refuse, recycling and composting stations.

Special Sundays

All-church training

Sunday, Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m.

After worship at 9 a.m., grab some refreshments from Special Blend and then learn about the new theme for the year, what's happening in the ministry area(s) you serve, plus all-church policies.

Bike to Church Sunday

Aug. 30

Enjoy a bike ride to church, and park your bicycle at the rack near the Parking Lot.

"Come Sit with Me" Sermon Series:

Making Sense of the Bible

Sept. 6-Oct. 4

If you've ever had questions about the Bible, we'd like to invite you to join us for a series of honest and frank messages entitled "Making Sense of the Bible" during worship.

Kickoff Sunday

Sept. 7, 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m. worship

We kick off the ministry year with traditional worship at 9 a.m., Sunday School for all ages between services and our blended worship at 11:11 a.m.

Register for 2026-2027 ministry year

All Gary Kids and Gary Youth need to fill out a new participation form each ministry year. Find the form at garychurch.org.



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Gary United Methodist Church

Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026, 10 a.m.

Prelude

This Is the Day
This Little Light of Mine
I've Got the Joy

Led by Collective Joy

Welcome

Pastor Daniel Cochran

*Call to Worship

Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives in praise to God!

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work, play and rest as the Body of Christ!

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

We gather to remember how God has worked through us to share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love God, self, neighbor and all creation.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gathering Songs All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
 O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam

Refrain
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God’s glory also show

Refrain

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part
 O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care

Refrain

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness
 O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One

Refrain

I Will Sing of the Mercies

Chorus
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord
Forever I will sing I will sing
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness thy faithfulness
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations

Chorus

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you

Opening Prayer

Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing upon us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. To you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Galatians 5:22-25 Michelle Younkin
 2 Corinthians 5:17–21

Children’s Time Carey Williams Bebar
 Director of Christian Education

Reflection Called to Be Pastor Jonathan Crail

*Reflection Song Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it
You spread his love to ev’ryone you want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found
You can depend on him it matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain-top I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me I want to pass it on

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
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Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory This Is My Father's World Pam Connor, piano
 Franklin L. Sheppard

Gifts can also be made at garychurch.org/give or by texting “give” to 630-320-0668.

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Sending Song Lead with Love

Chorus
You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other and lead with love
You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other and lead with love

Don’t give up hope (Don’t give up hope)
You’re not alone (You’re not alone)
Don’t you give up (Don’t you give up)
Keep movin’ on (Keep movin’ on)

Chorus

Lift up your eyes (Lift up your eyes)
Don’t you despair (Don’t you despair)
Look up ahead (Look up ahead)
The path is there (The path is there)

Chorus

I know you’re scared (I know you’re scared)
And I’m scared too (And I’m scared too)
But here I am (But here I am)
Right next to you (Right next to you)

We gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other and lead with love
We gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other and lead with love

And lead with love And lead with love And lead with love

Benediction

Picnic and Photo Announcements

Postlude *Gospel Medley*
Do Lord (trad. spiritual)
Victory in Jesus (E.M. Bartlett)
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (trad. spiritual)

**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

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