

THE FED CONNECTION

LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, MAKING DISCIPLES



Federated Church Newsletter

Aug. 30, 2016

At DeWitt's End

It seems like just a few days ago that we put the snow shovels away and got the lawnmowers out of storage. Now the Sandwich Fair is just around the corner and we are starting to see the beginnings of fall sneak into the weather patterns. I'm not sure where summer went, but it's all but gone.

Time marches on. The seasons change. Sure, we could protest the changing of the seasons. We could wish the days would remain warm and the amount of sunshine we receive each day would continue to be long and warm, but those wishes would not make it so. As long as you remain in northern Illinois, fall and winter are just a fact of life. It is going to come whether you like it or not.

The Bible reminds us, in Ecclesiastes 3:1-7, that the seasons of life change. Just as there is a season of summer and a season of winter, there is also a season of laughter and a season of tears. Just as there is a season of spring and a season of fall, there is also a season of life and growth and a season of death and decline.

Some of us might be able to move to Florida or south Texas to avoid the cold and snow of Illinois, but none of us can avoid the "difficult" seasons of life. If we cannot avoid them, is there any hope? Yes, God gives a word of hope in Joshua 1:9:

"... be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

As long as God is with us, it doesn't matter what season we are in -- we don't have to be afraid, we don't have to be discouraged. May you find hope and comfort in God's presence as you go through your current season of life!

Dan D.

"Movie Night" at the Church

Pastor Dan will be showing the movie, "God Is Not Dead," in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evening, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends to come see this inspiring movie. Popcorn will be provided – bring your own soda pop, tea or water.

Understanding the Old Testament

Pastor Dan and Linda are hosting a fellowship group in their home on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. They are using a portion of Francis Chan's book, "Multiply" as the primary resource. This class is designed to give you a general overview of the Old Testament. It would be a great class for those who would like to gain a better understanding of the central themes of the Old Testament. **The group will not meet on Tuesday Sept. 6 or Sept. 13.**

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
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Coming Sermons

- Sept. 4 “Follow the Voice of God!” Proverbs 2:6; 9:10
 There are many “voices” calling for our attention. Every day we must decide which we will follow. The book of Proverbs tells us quite simply to listen to the voice of Wisdom. But how can we tell the difference between all the “voices” out there? Which voice should we follow? The Bible gives us a great answer: follow the voice of God!
- Sept. 11 “Trust God” Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10
 Trust God. It is such a simple phrase that rolls out of our mouths so easily. We say these words at times without thinking about what it really means. Maybe that’s the problem. Maybe we haven’t really stopped to think about what it means to really “trust God.” What does it mean to truly trust God?

Sermon Series on 10 Commandments:

Some of the small groups in the church are studying the book, The 10 Greatest Struggles of Your Life, by Colin S. Smith. Pastor Dan will coordinate his sermons beginning in September to address the topics covered by these groups each week. The 10 topics of this book are based on the 10 Commandments. He will attempt to address the topics on the Sunday prior to the week the small groups will address each chapter.

- 18 “Invited Into A Relationship With God” Exodus 20:3
 God invites us each into a relationship with Him. This relationship begins by accepting and recognizing His love for us and then responding with love and loyalty in return.

CC-Chancel Choir	CE-Christian Education	CWH-Children’s Worship Hour	EPIC-Youth Ministry
FF-Fellowship Feast	FG-Fellowship Group	HOW-Heart of Worship	LBS-Ladies Bible Study
MG-Men’s Group	AS-Adult Study	SG-Small Group	SLM-Spiritual Life
WBS-Women’s Bible Study	WMT-Worship Ministry Team	LCM-Leaders Coordination Meeting	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>September</u>				1	2	3 7am-MG
4 9:30 am-Worship 6 pm-EPIC	5	6	7 Sandwich Fair Begins	8	9	10 7am-MG
11 9:30 am-Worship/ 6 pm-EPIC	12	13 6:30 pm-Movie Night	14 9:30 am-LBS 6 pm-HOW 7 pm-CC	15 3:30 pm-WBS	16	17 7am-MG
18 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 6 pm-EPIC	19 7 pm-LCM	20 3 pm-WMT 7 pm-AS	21 9:30 am-LBS 6 pm-HOW 7 pm-CC	22 3:30 pm-WBS	23	24 7 am-MG
25 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4 pm-Children's Worship Meeting 6 pm-EPIC	26 6:30 pm-CE	27 4:30-FF-Federated 7 pm-AS	28 9:30 am-LBS 6 pm-HOW 7 pm-CC	29 3:30 pm-WBS	30	

Ministry of Prayer

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- The family of Carol Gowdy
- Kristin Duffield
- Les & Pat Redden's daughter, Kristy
- Kirby Myers
- Brian Hutchinson
- Pastor Terry Jensen
- Florence Miller's mom, Corrine Ohlevine & Violet
- Bill Griffiths' daughter, Diane Casurella
- Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa
- Laurel Li Mack's niece, Tracey Brewer
- Carolyn Meier's mom, Vi
- Sheryl McAlearney's uncle, Dick Stow
- Carol Pruski
- Walt Droppa
- Gloria Gilbertson's daughter, Sonja
- Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie.
- ◆ Judy Roher
- ◆ Tia O'Neill



Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living:

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

Thank you

The family of Carol Gowdy would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and support we received during her surgery, illness and passing. We would also like to thank Pastor Dan and Linda for the visits and prayers they had during this time. The Carol Gowdy Family

New Worship Time-Sunday morning worship time to 9:30 a.m. beginning on Sunday, Sept. 4. We will no longer have different worship times in the summer and in the winter. We will keep 9:30 a.m. as our Sunday morning worship time all year round

Children's Worship Hour

We will begin Sunday morning Children's Worship Hour on Sunday, Sept. 18. We invite the parents to bring your children to the "check-in room" on the first floor, end of the hall on the left.

New Choir Director

It is with delight that the Worship Ministry Team announces that Brian Miller is our new Adult Choir Director. Brian has been a part of our music ministry for quite some time. If you are interested in being a part of our choir, contact Brian Miller for more information about choir practice and about coming performances.

Wanted: Nursery Childcare Worker

We are looking for a reliable and experienced person to care for children (birth through 4 years) at The Fed on Sunday mornings. We are seeking someone who is a committed Christian, who understands childcare as a ministry, and is able/willing to be an extension of the Church's ministry to children and families. If you know of someone who might be a good fit, contact Sheryl McAlearney.

Happy Birthday to You!



- 9-1 Diane Ash
- 9-2 Mary Plante
- 9-3 Mary Ann Phillips
- 9-8 Jerry Owens
- 9-9 Walt Droppa
- 9-10 Amy Wiegman, Ethan Stahl & Aaron Stahl
- 9-11 Kurt Hohenberger
- 9-13 Jay Wiegman
- 9-17 Dennis Stahl
- 9-19 Jessica Plante
- 9-20 Jim Yuvan
- 9-22 Judy Rice
- 9-30 Les Redden

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00—12:00

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship
Hour

9:30 a.m.



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