



THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

September 1, 2017

At DeWitt's End

There was a lot of “chatter” a couple weeks ago when we experienced a solar eclipse. Some were convinced it would usher in the end of the world with an end-of-time apocalypse. In case you haven't heard, I'm glad to report that the world has not come to an end. Not yet, anyway.

But all this talk about the end of the world got me to thinking: what should we do if we really were facing the end of the world? How should we respond? Maybe we won't face a literal world-wide apocalypse, but maybe we will have to face a financial or emotional or medical “apocalypse”. I don't want to be morbid, but it could happen in a lot of different ways. Maybe our pension or our savings or our investments go belly-up. Maybe we get a report from the medical doctor which is dire and scary. Maybe we lose someone who is as precious to us as life itself. Life can go south on you and melt down in a heartbeat.

What should we do if we find ourselves facing a “personal apocalypse”? I find a wonderful answer in Philippians 4:6-7: Take your “disaster” in prayer to God and trust Him to take care of you. Listen to what it says will happen if we do:

(6) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. (7) Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

God can take our own personal “apocalypse” and turn it into a blessing. God can take our personal disasters and turn them into opportunities to give us a heart filled with peace.

I hope you don't experience any kind of a life meltdown in the near future, but if you do, take comfort in God's promise. Don't allow the pending disasters to overwhelm you. Instead, turn in faith to God and give the disasters to Him. If you do, He will give you peace. A peace which exceeds anything you could ever hope for.

Trust God and enjoy His peace!

--Dan

Tuesday Bible Study

Pastor Dan continues to teach on the book of Revelation Tuesday evenings at his home. They have a few more weeks before he finishes the study.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
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Coming Sermons: “Prayer Tips From the Master”

September 3 “Thy Will Be Done” Matthew 6:10

Too often our prayers tend to be a recitation of things we want for us and ours. Jesus’ tip is that instead of seeking the stuff we want, we should seek those things that God wants for us.

September 10 “Our Daily Bread” Matthew 6:11

There is a huge difference between the things we want and the things we need. To be honest, the list of our needs is pretty small. Tip from the Master: focus on praying about our needs, not our wants.

September 17 “Forgive Us as We Forgive” Matthew 6:12, 14-15

We all mess up/ We all sin against God. We all hurt other people. Tip from the Master: we need to take seriously our need to be forgiven by God as well as to forgive others.

COMING SOON: A Walk in Their Shoes, Sept. 23, 10:00am-2:00 pm, at Pine Ridge Christian Center for Cup of Cold Water Ministries, 2580 N. 3653rd Rd., Norway, IL. This is a “Poverty Experience”, developed by a missionary in Mongolia. A great experience! Cost is \$10. For more info & to register, call 815-496-2024. **Crop Walk**, Oct. 1, St. Paul’s UCC, Hinckley. Registration at 1:15 pm, walk start at 2:00 pm. Come join in on a day to fight hunger.

Library Book Review: *Sensible Shoes*, by Sharon Brown. This novel follows the stories of four women on a spiritual journey to deepen their relationships with God through prayer and other spiritual disciplines. Their journey will be helpful to the reader who may want to broaden their own spiritual journey.

CWH-Children’s Worship	TBS-Tues. Bible Study	EPIC-Youth Group	FF-Community Fellowship Feast
MG-Men’s Group	CC-Chancel Choir	LBS-Ladies Morning Bible Study	WBS-Women’s Afternoon Bible Study
SCUG-Sandwich Computer Users Group		HOW-Heart of Worship	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September					1	2
3 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH No Fellowship Coffee Hour	4 LABOR DAY- OFFICE CLOSED	5 7:00 pm-Facilities/ Ministry Comm.	6 SANDWICH FAIR	7 SANDWICH FAIR	8 SANDWICH FAIR	9 SANDWICH FAIR
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Please keep the following in your prayers:

Patti Fox
Becca Rice
Lisa Augustine
Diane & John Klene
Judy Roher
Mary Plante
Wanda Goff
G. L. Hartman
Violet Ohlwine
Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brook's grandbaby)

Julianna and her baby Autumn (Mary Plante's niece)
Shirley Amador's Children, Richard & Angela
Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa
Debbie Keele
Carol Pruski
Walt and Margaret Droppa
Mary Ann Chamberlain
Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie
Family of Frank & Colette Greenwood Kurtz
Karl Wendeler (Karen Knight's father-in-law)

Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living

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

Attention Ladies: You are invited to two upcoming events: First Presbyterian Church, 106 S. Lincoln St., Braidwood, is hosting a Ladies Tea on Sept. 17 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 and includes tea, scones, pastries, and a program on Abigail Adams, wife of the second President of the U.S. and an inspiring Christian lady. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Joliet, is hosting the P.W. Blackhawk Fall Gathering on Sept. 23, from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 and includes continental breakfast and program. Bring Least Coin Offering for dedication. Reservations & payment due by Sept. 18. Contact Jean Reece at 815-725-8666 for questions.

Thank You: Dear Federated Church Family, Thank you so much for making Mom's milestone birthday so special. The flowers you sent were absolutely gorgeous. And Mom really appreciated the acknowledgement of her birthday during the service and fellowship hour. Thank you again for your very important part in making her birthday so memorable! Sincerely, Nancy & GL Hartman.

4th Tuesday Feast- September 26, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Union Congregational Church, 305 S. Gage Street, Somonauk, will be hosting. We will be providing casseroles. Please be sure to sign up if you can help.

Willowcrest Ministry: Pastor Dan will lead worship at the Sandwich Rehab Unit and at Willowcrest on Tuesday, September 19. He will be at the Rehab Unit at 1:50 p.m., and at Willowcrest at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to join him, it is always nice to have smiling faces who can help share the love of God with our friends who live at those facilities. PLEASE HELP HIM IF YOU CAN!

C.A.M.P.: For those wanting to know more about Central America Mission Projects (CAMP), or wanting to download registration forms, please visit their website: campmissiontours.org. For those who would like to help CAMP financially, please send your tax deductible contribution to: CAMP, c/o Jack Moser, P. O. Box 382, Tremont, IL 61568. Credit card donations can be made at their website: campmissiontours.org.

CAMP hopes that you will help collect tennis shoes for children in Costa Rica. They are also collecting school supplies. This includes crayons, play doh, rulers, pencils, erasers, stickers, colored felt tips, and coloring books. Look for a collection box in the lobby. Please see Glenda Potter for more information.

Out of the Office: Pastor Dan will be out of town Sept. 28-30 attending the American Baptist of the Great Rivers Region Annual Meeting. If you need any ministry assistance while he is gone, call the office or one of the Session members.

Former Pastor Don Ridder is now in missionary ministry! Beginning last July, Don began serving as pastor of the Escazu Christian Fellowship in Costa Rica. In addition, he now serves as a Resonate Global missionary, and will be partnering with 30+ other missionaries with Resonate Global Mission in Central America. Please keep Don and his church and missionary organization in your prayers.

9-1 Diane Ash
9-2 Mary Plante
9-3 Mary Ann Phillips
9-8 Jerry Owens
9-8 Autumn Battaglia
9-9 Walt Droppa
9-10 Ethan Stahl
9-10 Aaron Stahl
9-10 Amy Wiegman
9-11 Kurt Hohenberger
9-12 Alan Sanders
9-13 Richard Fetty
9-13 Jay Wiegman
9-17 Dennis Stahl
9-17 Aurelia Swenson
9-19 Jessica Plante
9-20 Jim Yuvan

9-22 Judy Rice
9-22 Tyler Williams
9-23 Lyla Daleske
9-27 Charles Watros
9-30 Les Redden



Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00—12:00

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship
Hour

9:30 a.m.

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