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The Monthly Word

FROM
PASTOR TROY

Love is all we'll Need, Right??

We talk about love all the time, don't we? We tell our wives, husbands, children, grandchildren, good friends that we love them. Even in songs we hear so much about love. Here is a little snippet from the Beatles song, Love.

The Beatles

Love, love, love
Love, love, love
Love, love, love

There's nothin' you can do that can't be done
Nothin' you can sing that can't be sung
Nothin' you can say, but you can learn how to play the game
It's easy
Nothin' you can make that can't be made
No one you can save that can't be saved
Nothin' you can do, but you can learn how to be you in time
It's easy

*All
you
need
is
love*

All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need.

love



With all of this being said, there's never been a greater love story than the story of God sending His Only Son to die for sinners and rise to life again! As we begin the Lenten season let us bring back hope into our lives, our church, and communities as we encounter a love that reigns over our pasts, presents, and futures...

March 27th I'll begin a series entitled "Love Reigns" and for each of us I hope it can be more than just another series. Let's allow it to be the beginning of a spiritual transformation in our faith community that ushers in the advancement of God's kingdom of those who are currently far from God or those that need to re-connect with their Creator.

Here are some thoughts that I will leave you with to ponder as we enter in the Lenten season:

*Jesus is the true king over everything. He proved his authority by resurrecting from the dead. Do I see Jesus as the authority in my life? Does his love reign over the way I live?

*Repent of our desire for control and allow Jesus to take control.

Blessings, Pastor Troy and Mindy



LOVE REIGNS

*Beginning Sunday, March 27
In person or Online
Living in the hope of Easter.*

Youth Group (6th-12th)
Warren United Church of Christ
March 27th, 4-5:30pm

You Belong Here!
202 East Second St.



YOUTH AGES: PREK-5TH
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
6:30-7:30PM
202 EAST 2ND ST

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
LIVE**

WUCC
YOUTH GROUP

WORSHIP GOD
HAVE FUN
MEET NEW FRIENDS

JOIN THE FUN

WAMA VBS

Make Waves

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
July 10-14	6-8pm	Warren United Church of Christ

Mark Your Calendars!

**WUCC Sponsored
KBC Basketball Team
Schedule**

January 26, 6pm
February 2, 7pm
February 9, 6pm
February 16, 7pm
February 23, 6pm
March 2, 6pm
March 9, 7pm
March 16, 6pm
March 30, 7pm

WUCC YOUTH

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE DAY

5:30-7PM

FREE WILL DONATION
PANCAKE, SAUSAGE, FRUIT

Tuesday, March 1st

WAMA Community Service
at Warren United Church of Christ

ASH  WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022 6:30pm
Speaker: Paul Burris

WHAT IS SHROVE TUESDAY?

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Day) is the last day before Lent. It is traditional on this day to eat pancakes. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent. The name Shrove comes from the old word "Shrive" which means to confess. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began. Shrove Tuesday is celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. During Ash Wednesday Service the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshippers. Historically, ashes signified purification of sorrow for sins.

FOOD
PANTRY



DONATE YOUR TIME TO
THE FOOD PANTRY!

Wednesday, March 16th
2-4pm

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We will be collecting  
Betty Crocker Suddenly Salad  
through March.  
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Refresh, Rebuild, Renew 2022 ~ Shirts, Hats, Cups
Virtual Store Coming Soon!

Let's Walk



Looking for somewhere warm to walk this winter? WUCC is the place! We invite you to join our walking group Monday -Thursday evenings from 5-6pm. There are plenty of options here, flat surface walking, ramp, and stairs. You will definitely get a workout in. Need a daytime option? Well we will have that starting soon too. Contact Suellen Jones for days and time for when they will meet.

Exercise is more fun with friends!!

Youth Director Position Available

This position is a full-time ministry position that will focus on the following ministries: Children and teenagers. Ministries shall be age-defined and involve various purposes within each age-group, i.e. outreach, worship, fellowship, discipleship and ministry. The youth director will also participate in worship, provide pastoral care support, and perform other general leadership duties in support of, and at the direction of, the Senior Pastor.

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If you or someone you know may be interested in applying for this position, please contact the WUCC office at 260-375-2102 or email at [wucc@citiznet.com](mailto:wucc@citiznet.com)



*Do you have any shoes you can contribute?*

**We are in our final week for the shoe collection. Thank you to all who contributed.**



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All the time,  
GOD is good.



# He Is Risen

30 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN  
[ORGANICCHRISTIANLIVING.COM](http://ORGANICCHRISTIANLIVING.COM)

## The Plot

DAY 1: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-2  
DAY 2: MATTHEW 20:17-19  
+ JOHN 11:12-11  
DAY 3: LUKE 19:28-44  
Day 4: LUKE 19:45-20  
DAY 5: JOHN 12:27-50  
DAY 6: LUKE 22:1-23  
+ JOHN 13:1-30  
DAY 7: JOHN 13:31-14  
DAY 8: JOHN 17

## The Crucifixion

DAY 9: MATTHEW 26:36-56  
DAY 10: LUKE 22:54-65  
+ MATTHEW 26:57-68  
DAY 11: LUKE 23:1-25  
+ JOHN 18:28-19:1-16  
DAY 12: MATTHEW 27:27-44  
+ LUKE 23:39-43  
+ JOHN 19:25-27  
DAY 13: MATTHEW 27:45-56  
+ LUKE 23:44-49  
+ JOHN 19:28-37  
DAY 14: PSALM 22  
+ ISAIAH 52:13-15, 53  
+ JOHN 15:9-17  
DAY 15: MARK 15:42-47  
+ MATTHEW 27:62-66  
+ MATTHEW 16:13-27

## The Resurrection

DAY 16: MATTHEW 28:1-10  
+ JOHN 20:1-18  
DAY 17: LUKE 24:13-49  
+ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-8  
DAY 18: JOHN 20:19-31  
DAY 19: JOHN 21  
DAY 20: MARK 16:14-20  
+ ACTS 1:1-11  
DAY 21: ROMANS 5:6-14  
DAY 22: ROMANS 8:1-17  
+ GALATIANS 3:26-4:7

## The Gospel

DAY 23: ACTS 2  
DAY 24: ACTS 3  
DAY 25: ACTS 4:1-31  
DAY 26: ACTS 5:12-42  
DAY 27: JOHN 15:18-25  
+ HEBREWS 12:1-4  
DAY 28: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-23  
+ ROMANS 3:21-26, 10:9-17  
DAY 29: 1 PETER 3:13-17  
+ COLOSSIANS 4:2-6  
DAY 30: 2 TIMOTHY 2:23-26  
+ 1 TIMOTHY 4:12-16



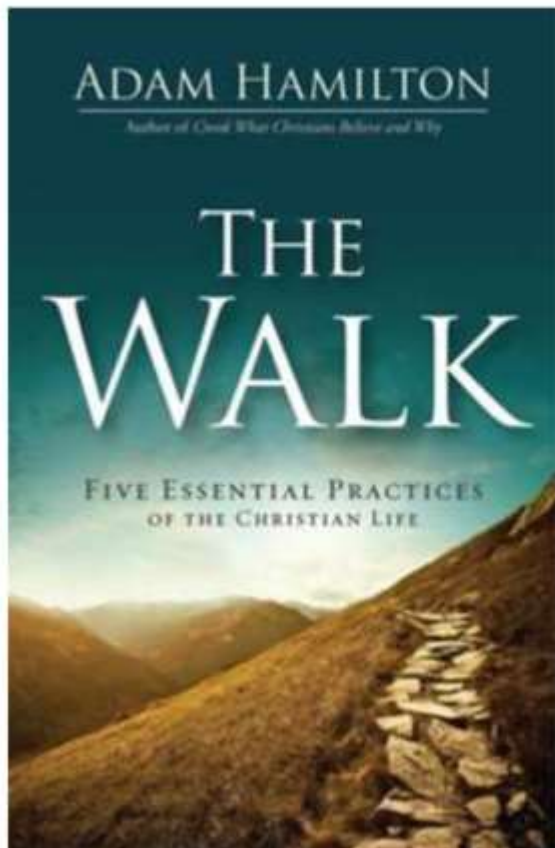


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## JOIN US



### **THE WALK** – 6 Week Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30am.  
WUCC Lounge

You want to follow in Jesus' footsteps---but what exactly should that look like in everyday life? In this compelling study, Pastor Hamilton highlights five essential practices modeled in Christ's own walk with God and reinforced throughout the New Testament. Discover the transformational power of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to your faith.



# March 2022



| SUNDAY                                                             | MONDAY                                   | TUESDAY                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                                                                       | FRIDAY                                     | SATURDAY                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 27                                                                 | 28                                       | 1<br>Shrove Tuesday<br>5:30-7pm<br><br>Claire Eckert<br>Gary Yount | 2<br>WAMA Community<br>Ash Wednesday<br>6:30pm<br><br>Jayden Rittenhouse                                 | 3<br>Bible Study<br>The Walk 10:30am<br><br>McKenna Stucky<br>Nick Stucky                                                      | 4                                          | 5                                      |
| 6<br>Sunday Service<br>Communion<br>9:30am                         | 7<br><br>Cindy Fitch                     | 8                                                                  | 9<br>Contemporary Service<br>Youth Group 6:30pm                                                          | 10<br>The Walk 10:30am                                                                                                         | 11<br><br>Caden Brubaker                   | 12<br><br>Ava Groom                    |
| 13<br>Sunday Service<br>9:30am<br><br>Roselyn Poulson              | 14<br><br>Karen Johnson<br>Wendell Brown | 15<br>AB Board Meeting<br>6:30pm                                   | 16<br>Contemporary Service<br>Youth Group 6:30pm<br>Food Pantry 2-4pm<br>Mercedes Stucky<br>Ellen Laymon | 17<br>The Walk 10:30am<br><br>St Patricks Day | 18<br><br>Elizabeth Norris<br>Mariah Okuly | 19<br><br>Marsha Walton<br>Troy Drayer |
| 20<br>Sunday Service<br>9:30am                                     | 21                                       | 22                                                                 | 23<br>Contemporary Service<br>Youth Group 6:30pm                                                         | 24<br>The Walk 10:30am<br><br>Sharon Gehhart<br>Linda Shuttleworth                                                             | 25                                         | 26<br><br>Holly Villanueva             |
| 27<br>Sunday Service<br>"Love Reigns"<br>9:30am<br>Youth Group 4pm | 28                                       | 29                                                                 | 30<br>Contemporary Service<br>Youth Group 6:30pm<br><br>Robert Jones                                     | 31<br>The Walk 10:30am                                                                                                         |                                            |                                        |

If you haven't already, you should take a walk around the church to see some of the changes taking place. The chapel has been transformed into a beautiful library! Thank you to Linda, Barb and Suellen for working so hard on this project. Cammy and Julie have been cleaning and organizing all throughout the church. The lounge has been transformed and they are currently working on a room devoted to the history of our church. They have been working upstairs in the Sunday school area preparing for us to host the WAMA VBS this summer. Another project in the works is an area in the basement for the youth in anticipation of hiring a new youth director. Thank you for your time and dedication! There are so many fun and exciting changes here at WUCC as we Restore, Rebuild and Renew in 2022!



**Coke Product Caps Only!**  
Collection for Salamonie School  
Collection box located in Sanctuary

**No Youth Group  
Ash Wednesday  
March 2nd**