

## Theology + Film

Thursday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.

led by Dr. Andy Tooley & Dr. Christa Tooley  
Love movies? So do we! Gary's **Theology + Film** club steps behind the camera to view cinematic art through a theological lens. This club meets monthly to screen classic and contemporary films with a threefold goal: to deepen our faith through engagement with film; to better understand the world we inhabit; and, finally, to introduce ways of thinking theologically about films. Join us for an engaging viewing and lively discussion!



## THE CLASS MEETING

**Sunday, September 30, 6:45-8:00 p.m.**  
**in the Anderson Room**

This is an opportunity to be part of a group that knows you personally—a community helping each other with their relationship with God and with living out their faith. *Join us for our first meeting to discuss the purpose and history of The Class Meeting and how we will meet going forward.*

Contact Pastor Brian at [bjones@garychurch.org](mailto:bjones@garychurch.org) to learn more!



## Gary United Methodist Church

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### Gary Church in Mission

**Sept. Mission Focus:** Christopher and Michelle Hays, Columbia. To learn more about the work of the Hays family, visit their website at [haysfamilymissions.com](http://haysfamilymissions.com). To make a donation, please use the yellow envelope in the pews and check “Hays.”

**The People’s Resource Center (PRC)** is in need of Open Class Tutors to help adult students at the Wheaton location with English and basic math homework. Tutors lend a hand where possible. Volunteers are needed on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9:30–11:30 a.m. Contact Lucinda Page at [volunteerdepartment@peoplesrc.org](mailto:volunteerdepartment@peoplesrc.org).

**Support Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS)** on Sept. 30–Oct. 1. Gary will support the PADS effort to provide shelter and meals to the homeless at First Congregational Church, Glen Ellyn. Register at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) to participate and/or donate food.

### Children’s and Youth Ministries

**Gary Youth Weekly Gatherings:** *Middle Schoolers*, join us in the Activity Center for Midweek on Wednesdays from 7–8:30 p.m. *High Schoolers*, join us tonight at Gary from 6:45–8 p.m.

**Parent’s Night Out:** Sept. 21, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Drop off your children ages 6 months–Grade 3 at Gary and enjoy a night out while the kids enjoy supervised play time with their friends. Reservations are required through the Church Office and a donation of \$5 per child is suggested.

**4th & 5th Grade Fellowship:** Sept. 29 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at Abby Farms. We will meet at Gary and travel to Abby Farms in Aurora for Pumpkin Daze. Cost is \$10 per person. Register through the Church Office by Sept. 26 at [office@garychurch.org](mailto:office@garychurch.org).

### Please Note

**Gary’s Cub Scout Pack 335** will be selling popcorn for its fundraiser in the Commons before the 9 a.m. service and at 10 a.m. today and on Sept. 23.

**Childcare providers (leaders and assistants)** needed for MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) + MOMSnext (Mothers of Older Kids) on the second and fourth Tuesdays, Sept.–May, from 8:30–11:30 a.m. For details and to apply, contact Carey Bebar at [cbebar@garychurch.org](mailto:cbebar@garychurch.org).

**Gary’s Boy Scout Troop 35** will be taking advance orders for Christmas greens and wreaths on Sept. 23 and 30 from 10–11 a.m. in the Commons.

## Opportunities at Gary Church

**The Service of Installation** for Jeffry Bross, new Aurora District Superintendent, is today at 2 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville.

**Fear of the Other:** Mondays at 10:30–11:30 a.m. through Oct. 8 in the Anderson Room. Join us in this study *Fear of the Other—No Fear in Love*, by William Willimon. We will discuss the ideas in his book, reflecting on how scripture and our faith tradition lead our interaction with others and our fears.

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Anderson Room. The parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. Join as we study Matt Williams' *The Parables of Jesus*.

**Devotional Studies:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. in Commons E. This group uses the daily devotional book from The Upper Room entitled *Disciplines*. All are welcome!

**The Lunch Group** will meet on Sept. 20 from 12–1 p.m. in the Commons. Main dish provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost: \$2 per person. All are welcome.

**Explore Membership:** Sept. 23 from 1:30–3:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room. Join the pastors 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.

**The Lunchtime Literary Society** will kick off its new season with a lunch and book selection meeting on Sept. 25 at Cafe K'Tizo, at noon. Instead of packing a lunch, plan to buy lunch there. Come prepared to suggest books for the rest of the year.

**Grief Support:** Although the Grief Support group will not meet this fall, past members are invited to coffee on Sept. 26 and Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. in the Commons.

**Men's Bible Study:** Tuesdays beginning Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in Commons E. We will kick off the new study session with a look at how this book we've been studying got to be what it is today. Join us for an informative study in a casual atmosphere.

**Caleb Factor Men's Ministry:** Oct. 6 from 8–9:30 a.m. in the Commons. All men are invited to join us to hear guest speaker Greg Chapman, Aurora District Lay Leader, discuss vocation and service, and ways God calls us to live into our faith.

## Burning Bush Art Gallery—An Outreach of Gary Church

**Now Showing:** *Awakenings Project* through Sept. 30. This show features artists that are survivors of mental illness.

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



## What is the Pray for Me Campaign?

It is adults in the congregation committing to pray for specific families or youth every day for one year using a prayer guide. We expect to have 25 families and 25 youth who wish to have someone pray for them. Our goal is to connect each of them with three prayer sponsors!

## Why?

So many reasons...

It's a simple way for those who want to engage with younger people but don't know how.

It connects different generations on a spiritual level, creating a special kind of knowing one another.

It strengthens our church family: when you pray for people, you know their names.

It's impactful for young people in the long term to have adults investing in their lives.

## How do I get involved?

Sign up to be a sponsor on our website. Then on **October 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Activity Center**, you'll meet the family or student for whom you will pray and get a picture and prayer guide.

*Say yes to praying for a young person—and cheer them on in faith and life!*