



EPIC of EDEN

*Mondays, beginning September 16, 7 p.m.
in the Anderson Room
facilitated by Carey Bebar*

In this video study, Dr. Sandra Richter clearly and powerfully communicates a history of God's redeeming grace, weaving together a story that runs from the Eden of the Garden to the garden of the New Jerusalem.

Our group will gather weekly to view the filmed study, talk about the at-home work, and focus on discussion questions.

The at-home work can be done at your own pace, doing as much or as little as schedules permit. **Let the adventure begin!**

Register through the Church Office.

Reading with Eyes Open: A Primer on Interpreting the Bible

*Sundays, September 1–22 and October 6, 10 a.m.
in the Chapel led by Dr. Gene Green*

The books of the Bible often seem opaque to us and difficult to interpret since these 66 documents were written thousands of years ago to people who lived in other places, with languages and cultures foreign to us. Despite this distance, we hear God's voice in these texts as they speak divine wisdom into our lives and world.

In this workshop class, we will explore some of ways we can interpret and hear the ancient message in our day.



Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

www.garychurch.org

Sun., Aug. 18, 2019

Gary Church in Mission

August Mission Focus: Red Bird Mission has been serving residents of Appalachia since 1921. To help their mission school, we are collecting spiral notebooks, colored pencils, markers, pens (blue and black), and colored construction paper. Items can be brought to the Commons by Sun., Sept. 15. Contributions are also being accepted. Mark your envelope "Red Bird." Donations can also be made at www.garychurch.org.

ESSE (Adult Day Care): In August, Gary provides daily visits and treats to the site located within St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Sign up in the Commons or contact Deb Connor through the Church Office.

Habitat for Humanity Trip: Mon.–Fri., Sept. 23–27 in Lafayette, IN. Help build a home in partnership with families. No building experience is required, and you can come for the whole week or a couple of days. Contact the Church Office for more information.

PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter): Sun.–Mon., Sept. 29–30. Help provide meals and shelter to the homeless at First Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn by donating food or volunteering your time. Sign up at garychurch.org.

Gary Kids and Gary Youth

Gary Youth Midweek for Middle School students kicks off a new ministry year on Wed., Aug. 21, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Cherub Choir (age 3–Kindergarten)/Friendship Singers (Grades 1–5): Wednesdays beginning Aug. 28. We don't want you to miss an opportunity for your child to participate in these fun musical groups so be sure to register right away! Contact the Church Office today to reserve your spot.

Good News Ringers (Grades 3–6): Wednesdays beginning Aug. 28, 5:30–6:15 p.m. New handbell ringers are welcome. No previous music experience is necessary. Contact Nancy Brunner through the Church Office if you have questions.

Parent Kickoff Meeting with Pastor Alexa: Sun., Sept. 8, 11 a.m. All parents of middle and high schoolers are welcome as we walk through the dates and details of the Gary Youth fall calendar, talk about the "why" behind what we're doing, and resource you with parenting ideas. All in an hour!

Gary Youth Fall Retreat: Fri.–Sun., Sept. 20–22 at Lake Geneva Youth Camp. Retreats are designed to be our biggest relationship and faith building events of the year. Students do not want to miss out! Cost \$175. Registration closes Sun., Sept. 8.

Burning Bush—An Outreach of Gary Church

Now Showing: *The Power of Prophetic Art* through Sun., Aug. 25. The exhibit features new works by local artist Lynn Zuk-Lloyd.

Upcoming Opportunities at Gary Church

Sanctuary Ringers: Rehearsals are Sundays, beginning Aug. 25, 10 a.m. in the Bell Room (upper level). Previous ringing experience is not required, although basic music reading skills are most helpful. Contact Sharon Schmidt through the Church Office for more information.

Grief Support Group Coffee: Wed., Aug. 28, 10 a.m. in the Commons. A new weekly session will begin Wed., Sept. 11, 10 a.m. for anyone who has lost a loved one.

Fourth Friday Game Night: Fri., Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Join adults of all ages for an evening of bridge, dominoes, Scrabble, friends, and fellowship.

Music Ministry Bake Sale and Silent Auction: Sun., Sept. 8, 8–11:15 a.m. in the Commons. Gary's Festival Choir and Orchestra have received the distinct honor of being invited to perform Dan Forrest's *LUX: The Dawn from On High* at the Illinois American Choral Directors Association fall conference. We appreciate your support to help raise the funds needed for this performance.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) and MOMSnext: second and fourth Tuesdays beginning Sept. 10, 9:15–11:15 a.m. in the Commons. Women of all ages are welcome. To register, visit the MOPS page at garychurch.org or contact the Church Office.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays beginning Sept. 10, 7 p.m. in the Anderson Room. Journey with this group for in-depth study in a supportive and caring environment.

Faith Club: A Women's Interfaith Group will meet on Thurs., Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room to discuss *Born with Wings: The Spiritual Journey of a Modern Muslim Woman* by Daisy Khan. Join women of Abrahamic faiths for this enriching discussion.

Gary Golf Outing: Sun., Sept. 15, 1:30 p.m. at Klein Creek Golf Club, Winfield. Cost: \$125 for golf and dinner, \$25 for dinner only. Sponsors are needed for \$125 per hole. All proceeds will benefit Gary Youth Ministries. Register through the Church Office.

Explore Membership: Sun., Sept. 15, 1:30–3 p.m. in the Anderson Room. If you are considering membership at Gary, come get better acquainted with pastors and staff and learn more about the United Methodist Church and our congregation. Please register by emailing kaustin@garychurch.org. We look forward to learning more about you and answering any questions you may have.

Please Note

Do You Enjoy Coffee and Treats? Special Blend needs volunteers in order to continue for the upcoming year. If you can spare 45 minutes a month to set up, host, or clean up, contact the Church Office.

Mums for Mission: Joy Circle is taking orders for mums in the Commons on Sundays through Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m., and on Wednesdays, Aug. 21 and 28, 5–7 p.m. Mums can be picked up in the Courtyard on Sun., Sept. 15, 8 a.m.–1 p.m. Cost: \$12 with all proceeds going to missions that support women and children.

Styrofoam Recycling: Sun., Aug. 25, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. in the south driveway. Bring your rinsed food containers and solid packing materials in separate bags.

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

Mark your calendar for Kickoff Sunday!

Sunday, August 25

We're kicking off a new ministry season with:

- Presentation of Bibles to our third grade and Confirmation students during the 9 a.m. service
- Recognition and blessing of our high school seniors
- Engaging new curriculum for kids and enriching topics for adults during 10 a.m. Sunday School
- Music Ensemble Rehearsals beginning Sunday morning and through the next week

High School Sunday Nights begin August 25. Mark your calendar and watch for time and place.

Our Third Grade Bible Adventure class begins August 25 at 10 a.m.

If you have a student in third grade and have not received information in the mail, contact the Church Office.