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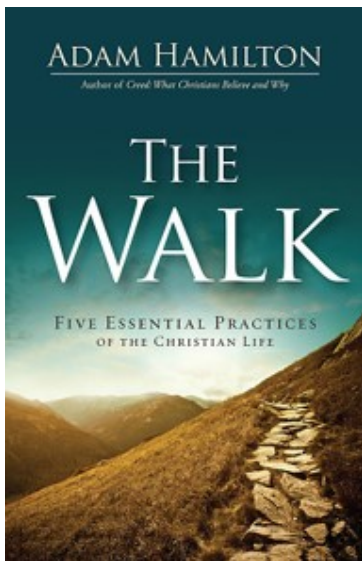
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Sign up for “The Walk” Small Groups

As we move from Ash Wednesday (2/26) to Easter (4/12), we are offering Seven (7) different small groups all focusing on Adam Hamilton’s book “The Walk.” From March 1 – April 5, Michael will preach a sermon series on the general themes of this book, which encourage us to embrace spiritual practices as we seek to walk more closely with Christ during the season of Lent. All small groups will cover the same material over a six-week period, just with a different leader. We want you to sign up for the group that best fits your schedule.

Participants in the groups are asked to buy a copy of the book “The Walk” (\$14.49

through Amazon). The church has scholarship funds for those who desire it. You can sign up for the group of your choice over the next three weeks in the Welcome Center (or by contacting the office: 217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org). Here is a list of the dates, times, locations and leaders of the groups:

Sundays, beg. March 1—9:15 – 10:15 a.m. , RM 207, Julie Martin

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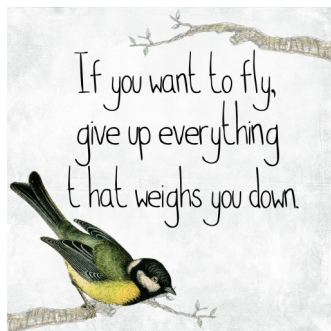
Sundays, beg. March 1—6:00 – 7:15 p.m. , Café, Scott & Vicky Woolridge

Tuesdays, beg. March 3—7:00 – 8:00 a.m.,
Café, Paul Gorden

Tuesdays, beg. March 3—1:00 – 2:00 p.m., RM
240, Don Martin

Tuesdays, beg. March 3—5:30 – 6:30 p.m., RM
240, Tina Miller

Thursdays, beg. March 5—4:00 – 5:00 p.m.,
Café, Paul Gorden



SUNDAY, February 23, 2020

WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

He'll Be Comin' Down the Mountain

Text: Matthew 17:1-9

Michael E. Karunas

Chalice Class



Title: Eldercare

Focus: As the number of elderly increases in our society, family members are faced with the reality of finding ways to care for them. What are some of the struggles and questions that they face? How can communities of faith support those involved in the decisions that must be made?

Next Week: Starting “The Walk” study

Preschool News

This week our 2 year old children and their special guests had a teddy bear picnic. The 3 year old class learned about arctic animals. Our 4 year old classes became swashbuckling pirates. The donned their pirate hats and used their paper towel tube telescopes to search the church for pirate treasure. Meanwhile, the Pre-K Class used the Connection Café to practice restaurant etiquette. It was a week packed with fun and learning for our preschool students and the staff too!

*-Jennifer Van Dyke
Director*

**Ice Skating Outing
RESCHEDULED**



When: Sunday, February 23th
from 1:00-3:00
Who: All youth K-12th grade.
Parents and

families are welcome!

Where: Decatur Civic Center.
You can meet us there or ride the bus from church. We will leave the parking lot at 12:45.
Cost: \$2.00 for skate rental
*Snacks will be provided



Winter Kids' Activity Idea

Looking for indoor fun?
Here's an idea!
MAKE A CITY

Roll a long piece of craft paper down a hallway and let your kids draw a city. Make roads and neighborhoods. Include lakes, parks, schools, shops, and restaurants. Use Legos or blocks to construct buildings. Drive toy cars along the roads and make believe a day in the life of imaginary characters. Look for other ideas at realsimple.com.

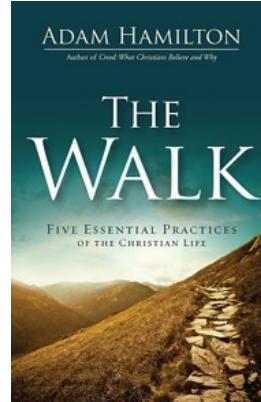


Food Collection

The food collection for March 1st will be canned soup and cereal. The shopping cart is located in the Connection Café for your convenience.

Take a Walk During Lent

The season of Lent is a 40-day period in the church year situated between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Since the 4th century, Christians have been setting aside this time of year for special purpose. Specifically, it has been a time to focus on our commitment to Christ. It is an invitation to renew our willingness and dedication to be his followers. As Jesus walked to the cross of his death, for the sake of our salvation, Lent is our opportunity to walk *with* him and accompany him on that journey. We will be doing that in a special way during this Lenten season.



First, our six-week **sermon series** for Lent will be called "The Walk" and will emphasize the themes of a book by the same name by Adam Hamilton. The dates of the series will be **Sunday, March 1 – Sunday, April 5**.

Second, we are asking everyone to participate in a **small group** for the duration of the sermon series. There are **seven (7)** small groups from which to choose. We simply want you to sign up for the group that best fits your schedule. Each small group will cover the same material (from the book by Hamilton and the Sunday sermons) though each group will have its own personality and discuss the material in their own way. (see page 1)

Third, everyone will be given a copy of a **Lenten Journal** that goes along with the sermon series and the small group.

The emphasis of the book, sermons, and small groups will be **Christian practices** – specifically, Worship, Prayer, Study, Kindness, Generosity, and Sharing. Each week there will be a "Spiritual Challenge" based on the number 5. For instance, you will be challenged to:

- attend worship 5 times during the sermon series (week 1)
- pray for 5 people a day (week 2)
- read 5 verses of scripture week (week 3)
- perform 5 acts of kindness per week (week 4)
- offer 5 gifts of generosity per month (week 5)
- share your faith with 5 people in the coming year (week 6)

The Lenten Journal will offer space to indicate that you have met the challenge, as well as take any notes that are significant to you. You will be encouraged to bring your journal to worship every Sunday and to your small group meeting. We believe this is a way we can keep the Word and ways of Christ in front of our eyes and at the forefront of our consciousness, as we walk with him toward Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Practicing our faith in these basic elemental ways is one way we can help develop stronger spiritual habits and make giving not just our lives to Christ but our lifestyles as well.

Blessings... Michael

Elite Energy Fundraiser Held at Central

On Thursday, February 20th, we will host the 3rd annual "Elite Energy Spaghetti Dinner and Concert." From **6:00 – 7:30 pm**, an **\$8.00 spaghetti dinner** will be served in the Great Hall, during which time Elite Energy singers will offer solos as dinner music. At **7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary, the entire show choir will sing several songs. One of their show songs is a beautiful rendition of "What a Friend we Have in Jesus." If you wish to attend the Spaghetti Dinner, you can get on the list by contacting the church office (217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org). If you simply wish to attend the concert, you can come at 7:30. The 7:30 concert is free.

Building Security Changes to Begin March 1

Given the attacks on houses of worship in recent years and following the advice of different law enforcement personnel in Decatur, we will be implementing a change to our Sunday morning routine beginning March 1. Currently, all the doors to the building are unlocked on Sundays throughout all worship services. However, the easiest step we can take in making our building more secure is to keep all but the bare minimum of entrances open in this way. Beginning Sunday March 1 here is what you will find:

- The West Entrance doors will remain open and unlocked throughout the morning. We believe that a church should have doors that are "open" to the world.
- The Tower Entrance doors will also be open (this is the original entrance facing south on William Street).
- The rest of the doors (North, Playground, and Ramp Entrances) will be locked. If you have a security card, your security card will open that door and allow you to access the building.
- If you are a member who does not yet have a security access card, but wishes one, simply contact the office.
- During the 9:00 service, there will be a greeter at the Ramp Entrance to welcome worshippers into the building who do not have a security access card.

We believe these changes, though subtle in nature, can bring significant improvement to our security. We want to balance an openness to the community with smart practices when it comes to security and are grateful for your cooperation and flexibility. If you ever wish to speak about these matters more, do not hesitate to let me know.

Coming Soon: Special Worship Opportunities

Sunday February 23, 10:30 service – Heart and Soul will be singing. Heart and Soul is a choir for people with special needs.

Wednesday February 26, 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Services in the Chapel. These services will involve Scripture readings and meditations to focus on the beginning of Lent. You will have an opportunity for the imposition of ashes as well as communion. These are quiet services designed for personal reflection.

Sunday March 1, 4:00 p.m. – Evensong at Central Christian Church. This service will be presented in collaboration with six churches and will include readings from scripture and poetry, a meditation by Michael Karunas and the music of a combined choir with singers from First Presbyterian, First Lutheran, Holy Cross Lutheran, First United Methodist, St. Peter's AME and Central Christian churches. The service is designed to lead us into the season of Lent.



Sunday (23)

- 8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Sanct.
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:30-Traditional Worship Service, Sanct.
Heart & Soul singing
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal
- 1:00-Youth Group - Ice Skating

Monday (24)

- 5:00-Veterans, Disciples Room
- 6:00-Girl Scouts Troop #3262, Disc. Rm.

Tuesday (25)

- 7:00-Journeyman, Connection Café
- 9:00-Stitchers, Disciples Room/207
- 6:30-Heart & Soul Choir, Choir Room & Connection Café

Wednesday (26)

- 10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friend. Center
- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting
- 12:00-Ash Wednesday Service, Chapel
- 6:00-Ash Wednesday Service, Chapel

Thursday (27)

- 10:00-Alanon, 240
- 4:00-Journeyman 2, Connection Café
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (28)

Saturday (29)

Sunday (March 1)

- 8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Sanct.
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:30-Traditional Worship Service, Sanct.
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal
- 4:00-Youth Group
- 4:00-Evensong Service, Sanctuary



Counting On You

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Worship Attendance = 260

Sunday School & Small Groups = 71

Serving Schedule—Sunday, February 23, 2020

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Vicky Woolridge & Linda Virgil
 9:00 - Linda Virgil

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Jane Davis, David & Nancy King, Carolyn McCall, Bobby Munos, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Sid & Krista Rohrscheib*
 9:00 - Laura Chapman
 10:30 - Team 4 - Keith & Jeannie Backes*, Shelby Baum, Mark Beal, Jon French, Mike & Gretchen Kirby, David Martin, Seth Martin, Ron & Gwen Miller, Brittney Moran, Doug Soebbing, Matthew Swarthout

Ushers:

8:00 -Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar
 10:30 - Team 8 - Pamela Ferguson, Capt., Doug Soebbing

Greeters:

8:00 - Gail Prince, Carolyn McCall
 9:00 - Fulk family
 10:30 - Suzie Miller

Acolytes:

10:30 - Clara & Nora Damery

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter
 10:30 - Mike Kirby

Preparation of Communion:

Larry & Michelle Bafford, Kim Miller, Suzie Miller*

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 454-9838
 Sunday School and 10:30 service - Brett Swallow 433-7488

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Mike Kirby
 9:00 - Deb Trei

Hospitality:

9:00 - Amy Crabtree

Tech:

9:00 - Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

Sunday School Classes	Floor	Room
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	230
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

February 24 8:30-12:00 - Karen Baird
 February 25 8:30-12:00 - Betty Chapman
 February 26 8:30-12:00 - Judy Ford
 February 27 8:30-12:00 - Sandy Garver
 February 28 8:30-12:00 - Yvonne Purcell

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 Tina Miller..... Associate Minister of CE & Family Life
 David Martin.....Youth Director
 Cordelia "Dee Dee" GainOrganist
 David Williams.....Organist
 Kathleen Dudley.....Administrative Assistant
 Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
 Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator
 Gabrielle Coulthard.....Nursery Attendant
 Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant
 Cheryl WilliamsNursery Attendant
 Kattina WilliamsNursery Attendant
 Jennifer Van Dyke.....Preschool Director
 Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant
 Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher
 Amber Marshall.....Preschool Teacher
 Diana Murray.....Preschool Teacher
 Stephanie Nihiser.....Preschool Teacher
 Kay Villarreal.....Preschool Teacher
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 Jim Denzer.....Caretaker
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