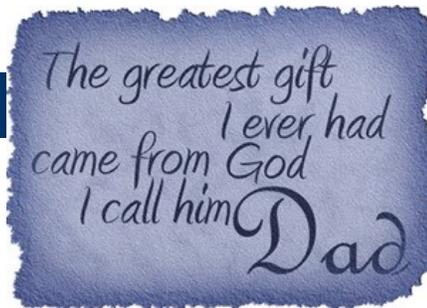


# THE FED CONNECTION

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Federated Church Newsletter

June 15, 2016

## At DeWitt's End

This coming Sunday is Father's Day. I had the privilege of having a great dad. He wasn't perfect. He had his problems. He failed many times as a father, but he tried. He loved me. He did the best he could. It was enough.

Come to think of it, I suspect my children could say that I have failed as a father many times. I'm sure they would tell you that I have my problems. But before you get all haughty on me, you need to be honest with yourself. You have your problems too. Perfect dads (or moms) don't exist. We all have a common problem – we are all imperfect humans.

Father's Day isn't a time to pretend our dads are or were perfect. They weren't and neither are we. It is time to honor that special guy who gave you life and who gave of his life for you. Were it not for your father you wouldn't be here on Father's Day. Your father made it possible for you to be alive and to enjoy the blessings of God's favor and grace in your life. So, whether your dad was a great dad or whether your father was a great dud, you have reason to be thankful on Father's Day. You have reason to honor them or their memory. Take some time this week to tell them thanks. Take some time to honor them in a special way. If they are no longer around, say thanks to God for them and the contribution they have made in your life.

*"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12 TNIV)*

Serving with you,  
Dan DeWitt

**Photos Needed**-Kim McGuire is working on a new website for the Federated Church. It is almost ready to "go public," but we really need some photos of church events and activities. If you have some church photos you can share with her, please email them to her at [office@sandwichfederatedchurch.org](mailto:office@sandwichfederatedchurch.org)

**What it means to be a Presbyterian / Baptist**-Pastor Dan is teaching a class on what it means to be a Presbyterian and what it means to be a Baptist. This class will be held in the sanctuary for the next several weeks at 10:30 on Sundays after the fellowship time. The class will not meet this coming Sunday, June 19.

**Understanding the Old Testament**-Pastor Dan and Linda are hosting a fellowship group in their home on Saturday evenings at 5:00 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 Bible. The class will not meet this coming Saturday, June 18.

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Dan DeWitt

## Coming Sermons

June 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!

10 **“Weeds Among Us”**

Matthew 13:24-43

Not everything that glitters is gold. Not everyone in church is really following God. It’s not our duty to identify and eliminate the “weeds” among us-that’s up to God. Our duty is fairly simple: develop our own faith and allow God to work His miracle in our lives.

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
<b>June</b>			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 7 pm-Session	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 3:30 SLM	16	17	18 7am-MG 5 pm-Adult Study
19 9:00 am-Worship 6 pm-EPIC Happy Father’s Day	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 6:30 pm-CE	28 430 pm-FF@ St. Paul’s	29	30		

## Ministry of Prayer

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

- 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, G.L. Hartman

**Congratulations!** Congratulations to Kendall Phillips who has graduated from Illinois State University!

**Concert**– Celebrate America Family Style, Saturday, July 2nd, 6:00 pm at the Sandwich Opera House.

**New Session member**-Cherri Gustafson has accepted an appointment to the Session to fill an un-expired term on the Session. Cherri will fill this position on an appointment basis until the 2017 annual meeting when she will have the opportunity to be elected to the position. Cherri is filling the position which was vacated due to Susan Beall's recent resignation. Thank you, Cherri, for being willing to take this position of leadership and service!

**New Praise and Worship Team Director**-The Worship Ministry Team is glad to announce that Kristin Duffield will serve as the new Praise and Worship Team Director as well as being our church pianist. Kristin has already begun helping select hymns and worship songs for our Sunday worship services and helping to arrange for special music this summer. She will be meeting with the Praise and Worship Team to start planning for our future worship services.

### **WANTED: Additional Praise and Worship Team members!!!**

If you, or someone you know, plays an instrument or would like to sing, contact Kristin Duffield.

**New Cooperative Youth Director**-The Cooperative Youth Ministry committee is proud to announce we have a new Cooperative Youth Director: Autumn (Skorup) Battaglia and her husband Steve will be serving as our new director. Autumn and Steve are moving back to Sandwich in mid-July and will begin working with the CYM youth group. We are excited about having Autumn back in town and think she will do an excellent job as the youth director. More information will follow as to the exact date she will begin meeting with the youth group.

**Choir director**-The Worship Ministry Team is in the process of looking for a new adult choir director. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping to direct our choir this fall, let pastor Dan know or contact Susie Cromwell, Chair of the Worship Ministry Team.

**Chuck Johnson as Commissioner to G.A.**-Chuck Johnson was commissioned this past Sunday to serve as a Commissioner for the Presbyterian General Assembly which will be held next week in Portland, Oregon. Keep Chuck in prayer as he represents our Presbytery at this important meeting. We look forward to an update some Sunday after he returns!

# 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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