

WauKee CHRISTIAN CHURCH

January 2021

The time is here already. Lent starts February 17, 2021.

Order your Lenten Devotionals for yourself or a shut-in or two.

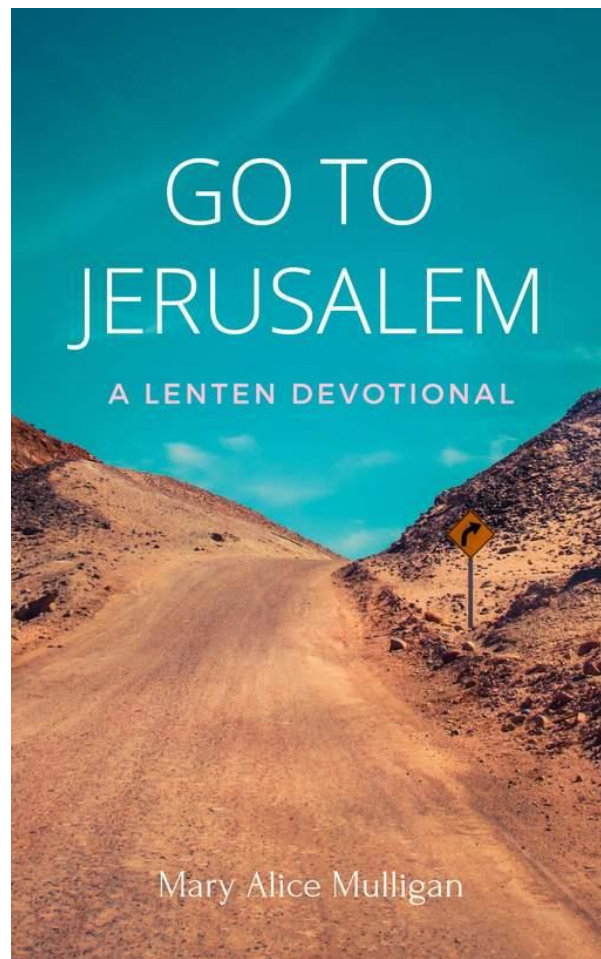
Email [Katie](mailto:Katie@waukeechristianchurch.com) at waukeechristianchurch@msn.com to place your order. The cost will be \$5.00

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Please have all orders in by Wednesday, January 27 to ensure snail mail time.

Go to Jerusalem: A Lenten Devotional





Pastor Gray's New Hours starting in January

Zoom by appointment

In Office:

Every other Friday and every Sunday after church



Don't worry...

It will be back

Sunday, January 10, 2021



Bible Scholar Study

Starting February 10, 2021

Wednesday nights @ 6:00pm

More information to come

Homebound Members

Here is a list of our friends homebound or in care facilities. These friends need your prayers but also would welcome cards or visits (in person or by phone). Their days are so long with many hours to ponder why none of their church family visits (cares). They are a special part of our church family. A few minutes out of your day would mean so much to them!

~ Pastor Julie

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200 SW Brookside Drive #20
Grimes, IA 50111
- Orville Bannister
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1555 Hull Avenue
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1645 SE Holiday Crest Circle
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1505 SE Laurel St — Apt. #8
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Your giving is important to the future ministry of God's church in this place. Please give generously and with a cheerful heart.

	December	Year 2020 Total
Receipts	\$	\$ 107,459.92
Expenses	\$ 10,654.71	\$ 124,880.99
Difference	\$	\$ (17,421.07)
Money available for expenses	\$ 20,892.06	\$ 20,892.06

December's numbers were not complete when report was pulled

Bored Already?

- * January is known for miserable weather.
- * Play trivia games.
- * Take the fun indoors and go bowling, rock climbing, dancing, roller skating, or to the arcade.
- * It's Cuddle Up Day! Pick up junk food, change into pjs, and put in a movie
- * During this slow time of the year, pick a room of your home to reorganize and refresh.
- * Try a new recipe!
- * Dress up your pet day! Dress to match and take a family photo.
- * Visit your local botanical gardens or conservatory for a hint of springtime.
- * Visit the State Historical Building or the Science Center
- * Play in the snow! Make a snowman or go sledding, skiing, or snowboarding.
- * It's National Popcorn Day! Make popcorn balls, trail mix, or try seasoning salts.
- * Plan your spring cleaning, gardening, and home DIY projects
- * Make hot cocoa, and read with a warm blanket or watch a movie
- * Go to pole position raceway and ride go-carts
- * Ice skate at Brenton skating plaza
- * Get artsy at glazed expressions
- * Try the Escape Chamber's Challenge



01/02- Jim Pfiefer

01/03- Marlene Risinger

01/09- Julie Cornelius

01/21- Shari Burgus

01/24- Janelle Taylor

We still have the eGiving option that is really encourage individuals and families to sign up for and embrace. It is secure, easy to use, and more efficient for both you and the church. We are currently ready to accept donations via the Online or Phone App options at this time.

You have the option to create an account or donate as a guest. If you create an account, you will be able to setup recurring donations, access donation history and setup various methods of payment. You can donate via an ACH directly from your bank account or via a credit card.



The link to access our church giving page is [here](#) (just click on blue word).

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to each of you for your expressions of love and support! The monetary gift from the church is most appreciated. Granted 2020 has been a crazy, challenging year but by working together with compassion for one another we continue to survive and do church. I am confident that as we reach closer to Covid 's demise we as church will be blessed. I am delighted to continue serving in this place.

Thank you and Happy New Year to one and all!
Pastor Julie



January 2021



WINTER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					New Year's Day	2
10:00am Worship	4 National Spaghetti Day	5 	6	7	8	9
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	11 National Hot Tea Day	12 	13	14	15	16
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	18 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	19	20 National Cheese Lover's Day	21 	22	23 National Pie Day
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	25	26 Spouse's Day	27 	28	29 National Puzzle Day	30 
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	31					

Exegesis

When I write my sermons every week, I tend to follow a tried-and-true process. Maybe this process would help you to read scriptures too.

Step one is to simply read the text. Read it once, then breathe. Then read it again. Focus on one word or two; think about how it makes you feel and how the syllables roll off the tongue. Then read the text again once more. Take a walk. Think about it. Meditate upon it and bring it to God.

Step two is the critical and most important step. It's the *who-what-where-why* step. We ask questions of the text like *what book does this belong to? Who wrote this? What was going on in the world when it was written?* Then we look for answers. We call the process of critically examining scriptures "exegesis." This discipline asks us to humble our understandings of the Bible (and the world) and approach it from an ignorant place. It's as much a struggle, as we're faced with deconstructing old ideas and beliefs, and blessing as we're given the understanding to meet God over and over again.

If you've been in my office, or even looked through the window, you'll notice piles of tomes stacked on my desk and bookshelves. Most of these were gifted to me by retiring colleagues (but I spent more money than I'd like to admit on them for myself as well). These books provide valuable theological insight that is hard to come to independently. We have to admit to ourselves that the questions we bring to God are more than likely not new ones, theologians

have devoted their lives to seeking answers and their conversations with the Creator are recorded here as well. It's important, then, to keep an open mind and heart to a plurality of ideas and rest in the place that is most in tune with our spiritual frequencies.

After we've asked our questions and scratched the surface of our answers, we arrive at the third step: sharing. I have the unique privilege and honor to share with you each Sunday, but church was never meant to be a one-sided affair. I'm also interested in your thoughts and feelings; in the unique way God fills your life.

In February, I'll begin offering an online Bible study where we will have the chance to crack open the Bible together and follow these steps. If you're interested in learning more about your faith, the nature of God, and spirituality of those you share Holy community with, check it out. I'll be releasing a schedule in the coming month, so stay tuned.

I look forward to seeing you!

Pastor Gray



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am-9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service

...OUR STAFF...

Pastor: Gray Fredericks
Associate Pastor: Pastor Julie Cornelius
Admin. Assistant: Katie De Jong

...Pastor's Office Hours...

Zoom by appointment
In Office:
Every other Friday and every Sunday
after church

... CHURCH OFFICE ...

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
7:30AM -12:00PM



Please remember to keep your Revitalize Pledges as current as possible. If you are unsure of the status of your Revitalize Pledge, please call the office.