

# THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

April 1, 2017



## At DeWitt's End

I love the Easter story. I am amazed that God would love us so much that He would send Jesus to die a hideous death on a cruel cross so that we can become His children. I am also amazed that He came back to life; and because He did, we have the promise that we will one day come back to life with him in the resurrection.

Jesus has removed from us the consequences of our sins. Jesus paid the price. Jesus broke the bonds of sin and death and has given us life. That is the Good News! That is the Good News of Easter. Because of Easter, all of life is different. Because of Easter, we have hope; we have promise; we have a future! Easter has brought us change; the greatest changes in all the world!

We will undoubtedly have some “new faces” at church on Easter Sunday – we often do. I encourage you to make an effort to reach out to them and show them you are glad they’re here. If they are sitting by themselves, go sit by them. You should be friendly yes, but you should also be a friend. I also hope you will come with your heart, mind and soul ready to celebrate God’s love and to worship Him! Come to church with a heart of thanksgiving for God’s gift of salvation! Come to church ready to receive and embrace the blessings God wants to give you. And why not bring others with you who don’t generally go to church anywhere so they can encounter God’s presence, hope, forgiveness, and grace in this place too!

–Dan D.

## Tuesday Bible Study

Pastor Dan is starting a new Bible study on the book of Revelation Tuesday evenings beginning April 11. This study will last approximate 7 months. He will attempt to explain how the book’s original readers would have understood the book rather than speculating on possible future implications. The study is at the DeWitt’s home from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## Christ in the Passover

We will be hosting Arielle Randle, a representative from Jews for Jesus on Saturday, April 8 at 5:00 p.m. Arielle will share a presentation of how the Jewish Passover celebration helps to point towards Jesus. This is a presentation only. We will not be serving a Passover meal. A love offering will be taken for Arielle.

## Bike to Church

Our church will participate in the Community Health Network “Bike To Church” again this year on April 30. Details will be shared later, but put this on your calendar.

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## Coming Sermons

**April 2**      **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**      “What Brings Fulfillment?”      John 13:1-5, 13-17

Jesus taught us that service to others is a key ingredient of a rewarding life. By taking on the role of a servant and washing his disciples’ feet, Jesus shows us that true fulfillment comes from caring for others. Self-absorbed people who live only for themselves and their immediate family will never be content.

**April 9**      **PALM SUNDAY**      “Praise God”      Luke 19:28-40

Today is Palm Sunday, a day on which Jesus’ followers showed their love and appreciation for him. Although we may all have different thoughts about what “worship” should look like, it is basically just a way of expressing our love and appreciation for God.

**April 16**      **EASTER SUNDAY**      “What Gives Us Hope?”      Matthew 28:1-7

The message of Easter is a message of hope. The last words of the Gospel are not about crucifixion and death, but about resurrection and life. The resurrection of Jesus Christ tells us that God is in the business of bringing life out of death, hope out of despair. Easter gives us hope for the living, and even hope for the dying.

CC-Chancel Choir FF-Fellowship Feast MG-Men’s Group	CE-Christian Education FG-Fellowship Group AS-Adult Study	CWH-Children’s Worship Hour HOW-Heart of Worship SG-Small Group	EPIC-Youth Ministry LBS-Ladies Bible Study SLM-Spiritual Life
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>April</u></b>						1 7am-MG 9 am-Mission Fundraiser
2 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	3	4 7 pm-TBS	5 9:30 am-LB 5:30 pm-EPIC 6 pm-HOW & 7 pm-CC	6 3:30 pm-WBS	7	8 7am-MG 5 pm-Christ in Passover
9 Palm Sunday 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH/Baptisms	10	11 7 pm-TBS	12 9:30 am-LBS 5:30 pm-EPIC 6 pm-HOW & 7 pm-CC	13 3:30 pm-WBS 7 pm-Maundy Thursday Service	14 Good Friday	15 7am-MG
16 Easter 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	17 6:30 pm-Fair City Quilters	18 3 pm-WMT 7 pm-TBS	19 9:30 am-LBS 5:30 pm-EPIC 6 pm-HOW & 7 pm-CC	20 3:30 pm-WBS 7 pm SCUG	21	22 7 am-MG
23 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	24	25 4:30 pm-FF-Salem 7 pm-TBS	16 9:30 am-LBS 5:30 pm-EPIC 6 pm-HOW & 7 pm-CC	27 3:3—WBS	28	29 7 am-MG
30 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH Bike to Church Day						

**Please keep the following in your prayers**

Jane Ryan's mom, Betty. Bill Ryan's mom Frieda  
Robin Stacks  
Jim May  
Dick & Barb Rothlisberger's aunt Sue  
The Cromwell's friend, Keith  
Doris Waldrop  
Wanda Goff  
Brian Hutchinson  
Pastor Terry Jensen  
Bill Griffiths' daughter, Diane Casurella  
Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa  
Laurel Li Mack's niece, Tracey Brewer  
Carol Pruski  
Walt and Margaret Droppa  
Gloria Gilbertson's daughter, Sonja  
Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie

Diane & John Klene  
Lolly Phillips  
Juanita Anderson  
George Van Kampen  
Tia O'Neill  
Judy Roher

**Highway Cleanup**-Our church is adopting a section of E. Sandwich Road for highway clean-up. If it is not raining, meet at the church Saturday, April 1 at 8:30 am, for a 2 hour clean up ministry.

**Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living**

June Bannister, Irma Grady, Tia O'Neill, Lois Peterson & G.L. Hartman

**New Administrative Assistant in the Church Office**-As many of you know, Kim McGuire, our current church Administrative Assistant, is moving to Tennessee in a few weeks. We hate to see her go, but are happy with her for this new chapter in her life.

The church has just hired a new Administrative Assistant: Jane Jakubiak. She and her husband are moving to the area from Indiana to be near family. Jane has extensive experience in human relations, management and administrative support at the Star Press and at the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, both in Muncie, Indiana.

Jane will begin her training with Kim on April 3. Be sure to come say "good bye" to Kim before she leaves and come meet Jane.

**Dale Hamilton**-Dale will be hiking the Appalachian Trail beginning April 2nd. You can follow him at: [www.trailjournals.com/location.cfm?trailname=20321](http://www.trailjournals.com/location.cfm?trailname=20321)

**Member Updates**-Brian Miller's cell is: 630-488-9708. Deb Keele's cell is:815-786-5251, her email is: manordeb3@yahoo.com. April Skorup's cell is: 815-685-9079. Les Redden's cell: 815-786-1600.

**4th Tuesday Feast**-Tuesday, April 25, at Salem Lutheran. We are to bring salads this month. Don't forget to sign up.

**Maundy Thursday**-Our Maundy Thursday Service will be April 13 at 7:00.

**Recipe Books**-The Centennial committee would like to offer a church cookbook for sale at our 200 year celebration. Any recipes that you would like to submit, send to Kim in the office. *Please remember to put your name on your recipes.* If you have any questions please see Laurie Knight, Linda Holley or Florence Miller. The deadline for the recipes is April 7th.

**Lifespring INSIDE/OUTSIDE SPA Day**-Thursday, April 13, 10-3. Join Women of Word contribute/minister to women and their children at Lifespring Women's Shelter. For more information see Florence Miller.

**Baptism on April 9**-We anticipate having two baptisms on April 9 (Palm Sunday). If you have been considering being baptized or having your child baptized or dedicated, contact Pastor Dan.

**Worship Outreach**-Pastor Dan will help lead worship at the Sandwich Rehabilitation Center at 1:50 p.m. and then at the Willow Crest Care Facility at 2:30 p.m. on April 18. If you would like to participate in this worship outreach – maybe just be a smiling face or to help sing – please let Pastor Dan know.

- 4-1 Ed Plante
- 4-2 Nathan Allen
- 4-4 Joyce Kaufman
- 4-5 Shea Watros
- 4-6 Kathy Watros & Alan Langguth
- 4-7 Cindy Albright
- 4-9 Dick Rothlisberger & Judy Rohrer
- 4-12 Karen Babos & Fallyn McCaslin
- 4-17 Ula Greenwood & George Van Kampen
- 4-18 Bob Knight
- 4-21 Ashley McNurlan
- 4-22 Alex Burgin
- 4-23 Susie Cromwell
- 4-24 Dean Potter
- 4-25 Carol Pruski
- 4-28 Ian Burgin



Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00—12:00

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship  
Hour

9:30 a.m.

Loving God, Loving Others, Making Disciples

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