

LifeKeys: Discover Who You Are

Have you ever said...?

I don't have any gifts.

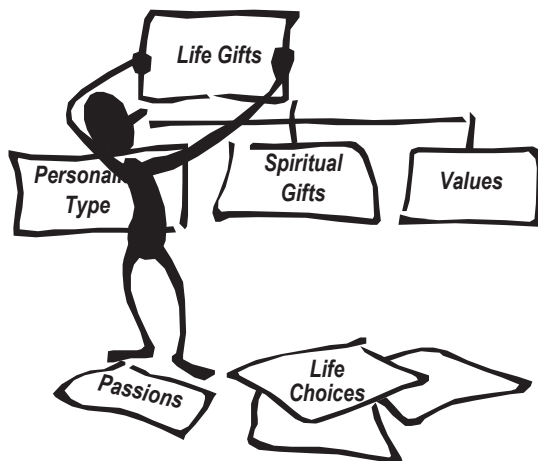
My gifts are unimportant.

I'm missing the right gifts.

It's too late to develop whatever gifts I have.

If so, LifeKeys can show you how gifted you are, how significant your gifts are, how you have just the right gifts for what God wants you to do, and how you can discover and hone your gifts. Come and discover:

- ◆ *Session 1: Life Gifts*
- ◆ *Session 2: Personality Type*
- ◆ *Session 3: Spiritual Gifts*
- ◆ *Session 4: Values*
- ◆ *Session 5: Passions*
- ◆ *Session 6: Life Choices*



"Our church is a Christian covenant Community exclusively devoted to Jesus Christ and inclusively committed to God's unconditional grace. In joy and gratitude, we live out the call of Christ to worship God, make disciples, support one another, and share God's extravagant welcome."

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TRANSFORMING
OUR LIVES
STEP BY STEP



FaithWalk:
The Journey from
Membership to
Discipleship



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Being a church member is wonderful, and it is especially wonderful at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Elgin. There is a warmth and compassion and sense of support among the mem-

bership that continues to delight all who make this their spiritual home. Church membership alone, however, is rarely sufficient for satisfying one's deepest spiritual hungers and the need for a purpose in life. The New Testament does not describe a church consisting of members, but of disciples walking together in the way of Jesus Christ. This discipleship is a skill. Just like one learns how to play an instrument, or build a piece of furniture, or drive a car, so one learns how to follow Jesus along with fellow believers through a combination of instruction and experience.

FaithWalk is a comprehensive program designed to give you the foundations and tools you need for the journey of discipleship. Each of the three classes focuses on a different aspect of the Christian life, but they need not be taken sequentially. Come be a part of this ongoing process. Come and discover there is more to church than membership.

FirstSteps: What's It All About?



Perhaps you often avoid talking about the Bible or words such as “trinity” or “salvation” because you feel that you don't know what they mean. Or perhaps you have not wrestled with such terms and concepts since confirmation and would like to explore them again from an adult perspective. Then FirstSteps is designed for you. If you are looking to have your beliefs confirmed and your faith etched in stone, then this class is not for you. But if you desire an examination of Christian basics from an open-minded, adult-oriented, challenging perspective, then FirstSteps is the place for you. Bring your ideas, beliefs, and even your doubts as we wrestle with these topics:

- ◆ *Session 1: Basic assumptions about faith*
- ◆ *Session 2: The Bible*
- ◆ *Session 3: God of creation and covenant*
- ◆ *Session 4: Jesus of the incarnation and resurrection*
- ◆ *Session 5: The continuing presence of the Holy Spirit*
- ◆ *Session 6: The church at worship*
- ◆ *Session 7: The church in the world*
- ◆ *Session 8: Eternal life and last things*
- ◆ *Session 9: The Christian life*

DiscipleWay: A Christian's Toolkit

Q: How do you get to Carnegie Hall?

A: Practice, practice, practice.

It may be an old joke, but it speaks the truth. The way to become proficient in anything is to practice, practice, practice with the tools needed to do the job. This class will introduce you to the practices of the Six Marks of Discipleship. They are the “stuff” of a deeper relationship with God and a more fulfilling life of faith. Join your fellow-travelers as you explore:

- ◆ *Session 1: Why discipleship?*
- ◆ *Sessions 2, 3, & 4: Praying daily*
- ◆ *Sessions 5 & 6: Worshipping weekly*
- ◆ *Sessions 7 & 8: Reading the Bible*
- ◆ *Sessions 9 & 10: Serving in the church and beyond*
- ◆ *Session 11: Relating to others to encourage spiritual growth*
- ◆ *Session 12: Giving*

