

THE FED CONNECTION



At DeWitt's End

I received several favorable responses to my sermon on "Embrace Change" (Sept. 24). Some said they want me to help provide more leadership suggestions on how we can make effective changes to better follow the paths God would have us take here at the Federated Church. If you are willing to embrace change, I will do my best.

As a result, I am going to "change" the sermons I had planned on giving in the coming weeks so that I can attempt to address how we, as a church and as individuals, can better understand how we can follow God's lead down the paths of change.

Please pray for me. Pray for each other. Pray for the "leaders" of the church. Pray for the "followers" of the church. Pray that we will be sensitive to the path God wants us to follow and that we will be willing, and have the courage, to follow that path. Pray that God will give us a fresh sense of the mission He has for us and a fresh passion to pursue it.

If you were not present Sept. 24 and did not hear the sermon, I am attaching a link to it at the end of this article. I encourage you to go watch it. Even if you were there that Sunday, I encourage you to go watch it again. I'm not saying it was a great sermon, it probably wasn't. But I am convinced it contains a message God would have us take to heart. So go listen to the sermon. If you cannot watch it online, let me know and you can come by the church sometime and watch it here, or I could download it to a DVD so you could watch it at home.

God, give us wisdom. Give us insight. Help us to understand what is important and what is not. Help us to be willing to follow you regardless of whether it is a path of our choosing. Give us courage. Help us be faithful to you.

Sermon link: <https://youtu.be/U70BnEQn6J8>

--Dan

Tuesday Bible Study

Beginning in November, Pastor Dan will start a new study on what the Bible teaches about heaven. He will use the following book as a primary resource: Heaven by Randy Alcorn. You don't have to purchase the book, but it would be helpful if you did. The class will start Nov. 7 at 7:00 p.m. in his home. You are welcome to come join the class.

Coming Sermons:

Oct. 1 "Be A Friend" Luke 10:25-37

God has called us to reach out to those around us. God has called us to "go make disciples." It sounds intimidating, but it need not be. All we have to do is be a friend to those in need.

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Oct. 8 “Invite a Friend” Luke 5:27-32

The best way to get people to join us in following Jesus does not involve a program that the ministry teams or the pastor puts together. The best way is for each of us to do what Levi did: go to our friends and invite them.

Oct. 15 Guest missionary speakers: Robert and Lana Gonzalez, missionaries to Spain.

Oct. 22 “Be Willing” Acts 10:1-47

The best plan for reaching people is often no plan at all – but simply being willing to be “stretched” beyond our comfort zone and to “go” where and when God prompts us to go and do what He prompts us to do.

Oct. 29 “Take a Walk” Acts 8:26-40

When we have a willing spirit, God can do amazing things through us. He can even work miracles if we simply follow His lead to go take a walk.

C.A.M.P. Update: Shoes are still needed for the mission trip to Costa Rica, or if anyone would care to donate money for them, they can be purchased. Receipts are needed to be with the shoes, if possible, so they can get thru the checkpoints. October 15th is the deadline for getting the shoes and/or monetary donations in. Checks can be made out to Glenda Potter, or C.A.M.P. c/o of Glenda Potter (if wanting a tax deduction).

Thank You Note Received: Dear Federated Church Family: Words cannot express how much you all mean to me. Your cards & Notes during this difficult time have meant so much to me & my boys. Living far away has not changed my love for my friends there. Thank you for caring & praying for my family. Thank you for the beautiful flowers you had delivered to the memorial. The picture of all of you there will be a cherished treasure!! That was very humbling that so many attended. Blessings to each one of you, Lynn Brooks & boys

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| CWH-Children’s Worship MG-Men’s Group SCUG-Sandwich Computer Users Group | TBS-Tues. Bible Study CC-Chancel Choir | EPIC-Youth Group LBS-Ladies Morning Bible Study HOW-Heart of Worship | FF-Community Fellowship Feast WBS-Women’s Afternoon Bible Study FMC-Facilities/Ministry Committee |
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| Sunday October | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 1:15 pm-CROP Walk at St. Paul’s CC, Hinckley 3:00-6:00 pm-Takin’ It To The Streets | 2 3:30 p.m.-WBS | 3 7:00 pm-TBS 7:00 pm-FMC | 4 9:30 a.m.-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC | 5 | 6 Office Closed | 7 7:00 am-MG 8:30 am-Trash Pick-Up |
| 8 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH | 9 3:30 p.m.-WBS | 10 Pastor Dan Out of Office | 11 9:30 a.m.-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC Pastor Dan Out of Office | 12 Pastor Dan Out of Office | 13 Pastor Dan Out of Office | 14 7:00 am-MG Pastor Dan Out of Office |
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| 22 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH | 23 3:30 p.m.-WBS | 24 4:30-6:00 pm- Community Feast/Here 7:00 pm-TBS | 25 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC | 26 | 27 | 28 7:00 am-MG |
| 29 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH | 30 3:30 p.m.-WBS | 31 7:00pm-TBS | | | | |

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Patti Fox
Violet Ohlwine
Lisa Augustine
Lee Legner
Judy Roher
Mary Plante
Wanda Goff
G. L. Hartman
Family of Frank & Colette Greenwood Kurtz
Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brook's grandbaby)
Wilbur Martin
Tia O'Neill

Julianna and her baby Autumn (Mary Plante's niece)
Donald Alderman (Kara Johnson's dad)
Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa
John and Diane Klene
Carol Pruski
Walt and Margaret Droppa
Mary Ann Chamberlain
Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie
Karl Wendeler (Karen Knight's father-in-law)
John Gneckow (Bob Knight's brother-in-law)
Family member having battery of tests

Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living

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

Office Hours: Jane will be on vacation the first week of October. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m. - noon Monday - Thursday, October 2-5, and closed Friday, Oct. 6.

Need Volunteers! We are looking for one or two more volunteers to lead Children's Worship for a few Sundays in 2018. We are excited about the new program we are launching which has the Bible Story on DVD, and ready to use materials. If you can help, please contact someone on the C.E. committee (Sheryl McAlearney, Diane Ash, Laurel Li Mack) or the church office.

EPIC is in need of volunteers to provide food for their Wednesday meetings. If you would be willing to help, please sign up on their meal-share website (<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1505o3>) or contact Autumn Battaglia at BattagliaAN1@gmail.com or 815-685-8448. EPIC will also be walking in the CROP Walk on Oct. 1. Please let Autumn know if you would like to sponsor or give a donation toward their walk.

October 1 Events: **CROP Walk**, starting at St. Paul's UCC in Hinckley. Registration is at 1:15 pm, followed by the walk start at 2:00 pm. Come join in on a day to fight Hunger.

Takin' It To The Streets is a local street & sidewalk event from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 1, located at 221 N. Eddy St., Sandwich This is an outdoor event designed to encourage people of all faiths to pray together for God's blessings on and protection for our city. There will be activities, intermittent prayer, and food. There is no charge for this event.

Trash Pickup: Our church has "adopted" a section of East Sandwich Road from Pratt to Coy road. Our next trash pickup day will be Oct. 7. We will leave from the church at 9:00 a.m. Wear gloves and boots and bring some heavy-duty trash bags.

Out of the Office: Pastor Dan will be out of town Oct. 10-14, and again Oct. 19-21. If you need any ministry assistance while he is gone, call one of the Session members or the office.

Shoe Box Project Request: When filling your shoe boxes, please do not put any candy or toothpaste in them. Small children eat toothpaste because it is sweet or flavored, and due to the boxes getting shipped to different warehouses where they can sit for awhile, little critters are getting in them to eat the candy.

Church Basement Sale: A basement sale will be held Friday and Saturday, October 20 & 21, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to benefit Open Door. Donated items can be dropped off at the church Monday, October 16th, from 9:00 a.m. - noon, or put in the youth office.

Community Fellowship Feast: October 24, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. We will be hosting, and will provide the main meat and drinks. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet outside of the sanctuary if you can help.

10-1 Steve Cromwell
10-2 Sharon Langford
10-4 Joanna Bark
10-6 Susan Hohenberger
10-9 Tia O'Neill
10-10 Laurie Knight
10-12 Pat Redden
10-13 John Hohenberger
10-15 Jane Jakubiak
10-22 Linda DeWitt
10-26 Frank Kurtz
10-28 Garrett McNurlan
10-29 Sheryl McAlearney
10-30 Evelyn Swenson



Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00—12:00
Sunday Worship
Children's Worship
Hour
9:30 a.m.

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