



THE FED CONNECTION

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Federated Church Newsletter

July 1, 2017

At DeWitt's End

Wow, what a wonderful time we had with the Centennial Celebration this past week! I want to give a big THANK YOU to all who helped plan, coordinate, cook, clean, usher, make phone calls, organize, proof-read, submit recipes, donate time/talents/materials, and so much more to make this Celebration great. What an honor it was for me to be a part of this great celebration. Thank you everyone!

This month marks the 2nd anniversary for Linda and me here at The Federated Church. We have truly enjoyed being part of the church and its ministry. You are a great congregation and we appreciate the patience and compassion you have shown to us and our family, and the faith you show to God. We truly consider it a privilege to be part of the life and ministry of The Federated Church of Sandwich.

As I was sharing in my sermon during our Celebration worship service on June 25, it is great to be able to look back on the past, but we can't live there. We need to move on. We need to look to the future. We need to do our best to be like Elijah and go "anoint" those who can take our place and lead the ministry here in the future. We can't just sit around and hope we have a future. We need to be active in looking to create a future for the church. We can do that by inviting others to come join us. We can do that by looking for and helping to develop new leaders who have a heart for the Lord and a willingness to help serve Him—and then be willing to accept changes as they bring fresh ideas with them.

I celebrate the past with you. But I encourage you to look towards and to create a new future as we head into the second hundred years of The Federated Church!

—Dan D.

Tuesday Bible Study

Pastor Dan is leading a Bible study on the Book of Revelation on Tuesday evenings. He is attempting to explain the message which it communicated to the book's original readers and how that message applies to us. The study meets at the DeWitt's home from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Coming Sermons

Pastor Dan is going to wrap up the "I Believe" Apostles' Creed sermon series on July 9. He will then do three sermons on the general topic of what happens when we die. Do we go to purgatory? Is there a heaven? Is there a hell? If so, what are they like?

July 2 "UNITED IN PEACE" Ephesians 4:1-6

Peace. We all want peace. Ironically, many wars have been fought in order to find peace. God is calling His people to be united in peace as one people, as one church.

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Coming Sermons (Cont'd)

July 9 “I’LL BE BACK!” 2 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Bible promises that, although we will all experience the death of our bodies here on earth, that will not be the end for His followers. Jesus will return someday and bring His believers back from the dead.

July 16 “DO WE GO TO PURGATORY?” Luke 16:19-31; 23:43

The thought of dying is kind of scary - even for Christians because we don’t really know what happens the moment our bodies die. Do our souls just go to “sleep”? Do we go to purgatory? What happens when we die?

July 23 “WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?” Rev. 21:1-7, 22-27

The Bible says Jesus went to prepare it for us, but what will heaven be like? Sitting around on clouds playing harps sounds kind of boring. What can we expect?

July 30 “IS THERE A HELL?” John 3:16-21; 2 Thes. 1:7-10

Although God loves us all and sent Jesus to die for our sins, the fact remains that some refuse to accept his gift of grace. What awaits those who reject Him?

Session Meeting

Our next Session Meeting will be July 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the library.

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>July</u>						1 7 am - MG
2 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	3	4 7 pm-TBS 4th of July - Office Closed	5 6 pm-HOW	6	7	8 7 am - MG
9 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	10	11 7 pm-TBS	12 6 pm-HOW	13 7 pm- Session 7 pm-SCUG	14	15 7 am - MG
16 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	17 6:30 pm. Quilters	18 3:30 pm-Music/ Worship Meeting 7 pm-TBS	19 6 pm-HOW	20	21 12-2 pm -EPIC Feed My Starving Children	22 7 am - MG
23 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	24	25 9-2—EPIC Serving Lunch to families 4:30 pm-FF 7 pm-TBS	26 6 pm-HOW	27	28	29 7 am - MG
30 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH Baptism Sunday	31					

Please keep the following in your prayers

Patti Fox
Robin Stacks
Jim May
Diane & John Klene
Judy Roher
Doris Waldrop
Wanda Goff
G. L. Hartman
Tia O’Neill

Howard Casner
Pastor Terry Jensen
Linda DeWitt’s mother, Val Skupa
Ula Greenwood
Carol Pruski
Walt and Margaret Droppa
*Family of Tony Brooks (Lynn’s husband)
Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie
Juanita Anderson

*There will be a Memorial/Celebration service for Tony Brooks held in late July. Details to follow.

Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living

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



Note: If anyone would like to purchase Centennial Cookbooks, please contact Laurie Knight or the church office. Cost is \$10.00 each.

Celebrate America: The Lesters and The Chosen Ones will be performing a patriotic concert at the Sandwich Opera House Saturday, July 1, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets at the door: \$25.00. Advance tickets through the church office: \$20.00. Purchase them SOON; we only have 8 tickets left!

Willowcrest Ministry: Pastor Dan will lead worship at the Sandwich Rehab Unit and at Willowcrest on Monday, July 3. 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!

EPIC Upcoming Events: July activities for EPIC include Friday, July 21st: Feed My Starving Children, noon - 2:00 p.m., and Tuesday, July 25th: Ronald McDonald House serving lunch to families, approximately 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Baptism: Pastor Dan will be officiating a baptism on Sunday, July 30. If you have been thinking about being baptized, or baptizing /dedicating your child, let Pastor Dan know.

4th Tuesday Feast- July 25, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. St. Paul’s Catholic Church, 340 W. Arnold Rd., Sandwich, will be hosting. We will be providing desserts. Please be sure to sign up.

Calling all kids! Summer camping is just around the corner. Both the Blackhawk Baptist Camp in Oregon, IL and the Dickson Valley Camp & Retreat Center in Newark, IL, are supported by our church. Schedules are available in the church lobby and will be made available on our website, Facebook page, and are available at each camp’s website and/or Facebook page. If a child would like to attend but needs assistance with tuition, contact the church office or Linda DeWitt about scholarship opportunities.

Flowers: There is a sign-up book in the first floor lobby for anyone who would like to provide flowers for a worship service. They can be dedicated in memory, in honor, or for any special occasion.

- 7-4 Trey Stahl
- 7-9 Bob Ash
- 7-9 Tari Fetty
- 7-10 Natalie Hohenberger
- 7-10 Tom Scheidecker
- 7-11 Josh Swenson
- 7-12 Alana Stahl
- 7-20 Lexi Williams
- 7-28 Karen Beers
- 7-30 Pat Yuvan
- 7-31 G. L. Hartman



Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00—12:00

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

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