


# Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS)



## September 29–30

Sign up at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) to donate needed food and/or to volunteer your time.

On this fifth Sunday, Gary Church will support the PADS effort to provide shelter and meals to the homeless at  
***First Congregational Church, Glen Ellyn.***



## Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

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

Sun., Sept. 15, 2019

### Gary Church in Mission

**Sept. Mission Focus:** Christopher and Michelle Hays, Colombia. 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."

**Donate to UMCOR to help victims of Hurricane Dorian.** The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is working with disaster coordinators and response teams in the Bahamas. Mark your envelope "UMCOR" or donate at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

**Gary's Boy Scout Troop 35** will be taking advance orders for Christmas greens and wreaths today and Sun., Sept. 22, 10–11 a.m. in the Commons.

**Gary's Cub Scout Pack 335** will be selling popcorn today and Sun., Oct. 6 in the Commons.

**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.

### Gary Kids and Gary Youth

**High School Sunday Nights:** Tonight all high schoolers are invited to gather in the Activity Center, 7–8:30 p.m. We will not meet on Sun., Sept. 22 due to the Fall Retreat. On Sun., Sept. 29 we will help with PADS. For additional information contact Pastor Alexa at [aisaac@garychurch.org](mailto:aisaac@garychurch.org).

**Gary Youth Midweek:** Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Middle school students are invited to join this weekly gathering!

**Parent's Night Out:** Fri., Sept. 20, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Lobby. Drop off your children at Gary for supervised play while you enjoy a night out. Parent's Night Out is open to children ages 6 months–grade 3. Reservations are required through Gary's Church Office and a donation of \$5 per child is suggested.

**4th & 5th Grade Fellowship:** Sat., Sept. 28, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at Abbey Farms, Aurora, for Pumpkin Daze. Drop off and pick up at Gary. Cost: \$10 per person. Register through the Church Office ([office@garychurch.org](mailto:office@garychurch.org)) by Thurs., Sept. 26.

**Blackberry Farms Family Outing:** Sun., Oct. 6, 1–3 p.m. Families are invited to Blackberry Farm, Aurora, to experience amusement rides, live animals, an imaginative play structure, and more. This outing is sure to be fun for the whole family! RSVP to Carey Bebar through the Church Office ([office@garychurch.org](mailto:office@garychurch.org)) by Tues., Oct. 1. Cost is \$5 per person.



## Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 26  
10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

### Decorate a Trunk

Sign up at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

### Donate Candy or New/Used Costumes

A donation box is located in the Commons.

### Invite your Friends and Neighbors

And bring your kids and grandkids in costume!

**We're hosting  
Trunk or Treat at  
the same time as  
Boo-a-Palooza, the  
Downtown  
Wheaton  
Association's  
annual trick or  
treating event.**

**Let's come together to  
show RADICAL  
HOSPITALITY to those  
not yet familiar with our  
church!**

## Upcoming Opportunities at Gary Church

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

**Grief Support Group:** Wednesdays, 10 a.m. in Commons A. We welcome anyone grieving the death of someone close to be part of this group.

**Potluck Luncheon:** Thurs., Sept. 19, 12 p.m. in the Commons. Come share a meal and connect with friends. Just bring \$2 and a dish to pass. Main dish is provided.

**Lunchtime Literary Group:** Tues., Sept. 24, 12 p.m. in the Anderson Room. Pack a lunch and join us to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

**Fourth Friday Game Night:** Fri., Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Join adults of all ages for an evening of bridge, dominoes, Scrabble, friends, and fellowship.

**Men's Bible Study:** Tuesdays beginning Oct. 1, 7 p.m. in Commons E. Please join us to reflect on previous studies, select resources for the year, and coordinate a leadership schedule.

**Caleb Factor Men's Ministry:** Sat., Oct. 5, 8 a.m. in the Commons. Caleb provides a supportive community for men. Meetings include a guest speaker and time for fellowship. Our Oct. speaker will be Gary member David Skarin.

## Please Note

**Gary's Safety Task Force** has planned two upcoming events to help our congregation be informed and prepared.

- **ALICE Training:** Mon., Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Adults are invited to attend this informational session presented by the Wheaton Police Department on handling active shooter situations.
- **Fire Drill:** Sun., Sept. 22, during 9 a.m. worship. We will review and practice procedures.

**Gary Preschool 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Sun., Oct. 20. In preparation for the celebration, they are collecting photos from past students and their time at the preschool. Photos can be emailed to [preschool@garychurch.org](mailto:preschool@garychurch.org) or dropped off in the Church Office (label with your name and address so they can be returned to you).

## Burning Bush—An Outreach of Gary Church

**Now Showing:** *City of Lights* through Sun., Sept. 29. Aurora has a lively arts community and this show exhibits many of the artists that make that happen.

**Global Citizen Smartphone Short Film Screening:** Fri., Sept. 20, 6 p.m. We will screen films by international film makers who are sharing their vision of what it means to be a responsible member of a global family toward making our world more equal, fair, compassionate, peaceful, and sustainable. There is no cost for this event.

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

# EPIC of EDEN

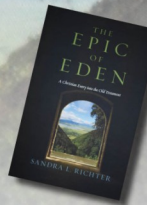
*Mondays, beginning September 16, 7 p.m.  
in the Anderson Room  
facilitated by Carey Bebar*

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.*



### 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 and would like to connect each of them with three prayer sponsors!

We're excited to begin the second year of this program that can change the lives and faith of our students for the better by surrounding them with a team of adults cheering them on.

### How do I get involved?

Sign up to be a sponsor in the Commons or on our website. Then on **Sunday, September 29 at 10 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!

*One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.*  
Psalm 145:4