



Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

www.garychurch.org

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Three different types of books... three different discussion leaders... come for one or all three! Enjoy cool iced tea in the courtyard (or Commons E in case of rain) while sharing your thoughts and reactions with other readers.

Fiction Raising Faith Questions

***Lila* by Marilynne Robinson**

Monday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. | Discussion led by Kim Austin

There is much for fiction lovers to discuss in this beautifully-written story of a young woman who, after a hardscrabble, Depression-era life of abandonment and homelessness, turns up in an Iowa town and marries the much-older minister John Ames.

A Look at Methodist History

***The Poisoned Chalice: Eucharistic Grape Juice and Common-Sense Realism in Victorian Methodism* by Rev. Dr. Jennifer Woodruff Tait**

Monday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. | Discussion led by Pastor Brian

Why in the world do we use grape juice in Communion? Doesn't the Bible say Jesus used wine? Are we Methodists just silly? This book reveals the complex history behind these questions and helps answer them in a nuanced way!

Issues of Social Justice

***Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson**

Monday, August 14, 7:00 p.m. | Discussion led by Pastor Chris

This challenging, disturbing, and yet inspiring work of nonfiction takes on the historical and societal issues that make the criminal justice system the largest in the world. Bryan Stevenson has been called our nation's Nelson Mandela, and this book may leave you asking yourself what you can do to make a difference for others.

Books and a sign-up sheet are available outside of the Church Office.

See the June/July Chimes for more about each of these books and other staff recommendations.

Children's and Youth Ministries

Middle School Bible Study: Join Alexa and Tanner and our summer interns on Tuesdays, July 4–August 15 (no meeting on July 18) at 10 a.m. in the Activity Center. On July 4 we will watch the parade together at the church.

High School Late Night: Alexa and Tanner Isaac and Kailey Henderson will lead these gatherings at the Isaac's house on Sundays, July 2–August 13 (no meeting July 16) from 8:45-10 p.m.

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Lincoln Park Zoo Outing: July 12 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Drop off and pick up at Gary. Bring a sack lunch, have a completed Gary Youth permission slip on file (www.garychurch.org in the youth section), and RSVP to the Church Office by July 5. Adult volunteers are needed. Contact Carey Bebar if you are interested in helping.

Gary Youth is headed to the ballpark: July 26 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. We'll meet at and return to Gary for this outing to the Kane County Cougars. Sign up no later than July 12 by bringing the \$7 ticket price to Alexa or the Church Office. And don't forget to bring some extra money to the game for food and drinks—it's half priced that night!

Opportunities at Gary Church

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

The Grief Support Group will meet informally for coffee on June 28, July 26, and Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. in the Commons. All are welcome. A new group that meets weekly will begin in Sept.

Camerata Chicago Academy Baroque Concerti Summer Festival: July 16 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Discounted tickets (\$20 for adults) are available at the door or by entering GUMC at checkout at <https://cameratachicago.ticketleap.com/20170716-wheaton/t/gumc/>. Concertgoers age 16 and under attend free with a paying adult.

Family Camp: July 28-30. Families of all ages and sizes are invited to gather at Pine Lake Camp, WI to grow closer to God through nature, worship, and play! For registration, pricing, and activity details, visit garychurch.org.

The Lunchtime Literary Society is taking a break for June and July. Our next meeting will be at 12 p.m. in the Anderson Room on Aug. 22 to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance.

Gary Church in Mission

Vacation Bible School Mission: This summer, Gary's VBS students will focus on the importance of clean water and the critical water situation around the globe, raising funds to support UMCOR's WASH program with their *chores for change*. If you would like to donate to this cause, please write a check to Gary UMC with VBS Mission in the memo line. Thank you for your gifts as we work to give hope where it is needed most!

People's Resource Center (PRC) is in need of diapers—sizes four, five, and six. Bring your donations to the box in Gary's Commons.

Please Note

Attention, Gary Musicians! Our choral and instrumental ensembles are taking a much deserved rest during June, July, and August. We invite you to consider sharing your musical gifts during this time. Contact Jennifer Whiting (jwhiting@garychurch.org) or the Church Office to sign up for singing or playing an instrument in worship.

Styrofoam Recycling: June 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. No peanuts; take them to UPS! Thanks for helping to keep Styrofoam out of landfills!

Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center (507 Thornhill Drive, Carol Stream) is offering two workshops on Mindfulness: Introduction to Mindfulness on June 22, 7-8:30 p.m. and Mindful Living on July 11, 3-4 p.m. or 7-8 p.m. Cost for each is \$25. For more information or to register for either event contact Donna at (630) 752-9750 ext. 10.

Graduating from High School or College? We invite you to submit the names of those from the Gary/Winfield church family who are graduating from high school or college. Contact the Church Office with their name, school of graduation, intended college/degree, or other details by July 1. High School graduates will be recognized in worship on July 30.

Seeking Music Directors and Pianists for Fall 2017. If you or someone you know is a musician who would like to give leadership or support to one of our music ensembles, please contact Jennifer Whiting. If you can direct or play an instrument, and you have a heart to serve the Lord, there is a place for you in Gary's Music Ministries. Please consider joining our fabulous team!

Gary's Preschool is hiring! We need someone to clean our Preschool Room Monday–Friday afternoons. It is a quick job and would be perfect for a high school student. We are also hiring substitute teachers with a background in either Early Childhood or Early Elementary Education. There is paperwork, background check, and continuing education required. Most needed times are in the mornings. Please contact Shelley Bornstein at preschool@garychurch.org.

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

“KIMMER’S KARES”
Come and Join us
for Ice Cream!

Tomorrow! June 19, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
at Kimmer's Ice Cream, 109 E. Front St.



Come and have two unique flavors *created and named especially for VBS and BLAST Camp*. Kimmer's will donate a portion of the profits to our Gary Church VBS and BLAST missions.



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The Solution to End Homelessness.

*Public Action to
Deliver Shelter*
(PADS)

July 30-31

**Sign up on the Gary website at
www.garychurch.org to donate needed
food and/or to volunteer your time.**

For more information, contact Grace McGuan through the Church Office.

The fifth Sunday of the summer months, Gary Church supports the PADS effort to provide shelter and meals to the homeless at *First Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn*.