



THE FED CONNECTION

LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, MAKING DISCIPLES

Federated Church Newsletter

May 15 2016

At DeWitt's End

It's raining as I write this. That's not a complaint. It's just a fact. Rain can be viewed as a blessing or a curse depending on your perspective. Right now I view it as a blessing. If it keeps raining non-stop for several weeks, I might change my mind about rain. But today I like it. It's cleansing. It's refreshing. I sleep well when it is gently raining. The grass and flowers and trees (and corn) seem to be responding so well to the moisture. I love it. I like the rain – at least today.

There are times I don't like the rain, like when my plans are cancelled due to the rain. Or when I wrecked my car because of the rain. (O.K., I wrecked the car because I was driving too fast in the rain when I was 19. . . .) Or when the sump pump stopped working and the basement of the apartment flooded, ruining all the stuff we stored down there.

Sometimes I choose to grin in the rain. Sometimes I choose to grumble about the rain. The rain isn't much different when I like it and when I don't. Rain is rain. But I perceive the rain differently depending on my mindset. I can't do much about the weather, but I can control the way I respond to it. I am the one who decides whether I grumble or whether I grin. You are the one who decides whether you grumble or whether you grin. It is a lot more pleasant when you grin. So, make that choice. Keep on grinning!

*"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!"
(Philippians 4:4 NLT)*

Serving with you,
Dan DeWitt

Basement, Bake Sale & Bazaar

Community outreach raising money for the Open Door Rehabilitation Center

Where: **The Federated Church**

403 N. Main St. Sandwich

When: Friday, May 13th 9:00-6:00 pm

Saturday, May 14th 9:00-1:00 pm

Bag lunches will be available \$4.00

Extra items will be donated to the Salvation Army in DeKalb

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

Coming Sermons

- May 15 Pastor Dan will be attending the Northern Illinois Walk to Emmaus. Chuck Johnson will be preaching in his place this week.
- 22 **“Partners In Ministry”** Philippians 1:3-6
- Not every minister has been to seminary. Not every pastor has been ordained by a church. Not every missionary moves to a foreign country. Not every preacher stands in front of a congregation each week. Some work quietly in the shadows without receiving any recognition or “glory” – yet their contribution to God’s Kingdom is powerful and effective. It’s important to say “thanks” to all who serve as partners in ministry!
- 29 **“New Testament Yoga”** Matthew 9:14-17; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- We tend to love the old – old jeans, old shoes, old dogs. We love the old for a variety of reasons. Maybe they remind us of special memories. Maybe they are really comfortable. Here’s the problem: God wants us to be flexible so we can accept the “new” He brings us.
- June 5 Dan will be on vacation, Chuck Johnson will preach for us this Sunday.

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
1	2 8 pm-SB 9 pm-SB	3	4 9am-Wed. Friends 6 pm-HOW 7pm-CC	5 3:30 –WBS	6	7 7am-MG
8 9 am-CSS & SS 10:30 am-Worship	9 7 pm-SB 8 pm-SB	10 7 pm-FG	11 9:30am-LBS 6 pm-HOW 7pm-CC	12 9:30 am-Worship Meeting 3:30 –WBS	13 9 am-6 pm- Basement, Bake Sale & Bazaar	14 7am-MG 9 am-1 pm- Basement, Bake Sale & Bazaar
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29 10:30 am-Worship 6 pm-EPIC	30 Memorial Day Church office closed	31 6:30-CE				May

Ministry of Prayer

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- The family of baby London
- The family of John Young
- 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 is offering two different adult Study / Fellowship Groups this summer:

- A 10 week group that meets in Dan and Linda's home on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Each evening we will have a brief time of prayer and reflecting on our love for God. We will also have a lesson / discussion on the topic of "Understanding the Old Testament." Dan will use a portion of Francis Chan's book: "Multiply" as a primary resource. This group will meet from June 11 – August 27. If the group is too large to fit in their home, the group will relocate to the church chapel. You do not need to sign up ahead of time.
- An 8 week group that meets on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. We will spend 4 weeks looking at **what it means to be a Presbyterian** and 4 weeks looking at **what it means to be a Baptist**. You will need to sign up by May 29 so Dan can prepare materials. This group will meet from June 12 – August 21 and will meet in the church chapel.

50th Wedding Anniversary-Please join Bob & Laurie Knight and family on Saturday, June 11th., 1-4:00 p.m. for their 50th wedding anniversary open house. The celebration will be held in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served, please omit gifts. The only gift they request is the gift of your presence.

Ministry Appreciation Day-The Worship Ministry Team and the Christian Education Ministry Team will both be recognizing The Fed's servants who have faithfully served in their ministries this past year. This recognition will take place during the 10:30 a.m. worship May 22. The Christian Ed Team will be hosting a breakfast potluck with entire church family invited during the 9:00 Sunday School hour that day. May 22 will be the last day of our "regular" Sunday School program for the summer.

Changes in Sunday School-The Christian Education Ministry Team is working on a new approach to our Sunday School. Once our Fall program begins again after the fair in September, we will no longer offer a separate children / youth Sunday School program at 9:00 a.m. as we have done in the past. We are going to experiment by offering a Children's Worship opportunity at the same time that the adults worship at 10:30 a.m. We will encourage parents to drop off their children (infants through 4 th grade) in the nursery / class room prior to the worship and pick them up again after worship is over. We will be developing several teams of adults who can serve as leaders for the Children's Worship. Our plan is to have the volunteer teams serve for a month at a time, and then be able to go back into the adult worship while other Children's Worship teams serve. Be sure to contact Sheryl McAlearney if you would like to help on one of the Children's Worship

Happy Birthday to You!



- 5-10 Carl Gustafson
- 5-13 Nicholas Allen
- 5-17 Jill Jutila
- 5-22 Patti Fox & Roger Duffield
- 5-24 Melinda Neumann
- 5-28 Linda Hoadley

Reminders: The last day of Sunday school will be May 22nd. The summer worship time begins on Sunday, June 5th, 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00—12:00

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m.



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