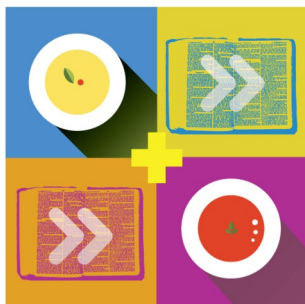




*Sunday, March 18, 4:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary*

Come see our children and students present this amusing musical by Tom Long and Allen Pote that proposes to retell the entire Old Testament in 10 minutes!

Filled with humor, catchy melodies, and Biblical truths, this musical is sure to delight the entire family.



Soup & Chili Cook-off

Following the musical, stay for the Soup & Chili Cook-Off and Auction which benefits the Gary Youth summer mission trip to Nashville.

Tickets for the cook-off are \$7 per person or \$20 for a family. Sign up in the Commons to enter your best soup and/or chili in the cook-off for the opportunity to win the prestigious Golden Ladle and bragging rights for another year!

In past years we have been blessed to receive many donations to our live and silent auctions from church members. Can you help this year? You can get creative; some of our highest-ticket items are potluck BBQ's and hosted dinners, travels local and world-wide, and creatively themed baskets.

*If you have a donation idea,
contact Alexa at aisaac@garychurch.org.*



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Gary Church in Mission

Helping Hands Mission Book Drive: through today. Gary Kids have been collecting gently used children's books to donate to Bernie's Book Bank, which distributes books to at-risk infants, toddlers, and school-age children throughout the area. Donations can be dropped off in the Lower Level today.

The People's Resource Center is in need of Open Class Tutors to help adult students with independent work they bring to Open Classroom at the Wheaton location. Many students bring in English (reading, writing, speaking) homework, study for the GED or citizenship interview, or work on college-level assignments. Tutors float around, lending a hand where possible. Volunteer shifts are from 9:30–11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. Contact Lucinda Page at VolunteerDepartment@Peoplesrc.org for more information.

Christmas Sharing Wheaton/Warrenville has been nominated for "Not for Profit Organization of the Year" with the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce. To place your vote, visit www.wheatonchamber.com through Feb. 21. You can cast one vote per email address per day!

Save the date for CROP Walk: May 6. Gary UMC will join with other local churches to raise funds and awareness for the continued fight against hunger locally and around the world. You can register to walk and/or make donations at www.crophungerwalk.org/glenellynil/garyumc2018. The three-mile walk begins and ends at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wheaton.

Children's and Youth Ministries

Gary Youth Midweek: Feb. 21 from 7–8:30 in the Activity Center. Middle and high school students, join us to meet new friends and get plugged into Gary Youth ministries.

Serve Sunday: Mar. 4, 3–4 p.m. The first Sunday of every month we spend an hour playing Bingo with the residents of Brighton Garden Assisted Living in Wheaton. All middle and high school students are welcome to join us!

Gary Youth Summer Mission Trip: June 25–30. We are heading to Nashville, TN this year to partner with SLAM Ministries (Students Living a Mission). Students completing eighth grade through those completing high school are encouraged to be part of this service week. Cost: \$325 if registered by Mar. 18 or \$350 by the registration deadline of Apr. 29. \$50 sibling discount for additional registrations. Details and registration forms will be available soon.

Opportunities at Gary Church

4th Friday Game Night: Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Join adults of all ages for an evening of bridge, dominoes, Scrabble, friends and fellowship.

The Lunchtime Literary Group will meet Feb. 27 at 12 p.m. to discuss *Britt-Marie Was Here* by Frederick Backman. Read the book, pack a lunch, and join us in the Anderson Room.

Grief Support Group Coffee: Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. in Commons A. All who have been a part of the Grief Support Group, as well as anyone else who has had a loss, are welcome to join us. Our new 10-week series will begin on Wednesday, Mar. 8, at 10 a.m.

Wesley Catechism: Mar. 1–Apr. 12 (no class Mar. 29) from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in Commons E, led by Rev. Ryan Kiblinger, a Doctoral Candidate from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. If you are looking for an introduction to Christian thought, United Methodist beliefs, or insights to help your walk with Christ, this is for you! Register through the Church Office.

Praise Service: Mar. 2 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 to attend.

Gary/Winfield Lunch Group will meet on Mar. 8 at 12 p.m. in Gary's Commons. Main dish provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost: \$2 per person. All are welcome.

Faith Club: A Women's Interfaith Book Discussion Group: Mar. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room. The Faith Club brings women of Gary Church together with other women of Christian, Jewish, and Islamic faith for book discussion and to learn from and about one another. We will discuss parts I and II of *Sacred Ground* by Eboo Patel. Please RSVP to Cathy Mousseau through the Church Office if you would like to attend.

Please Note

Styrofoam Recycling: Feb. 25 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. in the south driveway. Bring your rinsed food containers in one bag and solid packing materials in a separate bag, and our faithful team of volunteers will take the materials to the recycling center in Aurora.

Gary Kids is in need of a volunteer for the Kindergarten Sunday School class. If you can lead one Sunday a month and assist one Sunday a month, please contact Carey Bebar.

2018 Spring Tea Update: The Spring Tea Committee has decided to take the year off to look at alternative outreach women's ministry events. Please contact Carey Bebar if you have any questions or concerns.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to provide flowers for our altar on Sunday mornings, call or e-mail the Church Office.

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



God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time
by Desmond Tutu

Wednesdays, February 21–March 28, 10:00 a.m. in the Anderson Room

Join Pastor Chris to study and reflect on this book, as well as Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream Speech" and Isaiah 58, as we attempt to "see with the eyes of the heart and in stillness hear God's voice."

Request a copy of the book in the Commons.

Volunteer with *DuPage* Habitat for Humanity *Saturday, March 3*

Work alongside others from Gary to help build
a home for someone right here in our county!
Contact the Church Office to volunteer.

