



*Resolve to Love – Agree to Differ – Unite to Serve – Break Bread Together*



**Fourth Sunday of  
Lent, March 6,  
2016**

Worship the  
Living Christ at  
10:30 a.m.

**Holy  
Scriptures:**

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-  
32; 2 Corinthians  
5: 16-21

**Sermon Title:**  
"Jesus' New

***Mark your calendars and plan to participate!***

***Consider Yourself Invited and Expected!***

***2016 Lenten Theme: The Way is Love***

**9:30 AM Sunday, March 6th.**

**Open Course on the Christian Church**

**Class is for new members, friends and anyone  
interested! We will cover Disciples history and polity;  
the mission and ministries of First Christian Church;  
and how to tap into your God-given vocation.**

**Teacher: *Pastor James in the Fellowship Hall with a  
Flip Chart***

**Wednesday Evenings in March from 6-7:15 PM**

***"Spiritual Writing"***

**Free Meal and Workshop begins at 6 p.m. and goes  
till 7:15 p.m. Bell Choir starts at 7:15 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
starts the Chancel Choir. If you need a ride call  
Sherry Davis at 404-378-3621.**

Creations”  
**Preaching:**

Rev. Dr. James  
Brewer-Calvert

**Worship**

**Leaders:**

William Garner,  
Yolanda Lewellyn

**Deacons:** Jasmin  
e Heath, Peggy  
Norton



**Welcome  
Home!**

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of Decatur  
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Christ, a movement for  
wholeness in a  
fragmented world. As  
part of the one body of  
Christ, we welcome all  
to the Lord's Table as  
God has welcomed  
us." --Christian



**Leader: Dr. Joonna Trapp, Instructor,  
Emory University Writing Program**

**2016 Sermon Series For Lent and Easter Sunday**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Liturgical Day</b>	<b>Holy Scriptures</b>
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>Lent 1</b> <i>Jesus' Testimony</i>	<b>Luke 4: 1-13</b>
<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>Lent 2</b> <i>Jesus' Lament</i>	<b>Luke 13: 31-35</b>
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>Lent 3</b> <i>Jesus' Values</i>	<b>Luke 13: 1-9</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Lent 4</b> <i>Jesus' New Creations</i>	<b>Luke 15: 11b-32</b> <b>2 Cor. 5: 16-21</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Lent 5</b> <i>Jesus' Gratitude</i>	<b>John 12: 1-8</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Palm Sunday/Lent 6</b> <i>Jesus' Rebuff</i>	<b>Luke 19: 28-40</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <i>Jesus' Gift</i>	<b>Luke 24: 1-12</b>

Church (Disciples of Christ) Statement of Identity.



**Soup and Salad Luncheon, March 6, 2016**

**Sunday, March 6 following the 10:30 Worship Service**

**The Disciples Women will be serving a delicious Soup and Salad luncheon. This is a fund raising project for the Disciples Women Donations will be accepted at the door!**

**MENU**

**Delicious Homemade Soups**

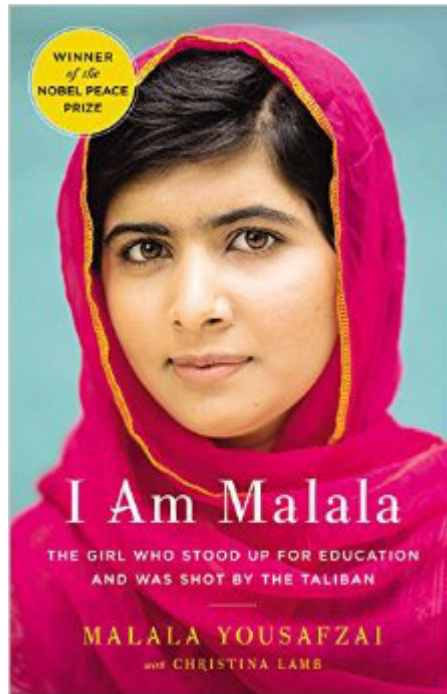
**Tossed Salad with all the fixings and dressings**

**Cornbread**

**Dessert—pound cake with ice cream & chocolate sauce**

**Coffee, Tea and Lemonade**

## **First Christian Church Book Club**



**Club is reading "I Am Malala" Discussion on March 17 at 7 p.m.**

### **Easter Candy Donations**

The joyous celebration of the Resurrection will be on us soon. We are planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday morning, March 27. We need donations of individually wrapped (non-chocolate) candy for stuffing plastic eggs for the egg hunt. We also need a few more plastic eggs. Please bring your donations to the church office or you can give them to Barbara Sims-King. Remember that the children range from ages 3 to 12. Some guidelines for selecting candy are: avoid hard candy that may get stuck in a little one's throat; food allergies mean no nuts and to avoid cremes and fillings;

Suggested edible items:

Easter Skittles, Jelly Beans/Jelly Belly, Fruit Gummies, Smarties, Laffy Taffy, Sweet Tarts, Lifesavers, Nerds, Starburst and duck or bunny shaped candy packs.

## **Summer Camp Promotion Sunday**

Applications for 2016 Summer camp are here. Please pick them up at the church office Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Deadline for early bird registration fees is April 15, 2015. Please get them completed as soon as possible. Late fee of \$10 will be added after May 1 and final registration is May 2. See Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims -King, Director of Christian Education if you have any questions.

## ***Holy Week at Decatur First United Methodist***

We will be having the Holy Week services at 12pm each weekday of Holy Week: Monday, March 21- Friday, March 25. Each 30-minute service will be followed by a light lunch served in our Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and we would love to have you. I believe the speakers for this year are Todd Speed, Greg Tallant, Sharad Creasman, Nathan Hilkert, and Katy Hinman, though I am not sure which speaker is on which day. I do know Katy Hinman will be on Good Friday, March 25.

## **2016 LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE**

March 20 Palm Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

March 24 Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m.

March 25 Good Friday at 7 p.m.

March 27 Easter Service at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt on Lawn at 9:30 a.m.

## **Transforming Loss and Grief Support Group**

When: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday evening  
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: First Christian Church of Decatur  
Purpose: A gathering community of those who seek support in their journey toward acceptance of loss and grief. Open to the public, No fee.

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King, LPC

## **Offerings for Spiritual Formation on Sunday at 9:15 a.m.**

See you Sunday morning for meaningful, informative, and uplifting spiritual formation! Weekly Montessori-based **Godly Play for Children**, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in

worship and wonder room for 3 yr old through 2nd grade. **Jesus Junction Sunday School** for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Nursery is available for infants up to 3 years old. Adult Classes Gather Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.: **Pathfinders Class** is listening to "Gospel of John" Mary Frances Early is the leader. **Transforming Series** -- Pastor James Brewer-Calvert and Rev. Lynn Trapp will co-teach a 6-week class in January and February. Entitled "NEW BEGINNINGS" the course will cover Biblical texts of fresh starts and how we can relate and learn from the wisdom of our forbearers. We meet in the Church Parlor and all are welcome.

March 6 at 9:30-10:15 a.m. we will offer a **New Members and Friends Class** for anyone interested that will cover Disciples history and polity; the mission and ministries of First Christian Church; and how to tap into your God-given vocation. Teacher: Pastor James in the Church Parlor with a Flip Chart in the Church parlor.

<b>Camp</b>	<b>Christian</b>	<b>Fundraiser</b>
Saturday, March 5th	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m	at Sandy Springs Christian
5:00-6:00 p.m.	- Social Gathering/Light Appetizers/Silent Auction	
6:00 p.m.	- Dinner followed by Live Cake Auction	

Dressy Attire

Tickets - \$50 per person or \$80 per couple

Tickets are on sale now

at: [http://www.gadisciples.org/Gala/a\\_night\\_out\\_for\\_camp.asp](http://www.gadisciples.org/Gala/a_night_out_for_camp.asp)

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia will be holding a "A Night Out for Camp" and Auction on March 5, 2016 at Sandy Spring Christian Church to benefit Camp Christian Conference Center located in Gordon, Georgia. Our focus is on summer camps for children and youth. One of the camps we sponsor in addition to the camps for our youth and children is Camp OASIS (formerly Camp Balaam). This benefit camp is for elementary age children living in Wilkinson County, Georgia, who would not have the opportunity to attend a camp otherwise.

\*\*Please see below. We have about half the slots filled for the

youth helpers, but need more opportunities to help and we still need more cakes too. I also have included the link to register for the event if you need that too. We still have seats available. If I have missed someone, please let me know and I will forward the email along.  
Cake Sign up

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44aaad2ca20-cakes>  
Youth Volunteer Sign Up

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44aaad2ca20-camp>  
Gala Sign Registration

[http://www.gadisciples.org/Gala/a\\_night\\_out\\_for\\_camp.asp](http://www.gadisciples.org/Gala/a_night_out_for_camp.asp)



### **Daylight Savings Time on March 13, 2016**

On Saturday night, March 12th before you go to bed set your clock forward one hour. So you will be on time for church.

### **Continental Breakfast**

Ever run late to church on Sunday morning and don't have time to eat? No problem; a continental breakfast is available! Feel free to sign up to bring breakfast once in a Blue Moon. First Christian Church offers Continental Breakfast year round, and everyone is invited to participate in both enjoying and providing delicious fare. Fill in your name on an open date, place in the offering plate or return to Church Office:  
Mar. 6: Dotti Laycock

Mar. 13: Joonna Trapp

### **Handbell Choir to play on Sunday, March 20 at**





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