

The Circuit Writer

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Special Lenten Study!

Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics

by Adam Hamilton

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Kansas City

Beginning Wednesday February 24, and extending through Wednesday, March 31, our regular Wednesday night Bible Study, *Loaves & Fishes* will be replaced by a special study for the season of Lent. As always, a covered-dish supper will be held from 6:00 – 6:30 PM, followed by the class from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, whose Leadership Conference I attended in October, wrote this book which promises to be an exciting, helpful, and thought-provoking study. Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us.

Hamilton writes: "I don't expect you to agree with everything I've written. I expect that in the future even I won't agree with everything I've written here. The point is not to get you to agree with me, but to encourage you to think about what you believe. In the end I will be inviting those of you who find this book resonates with what you feel is true, to join the movement to pursue a middle way between the left and the right --to make your voices heard- - and to model for our nation and for the church, how we can listen, learn, see truth as multi-sided, and love those with whom we disagree."

The book is divided into three parts: 1) *Seeing Gray in a Black-and-White World*, 2) *The Bible, Beliefs, and the Spiritual Journey...* with chapters such as "The Battle over the Bible," "Apes, Evolution, Adam and Eve," and "Will There Be Hindus in Heaven?" and 3) *Politics and Ethics in the Center*, with such chapters as, "Situation Ethics and WWJD," "Abortion: Finding Common Ground," and "Homosexuality at the Center."

As we seek to fulfill our purposes as Christ's body, intentionally seeking to grow as a family of Jesus' disciples, I hope many of you will be moved to join in this study as part of your Lenten discipline. The book costs \$15. Please let me know of your interest!

David

LAY READERS

Feb. 14...Tamlyn Ogden
Feb. 21...Bob Bloomquist
Feb. 28...Sandy Cude
Mar. 7...Mickey Life
Mar. 14...Irene Jenkins
Mar. 21...Wingina Lindamood
Mar. 28...Andy East
April 4...Terri Davis

ACOLYTES

Feb. 14...Joseph Gooden
Feb. 21...Joshua Gooden
Feb. 28...Kevin Wedow
Mar. 7...Travis Cabbage
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Mar. 21...Joshua Gooden
Mar. 28...Kevin Wedow
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News from the Elkton United Methodist Women

THE ELKTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

would like to thank everyone for the support given during 2009. We feel that many of our goals were met. We are looking forward to an exciting 2010.

THANKS...to Alice Hensley for hosting our Christmas Brunch!

MARY ELIZABETH KITE...was chosen as the UMW Mission honoree for 2009. She was presented with a pin, and a donation is sent to mission in her honor.

Guests are welcome at any of the circle meetings!

Amanda Kite Circle: 1st Monday nights at 7:00 PM.
Wesleyan Circle: 1st Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM.
Elsie Cover Circle: 2nd Thursday afternoons at 1:30 PM.

TOWER BELL RINGERS

Feb. 14...Lewis Lindamood
Feb. 21...Travis Cabbage
Feb. 28...Kevin Wedow
Mar. 7...Jordan Gochenour
Mar. 14...Hannah Gochenour
Mar. 21...Joseph Gooden
Mar. 28...Joshua Gooden
April 4...Alex Fries

NURSERY WORKERS

Feb. 14...Jerri MacLennan
Feb. 21...Terri Davis
Feb. 28...Anna Campbell
March 7. Carol Hensley
March. 14...Loretta Miller
March 21...Jerri MacLennan
March. 28...Terri Davis
April 4...Anna Campbell

GREETERS

Feb. 14...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Feb. 21...Mac & Paula Rhodes
Feb. 28...Carolyn Gooden & Lisa Gooden
Mar. 7...Jerri MacLennan & Dianne Lowman
Mar. 14...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Mar. 21...Frank & Linda Adams
Mar. 28...Pat Fitzwater & Marie Frey
April 4...Don & Kathleen Grimes

USHERS

Feb. 14...Winston & Carol Hensley
Lewis & Wingina Lindamood
Feb. 21...Sam & Virginia Gentry
Don & Sandy Cude
Feb. 28...Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers
M.J. Christophel, Sandy Cude
Mar. 7...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Don & Kathleen Grimes
Mar. 14...Dianne Lowman, Paula Rhodes
Betty Tavenner, Pat Fitzwater
Mar. 21...Tamly Ogden, Marge Klawiter
Colleen McGregor, Kathleen Grimes
Mar. 28...Micke Jenkins, Kenny Cabbage
Dick Lorette, Alan Thompson
April 4...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Frank & Linda Adams

We have Sunday School for all ages...

Why not make Sunday School a part of your journey of faith?? It meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Join us!

Contemporary Worship Update

Work on the audio/visual updates to our sanctuary has begun! They will be completed before the end of February. A new contemporary worship praise band has been formed and has been practicing for several weeks. So, we are looking forward to kicking off our new service, *"The 8:35 Connection"* on Easter Sunday, April 4th.

Your giving as a congregation has been phenomenal! We still need around \$1800 for the updates, plus around \$300 - \$400 more for the laptop computer (to run the video). Please help put us over the top for these things! The bill for the updates comes due April 1st.

What *else* can YOU do to help with the Contemporary Worship Service?

- We need people to serve as greeters in the parking lot and in the church, and people to man a welcome/information table with coffee and muffins. (We will need several teams, as this will be an on-going weekly need.)
- We need people willing to keep the nursery during the early service (for safety reasons 2 for each week.) If we *really* want young families we need to show that we understand and are ready to meet their needs and concerns!
- We need more people willing to teach Sunday School!

If we are to reach new young families, it will take **ALL** of us working as Christ's disciples. Please volunteer!

Help Us Recycle at Church

A quick note to remind people (AND to thank those who have been there and done that...) There is a box in the Assembly Room (right next to the Campbells Soup Labels box) in which you can place your printer's empty inkjet and toner cartridges for recycling. We turn these in at Staples for store credit. Not only does this keep them out of the landfill, but it helps out with some church expenses. So far we have used the credits to purchase envelopes and labels for the Stewardship campaign, folders for the choir, bottles of hand sanitizer for the pews and bottles of water for the Living Waters distribution ministry.

Also, on the topic of recycling, please remember there is a box in the rear of the sanctuary for paper in which you can put your bulletins and inserts if you do not wish to take them home. We also added a small metal trash can near the water cooler in the Assembly Room which is marked for plastic bottles.

Thank you for your support.

Thanks to the UMW!

Many thanks go to Marie Frey and all her helpers from the United Methodist Women for the GREAT Fellowship Dinner they provided the congregation and our guests from Cub Pack 181, and Boy Scout Troop 46 on Sunday, February 14! It was a delicious meal, and wonderful to be together again as a church family after being shut up for two weeks by the snow! THANKS!

Prayer Concerns...

(as known)

Edward Turner, Sr.

Mary E. Kite

Jenna Turner

Bud Fitzwater

Bill & Jean Madren

Bill & June DeNeale

Anita McGregor

Lent/Easter Schedule

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday

Noon: Imposition of Ashes

Feb. 21 – First Sunday in Lent

Feb. 24 – Lenten Study begins: "Seeing Gray in a World of Black & White" 6:00 PM covered-dish supper; 6:30-7:30 PM - study

Feb. 28 – Second Sunday in Lent

Mar. 3 – 6:30 pm-Lenten Study: "Seeing Gray in a World of Black & White"

Mar. 7 – Third Sunday in Lent

Communion

Handbells Play

Mar. 10 – 6:30 pm -Lenten Study: "Seeing Gray in a World of Black & White"

Mar. 14 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar. 17 – 6:30 pm - Lenten Study: "Seeing Gray in a World of Black & White"

Mar. 21 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Mar. 24 – 6:30 pm - Lenten Study: "Seeing Gray in a World of Black & White"

Mar. 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Mar. 31 – 6:30 pm - Final Lenten Study: "Seeing Gray in a World of Black & White"

Apr. 1 – Maundy Thursday

5:45 pm – Choir Warmup

6:30 pm – Beef/Barley Soup Meal

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir's Easter Cantata/with communion

Apr. 2 – 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Apr. 4 – Easter Sunday

6:30 am -Sunrise Service & Breakfast: At the Church

8:35: The 8:35 Connection - Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 AM Service