



THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

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At DeWitt's End

Prayer. Most of us would agree that prayer is important. God invites us to pray to Him. God promises He will answer our prayers. We recognize it is something we are supposed to do. But we don't always feel comfortable praying (especially out loud in public! Panic time!!!). We don't always know what to say, how to phrase our prayers, or even what we should be praying about. If you are anything like me, sometimes you feel your prayers are just terrible and you feel so inadequate when it comes to your ability to pray.

You don't have to read very much of the Gospels to realize that Jesus spent a lot of time in prayer. It was important to Him. He had such a dynamic prayer life that his disciples at one point asked Him to help teach them how to pray. They were kind of like us – they felt their prayer life needed some help. So, Jesus gave them some prayer tips in a model prayer we call “The Lord's Prayer.”

Beginning in August, I am going to look at some of the prayer tips in the model prayer. After we finish looking at the model prayer, we will then look at Jesus' prayer in John 17. The model prayer gives us some tips which can help us learn how to pray. The prayer of Jesus in John helps us understand some of the concerns and desires Jesus had for His followers back then and we will learn that He has the same concerns and desires for us today.

I am looking forward to the discoveries we will make as we look at these passages. It should be an exciting time as we focus on prayer lessons from the Master!

--Dan D.

Tuesday Bible Study

Pastor Dan's Tuesday Bible Study will not meet on August 8 or 15.

Coming Sermons:

August 6 “Sufficient Grace” 2 Corinthians 12:9 Rev. Bill Lupole will be preaching

August 13 Chuck Johnson will be preaching

August 20 “Talking With God” Matthew 6:5-6

God doesn't just want us to perform some holy ritual when we pray. It's not just a religious “filler”. Tip from the Master: Go get away from distractions, forget about formalities and just talk with Him.

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Coming Sermons (Cont'd) (“Prayer Tips From the Master”)

August 27 “Honor God” Matthew 6:7-9

One of the first tips Jesus gives about prayer is that we should honor God as we talk to Him. What does that mean? It doesn't mean that we use certain religious sounding words. It means we re-discover who He is and show Him respect as we come into His presence.

September 3 “Thy Will Be Done” Matthew 6:10

Too often our prayers tend to be a recitation of things we want for us and ours. Jesus' tip is that instead of seeking the stuff we want, we should seek those things that God wants for us.

September 10 “Our Daily Bread” Matthew 6:11

There is a huge difference between the things we want and the things we need. To be honest, the list of our needs is pretty small. Jesus' tip: focus on praying about our needs, not our wants.

MISSION TRIP: Central American Mission Projects (CAMP) have two mission trips in January for Costa Rica. Over the years many from The Federated Church have participated. This could be your year. Brochures are in the office that explain the trips, as well as contain the necessary forms. See Steve Cromwell for more details, or contact him by phone (815.501.3336) or email (scromwell73@gmail.com).

CWH-Children's Worship TBS-Tues. Bible Study EPIC-Youth Group FF-Fellowship Feast HOW-Heart of Worship
 MG-Men's Group SCUG-Sandwich Computer Users Group

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>August</u>		1 7 pm-TBS	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	7	8	9 6 pm-HOW	10	11	12
13 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	14	15	16	17 7 pm-SCUG	18	19
20 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	21 6:30 pm. Quilters	22 4:30-6:00 pm-FF 7 pm-TBS	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	28	29 7 pm-TBS	30 6 pm-HOW	31		

Please keep the following in your prayers

Patti Fox	Howard Casner
Family of Robin Stacks	Shirley Amador's Children, Richard & Angela
Lisa Augustine	Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa
Diane & John Klene	Family of Ula Greenwood
Judy Roher	Carol Pruski
Mary Plante	Walt and Margaret Droppa
Wanda Goff	Family of Tony Brooks (Lynn's husband)
G. L. Hartman	Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie
Lagene Wright	Nancy Chaudhry (Dick Rothlisberger's sister)
Baby Clairmont (Lynn Brook's grandbaby)	Karl Wendeler (Karen Knight's father-in-law)

Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living

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

Note: We have about 20 T-shirts left over from the centennial celebration. We also have about the same number of "Seasoned With Love" church cookbooks from 1995. If you want a T-shirt or cookbook, they are in the choir room. Go get one. If you would like to make a donation, wonderful. If not, that's OK too.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ula Greenwood. Ula passed away July 8th, and her memorial service was held at the church on July 15th.

Our sympathy is also extended to the families of Robin Stacks and Tony Brooks. A memorial service with military honors will be held in Sandwich on July 30 to honor the life of Tony Brooks.

Baptism: Brooks and Levi Shumway, sons of Bret and Jamie Shumway, will be baptized on July 30. We wish them many blessings in their walk with the Lord.

Thank You: Thank you for all the cards, flowers, food, visits, prayers, memorials, and love you have shown for our family over the past few months during the illness and passing of our mom/grandma/aunt, Ula. She loved her church family and felt blessed to have been able to serve using her musical talents to the Glory of God! - The families of Ula Greenwood

Thank You for all the prayers, calls, cards, and flowers during my recent surgery. A special thank you to Barb & Tom Scheidecker and Carolyn Meier for being my chauffer during this time. It is a blessing to be part of such a loving and caring church. - Lagene Wright

The following thank you note was received from Donna Havasi-Hartley: "Dear Federated Church Congregation, Thank you so much for the privilege of participating in your 100th anniversary! It was a great way for me to thank you for your many years of kindness, and super fun for me to get to see you! May the Lord Bless you wonderfully in Christ! With much, much love, Donna"

Out of the Office: Pastor Dan will be out of the office August 6-14. If you need any ministry assistance while he is gone, call the office or one of the Session members.

4th Tuesday Feast- August 22, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Somonauk Baptist Church, 315 E. North St., Somonauk, will be hosting. We will be providing veggies. Please be sure to sign up.

Willowcrest Ministry: Pastor Dan will lead worship at the Sandwich Rehab Unit and at Willowcrest on Tuesday, September 19. He will be at the Rehab Unit at 1:50 p.m., and at Willowcrest at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to join him, it is always nice to have smiling faces who can help share the love of God with our friends who live at those facilities. PLEASE HELP HIM IF YOU CAN!

- 8-2 April Skorup
- 8-4 Shannon Stahl
- 8-6 Bill Keele
- 8-8 Eileen Weber
- 8-13 Len Mack
- 8-18 Ellie Wiegman
- 8-19 Florence Miller
- 8-24 Betty Phillips French
- 8-24 Dale Hamilton
- 8-26 Butch Babos
- 8-26 Wanda Goff
- 8-28 Joy Cunningham
- 8-29 Cherri Gustafson
- 8-29 Linda Holley
- 8-29 Cathy Owens
- 8-29 Barb Scheidecker
- 8-30 Roberta Troeger



Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00—12:00

Sunday Worship
Children's Worship
Hour
9:30 a.m.

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