



THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

November 1, 2016

At DeWitt's End

In a few days, the campaign ads will come to an end. In a few days, somebody will become the newly elected president of the United States. In a few days, some of you will be celebrating because your candidate won, and some of you will be mourning because your candidate lost.

Some of you might possibly feel that we are, finally, entering into a golden age of promise. Some of you might possibly feel that all is lost and the end of our once great nation is right around the corner.

Personally, I'm not too worried one way or the other. The Bible tells us that those who are in positions of authority *"have been placed there by God"* ([Romans 13:1](#)). That strongly suggests that God will be influencing the outcome of the election according to His grand design. I don't understand how He might be doing that, but I do find it to be a comforting thought and it gives me hope.

Even if you can't accept the idea that God is placing government leaders in their positions, here is another promise from the Bible you may be able to embrace: *"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them"* ([Romans 8:28](#)). This second passage states that God will be shaping and guiding the impact of the election and will bring about good in the results. That promise definitely gives me a sense of hope and comfort!

I don't have much faith in any particular candidate or political party or their respective platforms. But I do, however, have faith in God. Because of that, I'm not too worried about the outcome of the election. The candidates may or may not keep their election promises. But God is faithful. He has always kept His promises and He always will. Because of that, we don't have to worry about the national election. God has our lives, our country, our future in His hands. And we are in good hands!

We don't have to worry. He's got this!

--Pastor Dan

Vacation

Pastor Dan will be taking some vacation time the week of October 31 – Nov. 4. If you need assistance during his absence, please contact the church office or one of the Session members.

Understanding the New Testament

Pastor Dan will begin a new small group study in his home on November 8: Understanding The New Testament. This class is designed to give you a general overview of the New Testament. It would be a great class for those who would like to gain a better understanding of the central themes of the Bible. Pastor Dan is using the book, Multiply, by Francis Chan as the resource book.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.

Pastor: Dan DeWitt

Coming Sermons

Pastor Dan is currently preaching a series of sermons dealing with the 10 commandments:

Nov. 6 “Pursue Peace with Each Other” Exodus 20:13

Human life is created in God’s image and that makes it sacred. That is part of the reason God wants us to pursue peace with each other – so that we do not “kill” a person’s heart and soul by the things we say. We need to do our best to pursue peace with one another.

13 “Maintaining Purity” Exodus 20:14

Just as God wants us to remain “pure” in our relationship with Him, He wants us to be “pure” in our human relationships. We should strive to be pure in the way we think as well as the way we act. It’s not easy, but the Holy Spirit, who lives inside each believer, can help enable us as we strive to maintain purity.

20 “Live a Life of Integrity” Exodus 20:15

When we enter into a relationship with God, we become His ambassadors to those around us and we need to represent Him well. At the very least this means we should live a life of integrity when it comes to the way we treat other people’s money and property.

CC-Chancel Choir	CE-Christian Education	CWH-Children’s Worship Hour	EPIC-Youth Ministry
FF-Fellowship Feast	FG-Fellowship Group	HOW-Heart of Worship	LBS-Ladies Bible Study
MG-Men’s Group	AS-Adult Study	SG-Small Group	SLM-Spiritual Life
WBS-Women’s Bible Study		WMT-Worship Ministry Team	LCM-Leaders Coordination Meeting

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>November</u>		1	2	3	4	5 7am-MG 10 am-Hands of Hope
6 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 11 am-ABC	7	8 7 pm-AS	9 9:30 am-LBS 6 pm-HOW & EPIC 7 pm-CC	10 3:30 pm-WBS 7 pm-Session	11 9 pm-5 am-EPIC Lock-in	12 7am-MG 9 am-Fall Church Clean-up
13 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 11 am-ABC	14	15 7 pm-AS	16 9:30 am-LBS 6 pm-HOW & EPIC 7 pm-CC	17 3:30 pm-WBS	18	19 7am-MG
20 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 11 am-ABC	21	22 4:30-FF-United 7 pm-AS	23 7 pm-Community Thanksgiving Service	24 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 7 am-MG 9 am-Christmas Decorating
27 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 11 am-ABC	28	29 7 pm-AS	30 9:30 am-LBS 6 pm-HOW & EPIC 7 pm-CC			

Ministry of Prayer

Please keep the following in your prayers

- John & Diane Klene
- Les & Pat Redden's daughter, Kristy
- Brian Hutchinson
- Pastor Terry Jensen
- Bill Griffiths' daughter, Diane Casurella
- Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa
- Laurel Li Mack's niece, Tracey Brewer
- Carolyn Meier's mom, Vi
- Carol Pruski
- Walt Droppa
- Gloria Gilbertson's daughter, Sonja
- Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie.
- ◆ Judy Roher
- ◆ Tia O'Neill

Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living

Organ in Chapel-The Worship Ministry Team has decided to offer the Thomas organ in the chapel to anyone who would like it – free will offering (or just free). Contact the office.

WSPY radio broadcast -The Spiritual Life Ministry Team has decided to discontinue our weekly radio broadcast on WSPY. If you or someone you know has been listening to the weekly broadcast, you may watch videos of the sermons on our website or on our Facebook account.

Financial Pledges-You will be receiving a letter soon about making a financial pledge to the church for the 2017 year. We ask people to make these pledges so we can have some idea how much contributions we will receive next year – it helps us as we put together our 2017 annual budget. If you receive the pledge letter, please fill out the pledge information and return it to the church office by November 20. If you do not receive a pledge letter and you would like to make a pledge, contact Kim in the office (or Pastor Dan) and she will get a copy of it to you.

Wanted: Nursery Childcare Worker-We are looking to hire a reliable and experienced person to care for children (birth through 4 years) at The Fed on Sunday mornings. We are seeking someone who is a committed Christian, who understands childcare as a ministry, and is able / willing to be an extension of the Church's ministry to children and families. If you know of someone who might be a good fit, contact the church office.

Monthly newsletter-In order to save paper and printing costs, the Session has approved Pastor Dan's proposal that we **discontinue** publishing the newsletter twice a month. Beginning with this issue, we will only publish the newsletter at the end of each month and will not publish the newsletter on the 15th of each month. If you have announcements which need to be in the monthly newsletter, you will need to get them to the office by the 21st day of each month.

Be Included in Our Photography Event!

We are updating our church directory. Photos will be taken Nov. 4-6 and Nov. 13. *We'd love to see everyone in our new directory!* Appointments can be made on Sundays at the church, by calling the office or on our website: www.fedconnection.net

Operation Christmas Child-Shoebboxes are due by Nov. 20th.

Youth Lock-In-Nov. 11-12 from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. at the Lifetime Fitness Gym in Schaumburg. For more information see Autumn Battaglia.

Fall Clean-The Fall church clean-up will be Saturday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you here.

Hands of Hope Illinois and Emmanuel Church in partnership with the Sandwich/Somonauk Ministerial Association will be at the Sandwich High School Saturday, Nov. 5th, 10-2 pm, for a free food distribution to those in need.

Happy Birthday to You!

11-1 Tom Gowdy
11-4 Chuck Johnson & Colette Kurtz
11-10 Naoma White
11-18 Brody Stahl



EPIC Bonfire

Sunday, Oct. 30th, 2-4 pm
Steve & April Skorup's Home
75 Hickory Loop Dr. Sandwich
Food, Friends, Bible, Games
Hot dogs, drinks & s'mores provided.
Feel free to bring chips or other
snacks, if you like.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00—12:00

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship Hour

9:30 a.m.



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