



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF WALKER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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 17, 2024



WORD FOR THE DAY - FROM GRATEFUL.ORG

“Our approach to gratefulness has to be big enough to embrace all the difficulties of the world.” — BR. DAVID STEINDL-RAST

DAILY QUESTION

If I were to treat myself with more compassion, how might my life change as a result?

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

June 23rd Gazebo Concert Features Steve and Deb Harley with Steve Gutzman – Steel Guitar

The Gazebo Concerts afford us the opportunity to connect with one another through the many gifts of music. Concerts will be outdoors weather permitting. If weather is inclement the concerts will be in the Good News Coffee area in the Fellowship Hall. Are all welcome. Free will offerings are taken for the performers.



2024 Gazebo Schedule

June 30, 2024	Julie and Bill Kaiser
July 7, 2024	Sabbastian Wilson Webb
July 14, 2024	Golden Harbor 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	Ryan Pels and Friends



***Doyle Turner
and Lenore
Seims
Performed 6/16***



***Watch Concert
with QR Code or
on YouTube.***



❖ **Annual Reports Are Due June 17th – Today**

The Annual Meeting for Community Church of Walker is **Sunday, July 21st** following the worship Service. **In order for the Annual Meeting Report to be printed**, please send your reports to Sabbastian Wilson Webb (commchurchucc@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

- ❖ **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 16th** – Jesus speaks of how effortlessly the seed is dropped on the ground, grows, is harvested. The reign of God is such as this. Fathers were honored with Linda and Ken Barber singing “Daddy’s Hands” and also Celebrate provided the Special Music



The service may be viewed on the church website www.uccwalker.com or by clicking on the QR code.

- ❖ **Prayers from United Church of Christ:** – “O Love, open our hearts to see each other as you see us, beloved and lovely, beautiful and full of promise. Let this seeing form us with Your vision of flourishing for everyone everywhere, in every time. Let it shape our hearts mold our minds and stretch our souls in the direction of You found in every living being. By this of You, shape our intentions, form our words and empower our actions that Your vision of Shalom, may rise ever anew. Yes, form your desire, made known in Christ Jesus, in the heart of the human family. Yes, bless us for this.” – Dave Long-Higgins, Delaware, OH. Read other prayers by going to www.ucc.org.

❖ **June 23rd 2024 Worship Information – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

- **Theme: Faith**
- **All readings for this Sunday:**
 - 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16 and Psalm 133 • Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 • 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 - Mark 4:35-41
- **Focus Prayer:** Sovereign One, may we be scatterers of seed in your kingdom. Amen.
- **Focus Reading: Mark 4:35-41**
 - ³⁵ With the coming of evening that same day, Jesus said to the disciples, “Let’s cross over to the other shore.” ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus in the boat in which he was sitting. There were other boats with them.
 - ³⁷ Then a fierce gale arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat so much that it was almost swamped. ³⁸ But Jesus was in the stern through it all, sound asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said, “Teacher, doesn’t it matter to you that we’re going to drown?”
 - ³⁹ Jesus awoke, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be calm!” And the wind dropped and everything was perfectly calm. ⁴⁰ Jesus then said to the disciples, “Why were you so frightened? Have you no faith?”
 - ⁴¹ But they became filled with fear and said to one another, “Who is this, whom even the wind and sea obey?”
- **Focus Questions:**
 - What is faith?

- How has your faith impacted your life?
- In what ways has your faith been tested?
- How do you respond to moments of faltering faith?
- How has your faith been activated or renewed?

- **Special Music: Sabbastian Wilson Webb**
- **Liturgist: Sonja Huber, Greeter: Marge Koch**

❖ **Church Council will meet** on **Tuesday, June 18th** 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

Send reports to Pastor Michael mjsmall.ucc@gmail.com!

❖ **HANDBELL PRACTICE** – **Wednesday June 19th** – **at 7:30 p.m.**

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



Book – Video Conversation on Wednesday June 19th

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

Two Separate Gatherings for This Conversation

Sessions	Text	Date	Time	Time
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
<i>July 4th Holiday Break</i>				
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.

Celebration of Life for The Reverend Duane Gilbert Grage

June 24, 1938 - April 10, 2024

Services will be Saturday, June 22, 2024 – at Riverside United Methodist Church, 1005 Park Avenue N., Park Rapids, MN 56470.

Reception Honoring and Remembering Duane will follow the service at the home of Sue and Duane Grage - 309 Birch Court, Park Rapids MN 56470.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO CARPOOL – CARS WILL LEAVE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF WALKER UCC AT 10:00 A.M.

❖ **Birthdays**

- 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.

- ❖ **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

- ❖ **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.

Meryle O'Connor

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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