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Federated Church Newsletter

June 1, 2016

At DeWitt's End

(The following was posted by John Stuart on the "Presbyterian Bloggers," on May 31, 2010 at <http://pcusablog.blogspot.com/2010/05/memorial-day-devotion-memorial-wish.html>)

Acts 3:7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

If I had the ability to have a wish completely answered on Memorial Day, it would be that all injured, wounded, and disabled veterans were healed today – physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

Wars come and go, but wounds and scars remain. Many true combat veterans will not speak about their experiences because of the horrific and inhumane experiences they endured. Night after night, they relive former battles, campaigns, and skirmishes in their hearts and minds. Even decades after terrifying and sickening events, veterans wake up sweating all over and never find real peace.

Years ago, when I ministered to fishermen on the West Coast of Scotland, I can remember making a house call to an elderly couple. During the visit, the woman of the house told me that her husband suffered nightmares every night and that she had to comfort him. He had been on a British navy ship that was torpedoed during World War 2. He was one of the few survivors and had spent several hours in the sea before being rescued. Thereafter, every night for more than forty years, he experienced the same nightmare. The fear and anxiety never went away.

Today, we commemorate Memorial Day in the United States. Some people have a romantic nostalgic notion of making this day a red, white, and blue flag waving celebration. It is all that, but much more besides. We patriotically remember and proudly honor those who gave their lives to protect us, but we should also be aware of the many veterans at home, in hospital, or veteran's homes who still relive their time of combat and have wounds, physically and internally, that will never be healed on this side of glory.

Prayer: Lord God, we who are free sometimes forget about those who are still captive to past traumatic experiences and fearful events. We can truly never know all that occurred to preserve our freedom on the battlefields of Europe, on Pacific islands, and in South East Asia. Even today, we are not completely aware of what our armed forces endure in Iraq and Afghanistan. Forgive us for being ignorant and complacent. Bless those who sacrificed everything to give us what we cherish most today – our freedom. In Jesus' Name we humbly pray. Amen.

Serving with you,
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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dan DeWitt

Coming Sermons

- June 5 Dan will be on vacation this Sunday.
Chuck Johnson will preach for us this Sunday.
- 12 David Hiller will be our guest speaker this Sunday. He will be sharing a message about his ministry with the Christian School in Caranavi, Bolivia.
- 19 “For Those Who Tried” Matthew 14:22-33
Eleven men stayed in the boat. One man, Peter, got out and attempted to do the impossible. Even though he ultimately failed, at least he tried. This sermon is for those who got out of the boat. This is for those who tried.
- 26 “Producing A Crop” Matthew 13:1-23
Jesus told a lot of parables in order to teach some lessons about God and His kingdom. One of the parables was a story we see lived out around us every year with the corn industry. It’s a story about producing a crop – but the point of Jesus’ teaching is to encourage us to produce a spiritual crop in our lives.
- July 3 **(Independence Day)** “Divine Division” Luke 12:49-53
Sure Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts, but that peace is for those who are following God’s path. God’s path is pretty narrow and others who don’t want to take it will be pretty unhappy with you if you insist on following it! It will cause trouble for sure!

CC-Chancel Choir CE-Christian Education CSS-Children’s Sunday School EPIC-Youth Ministry
 FF-Fellowship Feast FG-Fellowship Group HOW-Heart of Worship LBS-Ladies Bible Study
 MG-Men’s Group SCUG-Computer Group SG-Small Group SLM-Spiritual Life
 SS-Adult Sunday School WBS-Women’s Bible Study WMT-Worship Ministry Team SB-Softball

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>June</u>			1 Office closed		2	3 4 7am-MG
5 9:00 am-Worship 6 pm-EPIC	6 7 pm-SB 8 pm-SB	7	8	9	10	11 7am-MG 5 pm-Adult Study
12 9:00 am-Worship 10:30 am-Adult 6 pm-EPIC	13 8 pm-SB 9 pm-SB	14	15	16	17	18 7am-MG 5 pm-Adult Study
19 9:00 am-Worship 10:30 am-Adult Study	20	21	22	23	24	25 7 am-MG 5 pm-Adult Study
26 9:00 am-Worship 10:30-Adult Study 6 pm-EPIC	27	28	29	30		<u>June</u>

Ministry of Prayer

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Ben & Lynn Harrington and family
- Carol Gowdy
- Cassie Weber
- Diane Klene
- 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.
- ◆ Kim McGuire's sister, Carmen.
- ◆ Judy Roher
- ◆ Tia O'Neill



Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living:

June Bannister, Irma Grady, Ruth Breunig, Tia O'Neill, Lois Peterson, Russell Wahlgren

Pastor Dan 's Vacation/Kim's Vacation-Pastor Dan will be on vacation May 31 and return on June 6. Kim will be out of the office May 30 and return on June 2. The office will be closed May 30, 31 and June 1.

Greeters, Worship Assistants and Fellowship Hosts/Hostesses-The updated lists July-December are now posted on the website and on the church bulletin board. *If you are unable to be there on your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone so that these ministries are covered on Sunday morning.* We have tried to make sure that people serving in these ministries have chosen to participate. If you haven't completed a survey, please contact Susie Cromwell or the office and we'll help you so that you can be included in the next cycle. Thank you to all of you who participate in these important ministries.

General Assembly-The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 172 presbyteries. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements. The 222nd General Assembly will be held in Portland, Oregon in June of this year. Chuck Johnson is serving as an elected commissioner for our Presbytery this year.

50th Wedding Anniversary- Please join Bob & Laurie Knight and family in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Open house will be held in the fellowship hall on June 11th, 1-4:00 p.m.

Looking for Church Photos- Kim is currently working on building a new church website. Do you have any photos of church activities you would like to share? Please email them to Kim.

If you want to make contributions to Casa de Esperanza orphanage, send your check to:

Casa de Esperanza
c/o Cup of Cold Water Ministries
PO Box 318, Newark, IL 60541

*Make your check payable to Cup of Cold Water Ministries

*Mark the Memo section with "CDE" or "Bolivian Orphanage", plus add the name of your child, if sponsoring a child.

*Auto draft between banks is available for monthly child sponsorship donations – go to <http://www.ccw.org/donation.html> for the EFT form.

Happy Birthday to You!



- 6-2 Larry Phillips
Margaret Droppa
- 6-7 Kristen Zaeske
- 6-9 Doris Kukla
- 6-10 Josh Stahl
- 6-12 Ava McNurlan
- 6-15 Sandy Stahl
- 6-16 Helen Kosteck
- 6-19 Lagene Wright
- 6-21 June Bannister
- 6-22 Kara Johnson
- 6-25 Norm Troeger
- 6-26 Travis McNurlan
- 6-30 Brian Miller

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00—12:00

Sunday School

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.



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