



# THE FED CONNECTION

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Federated Church Newsletter

July 15, 2016

## At DeWitt's End

This past Sunday (July 10) we passed out a survey at church in which we asked for your input on a proposal that we change our worship service times so that we no longer had different worship times during the summer and during the winter. The proposal was that we change our worship times to be 9:30 a.m. all year round. We had also sent the survey out via email to all of the church members whose email addresses we had.

We had a good response to the surveys and I tallied up the responses so the Session can consider your input as they decide whether to go forward with the proposed change or not. The Session will have that discussion in a few weeks, but I wanted to share the results of the survey since several people have asked me. I would be happy to share the Excel file via email if you want to review the results and read the comments yourself. The following represents what the people of our church have said:

**84 people filled out the survey** as of the time I am writing this. I continue to receive more surveys, so I keep updating the results.

67 people said they wanted to have worship at the same time all year round.

19 people said they wanted to leave things as they are and not change anything.

61 people said they wanted worship at 9:30 a.m. all year round.

I also evaluated the answers based on the age of the persons who answered.

70 of those who answered the survey were **50 years of age or older**.

55 of them wanted our worship service at the same time all year long.

50 of them said they wanted worship at 9:30 a.m.

14 of those who answered the survey were **under 50 years of age**.

12 of them said they wanted our worship service at the same time all year long.

11 of them wanted worship at 9:30 a.m.

There was a wide variety of preferred worship times for people of all ages with the requested worship times ranging from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The vast majority of people said they preferred 9:30.

Now that we have the results, the Session will think about it, pray about it, talk about it and then decide what changes, if any, our church should make regarding its worship times. Thank you for participating in the survey and letting us know your preferences.

--Dan D.

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. He has finished the "Presbyterian" portion of the class and will now deal with the "Baptist" portion. This class is being held in the chapel at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays after the fellowship time. The class will NOT meet on Sunday, July 17, due to the church picnic.

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## Coming Sermons

- July 17     **“Spiritual Pickers”**                             Matthew 13:44-46  
 Some people have a knack for finding great treasures by looking through lots of old junk. Not me, I just gather more old junk. But when it comes to spiritual treasures, we can all hit the jackpot when we find the Kingdom of God while picking through the junk of life.
- 24     **Pastor Dan is on vacation.**  
 Chuck Johnson is preaching. He will also probably share some of his observations from serving as our Commissioner at the Presbyterian U.S.A. General Assembly.
- 31     **“The Loving Father”**                             Luke 15:1-2, 11-24  
 We call it the parable of the prodigal son, but we really have it all wrong. The parable wasn’t really about the son at all. The parable is all about God and the love He has for those who are lost and going astray.
- Aug. 7     **“The Older Brother”**                             Luke 15:1-2, 25-32  
 It could have been my story. Maybe it is yours. The story of the older brother is a story of a person that most of us would consider as being faithful. In reality he only *LOOKED like he was faithful because he didn’t physically leave the father. Even though he never physically left, he completely walked away from his father in his heart and in his mind. The sad reality is that he didn’t even realize it.*

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     AS-Adult Study     SG-Small Group     SLM-Spiritual Life  
 SS-Adult Sunday School     WBS-Women’s Bible Study     WMT-Worship Ministry Team

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July</b>					1	2 7am-MG
3 9:00 am-Worship 10:30 am-AS 6 pm-EPIC	4 <b>Happy 4th of July</b> Office Closed	5 7 pm-Finance Meeting 7 pm-AS	6	7	8	9 7am-MG
10 9:00 am-Worship 10:30 am-AS 6 pm-EPIC	11	12 3:30-SLM 7 pm-AS	13	14	15	16 7am-MG
17 9:00 am-Worship 10:30-AS <b>Church Picnic</b>	18	19 7 pm-AS	20	21	22	23 7 am-MG
24 9:00 am-Worship 10:30 am-AS 6 pm-EPIC	25 6:30-CE	26 4:30-FF@Som. Baptist 7 pm-AS	27	28	29	30 7 am-MG
31 9:00 am-Worship 10:30 am-AS 6 pm-EPIC						

## Ministry of Prayer

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Bill Griffiths' daughter, Diane Casurella
- Mary George
- Cindy Morris' father, Jim Murray
- Carol Gowdy
- 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

### **\*Save the Date\***

#### **100 Year Federated Church Anniversary Celebration! June 22-25, 2017**

Thurs-BBQ Dinner

Fri-Concert

Sat-Ice Cream Social

Sun-Special Sunday Service followed by Potluck

Looking for photos from church events, please give them to Bob Knight or Chris Williams (photos should be in an envelope and each photo should have who it belongs to so it can be returned).

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

If you, or someone you know, plays an instrument or would like to sing, contact Kristin Duffield, our new Praise and Worship Team director.

### **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.

### **Understanding the Old Testament**

Pastor Dan and Linda are hosting a fellowship group in their home on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 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 Old Testament.

### **Church picnic**

We will hold our annual church picnic Lake Holiday's Beach 2 on Sunday, July 17. This will be right after church, starting around 11:00 a.m. The church will provide the meat and the drinks for the meal. You are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert which can be shared with others. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to come join us!

# Happy Birthday to You!



- 7-4 Trey Stahl
- 7-7 Tari Fetty
- 7-9 Bob Ash
- 7-10 Tom Scheidecker
- 7-12 Alana Stahl
- 7-18 John Middleton
- 7-18 Julie Zaeske
- 7-20 Lexi Williams
- 7-24 Alex Zaeske
- 7-28 Karen Beers  
Ruth Breunig
- 7-30 Pat Yuvan
- 7-31 Cara Gustafson  
G.L. Hartman

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Office Hours  
Monday-Friday  
8:00—12:00

Sunday School

Sunday Worship  
9:00 a.m.



The illustration shows a picnic basket with a red and white checkered cloth, a watermelon slice, a hamburger, a football, and various fruits and vegetables. The text "Church Picnic" is written in a stylized font above the basket.

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