



THE BEACON

WATAUGA FIRST
United Methodist Church

Rev. Sheila Fiorella, Pastor

March 2020

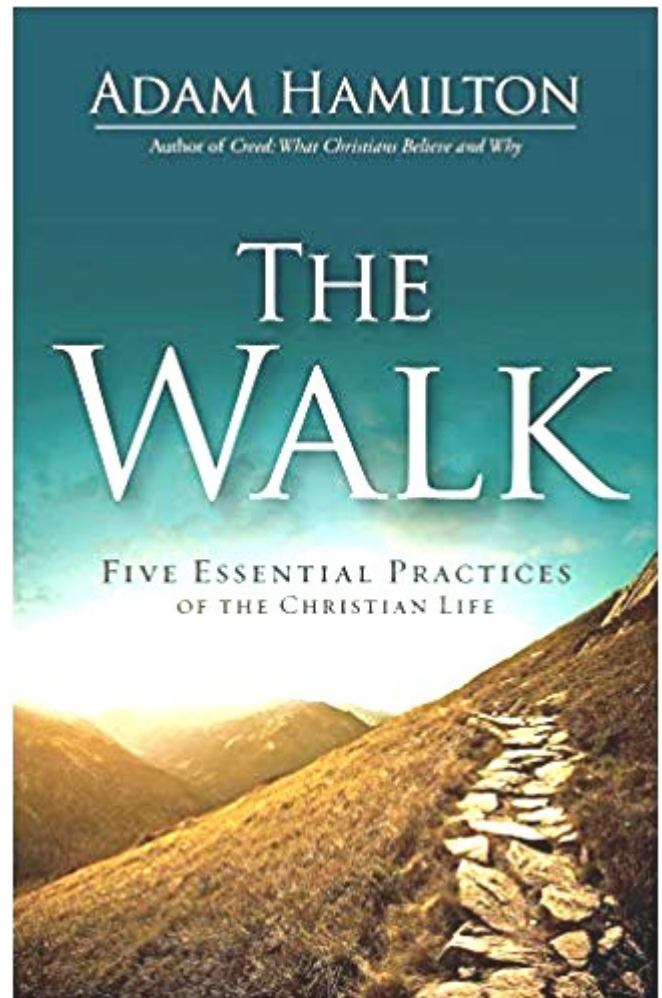
Bible Connection Groups During Lent

Beginning March 1, we are offering the following new studies for the season of Lent:

- * *The Walk*
Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am, facilitated by Betty King
Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30 pm, facilitated by Kin Pier
This is a 6-week study corresponding to the Lenten sermon series based on the book *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*, by Adam Hamilton.
- * *The Last Week*
Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am, facilitated by Gene Fondren
This is a 6-week study comparing the stories of Jesus' last week from the biblical books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

We are also continuing the following study:

- * *The Book of Numbers*
Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30 pm, facilitated by Ron McLeroy
This study continues to look at the exploits of Moses and the Israelites, highlighting their wandering in the wilderness and their capturing the land of Canaan.

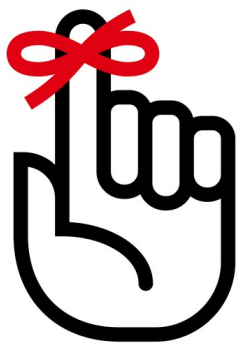


Church Workday

Our church workday will be Saturday, March 21st from 9 AM until 3 PM. Starting March 1st, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for projects needing completion - so please sign up for working on any of these projects. If we have bad weather on March 21st, we will have a rain date of Saturday, March 28th.

Barb Buckley
Trustees Chair

Worship God, Learn the Scripture, Live it in the world.



| Date | Ushers | Liturgists | Acolytes | Counters |
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| Mar 1 | Rosemary Norris and Wendy Garcia | Carol McKone | Jackson Godwin | Duane Buckley and Henry Harrison |
| Mar 8 | Peggy Gearen and Celia Stibbens | Barb Buckley | Alexis Crocker | Carol McKone and Jim Bates |
| Mar 15 | David Adair and Susan Tucker | Christine Crocker | Ethan Corrigan | Lori Duncan and Duane Buckley |
| Mar 22 | Debbie and Henry Harrison | Ron McLeroy | Emma Corrigan | Doris Maxwell and Paul Killion |
| Mar 29 | Youth | Betty King | Langdon Corrigan | Duane Buckley and Mike Duncan |

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Potluck Dinner
At 6:00 PM

Bible Study
At 6:45 PM

New Day Worship
at 7:30 PM

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| Mar 4 | Chicken |
| Mar 11 | Italian |
| Mar 18 | Salads |
| Mar 25 | Barbecue |

If your birth date is incorrect or is not listed, please email the church office at fumcwatauga@att.net.



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| Bongani Mbigi | 03/05 |
| Susan Reddin | 03/08 |
| James Bates | 03/09 |
| David Rose | 03/12 |
| Judith Davidson | 03/15 |
| Elise Russell | 03/19 |
| Don Johnson | 03/26 |
| Phyllis Shaddix | 03/31 |

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Mission Statement

Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world.

Vision Statement

Worship God,
Learn the Scripture,
Live it in the World

A Message from Our Pastor



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: THE WALK

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. His earliest followers taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

On March 1 we begin our Lenten emphasis with a series entitled *The Walk*. It is taken straight from the pages of a book of the same name by Rev. Adam Hamilton. It focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is meant to be part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

Let's deepen our walk with Christ together in these ways, as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

THE WALK CHALLENGE

Worship together each week.

Give thanks at least

5 times each day.

Read at least 5 verses
of the Bible each day.

Pursue 5 acts
of kindness each week.

Practice 5 acts of generosity
toward others each month.

Invite 5 people to church
with you each year.

Lenten Commitments

This year, I am going to:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill my heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so I can listen.

This year I am going to:

Add daily prayer

and be filled with comfort and courage.

Add daily Bible reading

and become more aware of God's love for me.

Add weekly worship attendance

and keep myself centered in Christ.

Add giving generously to the needs of others

and keep my heart open to God's grace.

Add acts of compassion and justice

and be more open to the people God loves.

Add sharing my faith with others

and awaken a desire for growing the Kingdom of God.

Add intentional interaction with God daily

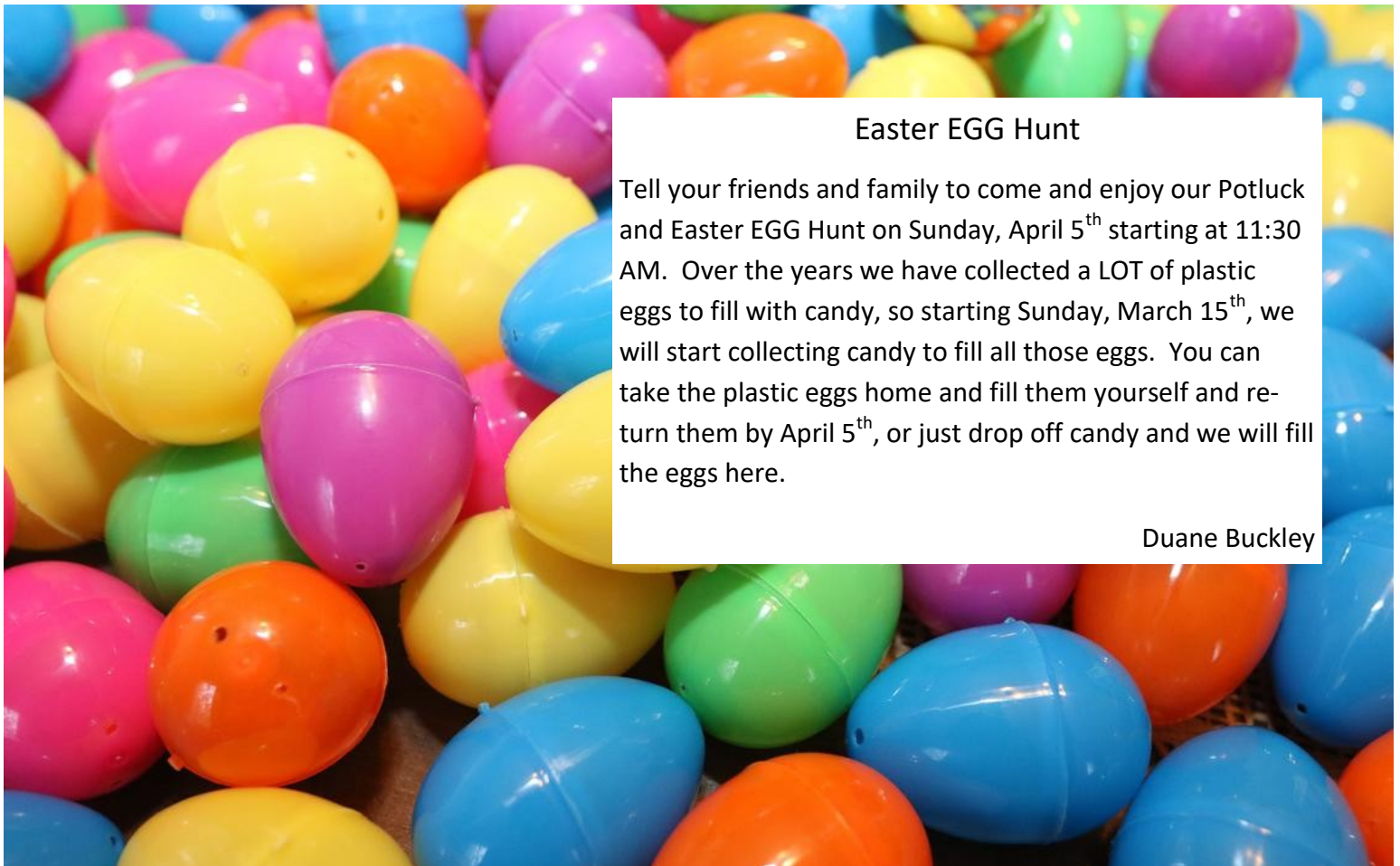
and grow to be more like Christ.



Youth Baked Potato Sale

The youth will be raising money to fund their mission trip in July by selling baked potatoes after 2nd service on Sunday, March 22nd. The price for a baked potato is \$5.00; and includes butter, sour cream, and chives. There will be extra toppings that you can load up your baked potato with for an additional charge. The youth thank you for your support during their last fundraiser in February selling sub sandwiches. It was a success!

Barb Buckley
Mission Trip Coordinator



Easter EGG Hunt

Tell your friends and family to come and enjoy our Potluck and Easter EGG Hunt on Sunday, April 5th starting at 11:30 AM. Over the years we have collected a LOT of plastic eggs to fill with candy, so starting Sunday, March 15th, we will start collecting candy to fill all those eggs. You can take the plastic eggs home and fill them yourself and return them by April 5th, or just drop off candy and we will fill the eggs here.

Duane Buckley

Finance Report

As we look back on 2019, we accomplished a lot. First, we paid the entire amount \$19,004 of our connectional mission giving for the first time in several years; and second, we were able to pay for parking lot repairs - which were badly needed. The Finance team had set a strict budget for 2019 and we were able to finish the year under budget by \$4,632.00. None of this would have been obtainable without YOU, all the members of First United Methodist Church of Watauga. Without your pledges, contributions, prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, it may not have happened. Thanks for all you do!

Rev. Sheila and the Finance team want to thank all volunteers that made 2019 a success.

Your Finance team has set and passed an achievable Budget for 2020, which increased by about \$14,000; and has been approved by the Ad Board. The increased budget consists of a 3% raise for the staff and line items that we have always paid for, but were not in the actual budget. The line items include our web page, fire alarm inspections, and others. So far, we have paid \$4,000 dollars of our connectional mission giving of \$18,942 for 2020.

The Lord is growing and working in our church. Let us take the light outside the walls and let it shine. God bless and guide you and your family throughout the year!

Thank you All for what you do at FUMC of Watauga

Your Finance chairman,
Duane R Buckley
buckleydr@aol.com



Continuing

NEED

NorthEast Emergency Distribution
1st Sunday of each month
Donate canned good and non-perishable items (such as baby diapers) for needy families in Tarrant County.
There is a shopping cart in the lobby for these items.

Sandwich Making for the Presbyterian Night Shelter



1st Monday of each
month at 6:00 PM
in the church's
kitchen.

Craft Fellowship

Each Tuesday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM,
in the room next to the nursery
Come learn to quilt or bring your craft
and fellowship with us.

Ladies Luncheon

2nd Wednesday of each
month, at 11:00 AM, at
Texas Star Grill:
6101 Rufe Snow Drive
Nikki Clugsten 817-379-
9934.



New Day Gatherings

Each Wednesday Night
6:00 PM Community Potluck
6:45 PM Bible Connection Groups
7:30 PM New Day Worship
"A Safe Space Where Everyone
Knows Your Name."

Do you know how to sing?

Our choir director would love to have you join the choir
and/or the bells.

Contact Darin Hoppe at
darinhoppe@gmail.com.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WATAUGA WELCOMES ALL TO COME AND JOIN US

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE

8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 A.M.

NEW DAY GATHERINGS

6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK 6:00 TO 6:45,
BIBLE CONNECTION GROUPS, 6:45 TO 7:30,
NEW DAY WORSHIP 7:30 TO 8:00



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