



Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

[www.garychurch.org](http://www.garychurch.org)

Sunday, March 17, 2019

## Musical + Soup & Chili Cook-off + Auction

Today at 4 p.m.



Bring your whole family to enjoy *Life of the Party: The Story of Mary and Martha*, presented by Gary kids and youth. Then stay for the Soup & Chili Cook-off & Auction—a fun event to benefit the high school summer mission trip to Kansas City.

Tickets for the cook-off are \$10 per person or \$20 for a family and can be purchased this morning in the Commons or tonight at the door.



Come support our students at this entertaining church family event!

# Pastor's Lenten Study

The God We Can Know:  
Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus

Wednesdays, March 13–April 17, 7–8 p.m. in the Anderson Room

The Gospel of John records several declarations of Jesus known as the "I Am" sayings. These sayings help us to know God through Jesus.

Join Pastor Chris for this study by Rev. Rob Fuquay that helps us form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?"

To request childcare during this study, contact the Church Office.

Registration is now open at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

Children entering  
Preschool 4's–grade 4  
are invited to  
Roar Vacation Bible  
School.



At Roar, kids  
will explore God's  
goodness and  
celebrate a  
ferocious faith that  
powers them through  
this wild life.

## Blast Camp 2019

Blast Camp is an  
action-packed week  
of service, small  
groups, and fun for  
students entering  
grades 5–8.

Adult and high  
school volunteers  
can register on our  
website.

Monday–Friday, June 17–21, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

## Gary Church in Mission

**Prescription for Life:** Pick up a *Prescription for Life* pill bottle today and fill it with spare change, cash, and/or checks. Donations will be used to provide services for older adults that are supported by the Outreach Community Center. Filled pill bottles can be returned to Gary by Sun., Mar. 24. Contact Barbara Holmes through the Church Office if you have any questions.

**April is Gary's month at ESSE (adult day care).** Each Apr. and Aug., Gary Church provides visits and treats to the Wheaton site located within St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Sign up in the Commons or contact Deb Connor through the Church Office.

**Conversation with Dr. Christopher Hayes:** Wed., Apr. 3, 6:30 p.m. in Commons E. Christopher, a missionary to Columbia whom Gary Church supports, will speak about the church's role in the current refugee crisis in Columbia.

**Mark your calendar for Bake & Craft Sale for Fundaniños:** Sun., May 5, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. in the Commons. Not only can you get yummy treats and great Mother's Day gifts, but your purchases will also support Fundaniños Orphanage in Guatemala.

**Save the date for CROP Walk:** Sun., May 5. Gary will join 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 [crophungerwalk.org/glenellynil/garyumc2019](http://crophungerwalk.org/glenellynil/garyumc2019). The 3+ mile walk begins and ends at Grace Lutheran Church, Glen Ellyn.

## Children's and Youth Ministries

**Gary Youth Midweek:** Wednesdays from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Middle school students are invited to get plugged into Gary Youth ministries.

**Parent's Night Out:** Fri., Mar. 22, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the lower level. Drop off your children at Gary Church for supervised play time and enjoy a night out. Parent's Night Out is open to children ages 6 months–grade 3. Reservations are required through the Church Office and a donation of \$5 per child is suggested.

**Word & Table:** Sun., Mar. 31, 6:30–8 p.m. at the Austin's home. High schoolers will gather to share a meal and enjoy time together.

**SuperStart:** Fri.–Sat., Apr. 12–13. Fourth and fifth graders, mark your calendar for one of our favorite weekends of the year. Participation details and registration are at [www.garychurch.org](http://www.garychurch.org). Cost: \$85.

**CIY Summer Camps:** We are thrilled to have camp options for both middle and high schoolers this summer! High School: MOVE Camp, Mon.–Fri., Jun. 24–29 in Holland, MI. Middle School: MIX Camp, Mon.–Fri., July 29–Aug. 2 in Carlinville, IL. See [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) for details and to register.

## Please Note

**Table Talks:** today and Sundays, Mar. 24, and 31, 8:30–9 a.m. in the Commons. Leaders of our Informational Sessions on the 2019 Special Session of the UMC General Conference will be available to address your questions.

**Communion during Lent:** We will celebrate Holy Communion at the 11 a.m. service each Sunday during Lent and continuing through Palm Sunday.

**Bus driver** needed for the third Sunday of the month beginning in June to pick up those not able to drive to church. Contact the Church Office for more information.

**Usher positions are available** for both the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services. Contact Dick Selover through the Church Office for more information on this way to serve.

## Upcoming Events at Gary Church

**Grief Support Group:** Wednesdays, 10 a.m. in Commons A. This group, for those grieving the death of someone close, provides a place to be with people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. You'll gain valuable tools to help you as you continue on the journey of grief. Contact Gary's Church Office to let us know you'll be coming.

**Lunch Group:** Thurs., Mar. 21, 12 p.m. in the Commons. Bring a brunch-type dish to share. Cost: \$2.

**Fourth Friday Game Night:** Fri., Mar. 22, 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Join adults of all ages for an evening of bridge, dominoes, Scrabble, friends, and fellowship.

**Explore Membership:** Sun., Mar. 24, 1:30–3 p.m. in the Anderson Room. If you are considering membership, join the pastors and others newer to Gary to get better acquainted and discuss what it means to be United Methodist. Contact Kim Austin at [kaustin@garychurch.org](mailto:kaustin@garychurch.org) to register. Participants are also encouraged to attend Explore Gary today at 10 a.m.

**The Lunchtime Literary Group:** Tues., Mar. 26, 12 p.m. We'll discuss *The Story of Arthur Truelove* by Elizabeth Berg. Pack a lunch and join us in the Anderson Room.

**Camerata Chicago Chamber Orchestra:** Sat., Apr. 6, 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Wheaton. Tickets: \$50 adults, \$40 seniors, \$10 students. Use code WCAS for a 30% discount. Students 16 and under are free with a paying adult.

**For more information visit [www.garychurch.org](http://www.garychurch.org) or the Chimes newsletter.**