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*“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”*

**CCOWUCC Update and News**

**By Michael Small**

**For The Week of: June 10, 2024**

**WORD FOR THE DAY  
- FROM GRATEFUL.ORG**

*“Life is full of mystery. The mystery is our invitation to let go and to embrace uncertainty with the fullness of our being. This is how hope becomes our bearing. It’s how it becomes our compass in uncertain times.” — JOE PRIMO*

**DAILY QUESTION**

*What beauty is here in the present moment awaiting acknowledgement?*



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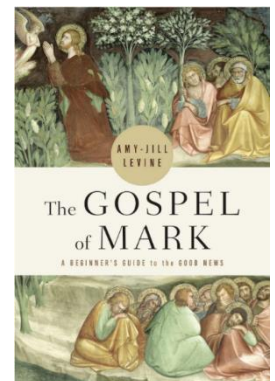
You may subscribe to the daily “Word for the Day” by going to <https://grateful.org>.

**Book – Video Conversation on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>**

***The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner’s Guide to the Good News***

By Amy-Jill Levine

**Discover the Good News in the Bible’s earliest Gospel**



Walk through the Bible’s earliest source for the life of Jesus with scholar Amy-Jill Levine as she examines John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus’s most notable stories and parables. The Good News of the gospel message comes alive in this book as readers see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious. The book features an in-depth study of select passages and illuminates the Gospel in its historical context and as a source for the other gospels.

***Two Separate Gatherings for This Conversation***

<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Time</b>
The Good News	Mark 1 – 4	6/12/2024	1:00 – 2:00	6:00 – 7:30
Restoring Purity and Wholeness	Mark 5 – 7	6/19/2024	1:00 – 2:00	6:00 – 7:30
Sacrifice, Ransom, Prophet, Messiah	Mark 8 – 10	6/26/2024	1:00 – 2:00	6:00 – 7:30
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Break</b>				
Fig Trees and Tenants	Mark 11 – 12	7/10/2024	1:00 – 2:00	6:00 – 7:30

The Little Apocalypse	Mark 13	7/17/2024	1:00 – 2:00	6:00 – 7:30
Judas Iscariot and the Naked Man	Mark 14 – 15	7/24/2024	1:00 – 2:00	6:00 – 7:30

- Each Session will be done *in-person and virtually via zoom*. Zoom details will be sent out at a later date.
- **Zoom Address for 1:00 p.m.**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89695509688?pwd=SVhGRGtFcTFEWTRzS2RjOGJDNXdEdz09>  
Meeting ID: 896 9550 9688 - Passcode: 403118
- **Zoom Address for 6:30 p.m.**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86243166965?pwd=dPV1fSfP3mpTeZDFrqnBgHicUhEH6C.1>  
Meeting ID: 862 4316 6965 - Passcode: 242188
- The Sessions will begin by viewing a 20-minute Video Presentation by the author – Amy-Jill Levine. Discussion will follow the DVD presentation.
- A light meal will precede the evening session at 6:00 p.m.

❖ **Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 9<sup>th</sup>** – This was a day of Music (Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir), Celebration, Remembering and speaking about who is our family! Jesus turns from his mother, brother, sister and claims as family those who follow the ways and will of God.

**Thanks to all who provided a “Darlene ‘Dar’ Stilson lunch with Dar’s Sloppy Joe’s and potato salad.**



**A Memorial Stone was dedicated in honor and in memory of Dar on the Gazebo Memorial path. Daughters Shelly (with husband John) and Rebecca “Becky” were with us for worship, dedication, and a wonderful lunch shared by all – filled with stories and laughter.**

*John and Shelly Bush - Becky Sondgeroth*

The service may be viewed on the church website [www.uccwalker.com](http://www.uccwalker.com) or by clicking on the QR code.



❖ **Prayers from United Church of Christ:** – “Lord I pray for those struggling with mental health and addiction. I pray that you grant comfort for my brothers and sisters in Christ who are on their journey of self-acceptance and discovery of your blessed word. Give us the strength to see the truth for what it is, and to persevere when the truth is not ideal to us.” – Julia Miramichi, New Brunswick, Canada. Read other prayers by going to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).

❖ **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 Worship Information – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Father’s Day**

- **Theme: Seed**

- **All readings for this Sunday:**
  - 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13 and Psalm 20 • Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 • 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 • Mark 4:26-34
- **Focus Prayer:** Sovereign One, may we be scatterers of seed in your kingdom. Amen.
- **Focus Reading: Mark 4:26-34**

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said further, “The reign of God is like this: a sower scatters seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> then goes to bed at night and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without the sower knowing how it happens. <sup>28</sup> The soil produces a crop by itself—first the blade, then the ear, and finally the ripe wheat in the ear. <sup>29</sup> When the crop is ready, the sower wields the sickle, for the time is ripe for harvest.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus went on to say, “What comparison can we use for the reign of God? What image will help to present it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed which people plant in the soil: it is the smallest of all the earth’s seeds, <sup>32</sup> yet once it is sown, it springs up to become the largest of shrubs, with branches big enough for the birds of the sky to build nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup> Using many parables like these, Jesus spoke the message to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> Everything was spoken in parables, but Jesus explained everything to the disciples later when they were alone.
- **Focus Questions:**
  - Do you plant, farm, or garden?
  - What are your favorite plants?
  - What plants are native to your community?
  - What is your perspective on the value of weeds?
  - Where do you scatter seeds of good news?
- **Special Music:**
- **Liturgist: Chris Kolp, Greeter: Sue Grage**



### AcoustoFiddle June 9<sup>th</sup>



### ❖ 2024 Gazebo Concert Series

- June 16, 2024 Doyle Turner
- June 23, 2024 Deb and Steve Harley
- June 30, 2024 Julie and Bill Kaiser
- July 7, 2024 Sabbastian Wilson Webb & Friends?
- July 14, 2024 Golden Harbour Quartet
- July 21, 2024 After 5
- July 27, 2024 Charley and Mama Wags



- August 4, 2024 Larry Kimball and Friends
- August 11, 2024 Steve Reiter
- August 18, 2024 Abello
- August 25, 2024 Pels and Friends

❖ **HANDBELL PRACTICE** – Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> – at 7:30 p.m.

**New Ringers are always welcome to try. Come and join us in ringing the bells! MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!**



❖ **Church Council will meet** on **Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm. This meeting will be **in-person and virtual via zoom**. Zoom access. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89680314539?pwd=QTIUQ0dKR21JQ3JUMHNzZnRkZFF5UT09>

Meeting ID: 896 8031 4539, Passcode: 858735

❖ **Birthdays**

- 6/10 Sheila Hunter
- 6/15 Matthew Artley
- 6/17 Beverly Jorland
- 6/20 Bruce Haugen
- 6/21 Melanie Wolfe
- 6/26 Lynn Kennelly



**Anniversaries**

- 6/21 Ryan and Joanne Pels

❖ **Information for bulletin** needs to be at the church by Tuesday morning [commchurchucc@arvig.net](mailto:commchurchucc@arvig.net).

❖ **A Reminder!!!** – current bulletins, Churchly Happenings, and **Good News, Good News** - our monthly newsletter, and the **Weekly Update** may be found on the church website – [www.uccwalker.com](http://www.uccwalker.com)

❖ **St. Mark's WELS meets at CCOWUCC** serving as a "Worship Station". They will continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month between 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

❖ Addresses – You are invited to be in touch.

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❖ ***Democracy works best if we speak with one another. Whatever your opinion, I encourage each of you to be in contact with your representatives. Communicating is an on-going and two-way process of sharing gratitude and wisdom.***

***Below is listed state and national elected leadership for the Walker Area.***

***If you do not reside in the Walker area, go to <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/> to obtain information on the elected state leadership for your location.***

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***Prayers and Blessings – Pastor Michael***