

THE FED CONNECTION

LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, MAKING DISCIPLES



Federated Church Newsletter

July 31, 2016

At DeWitt's End

It doesn't seem possible but Linda and I have officially been a part of The Federated Church for one year now. Our U-Haul rolled into Sandwich on July 17, 2015. We have really enjoyed getting to know you and being part of this wonderful congregation. You have made our first year here a tremendous blessing. Thank you!

I was reading recently from the book of Philippians and this passage stood out to me:

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.
(Philippians 2:13 NLT)*

I don't know about you, but I do always have the desire to do what pleases God. Sometimes we simply want to do our own thing. But God has a plan and wants us on-board with Him. He will keep nudging our hearts and minds and attitudes and, be it ever so slowly, He will help us develop the desire to do what pleases Him. And once we finally have that desire, He will then give us the power to put the desire into action.

It's not always easy to do what God wants us to. Sometimes it requires sacrifice. Sometimes it requires that we do things that are outside our comfort zone. Sometimes it requires us to develop new skills. Sometimes it requires us to develop new habits. It's not always easy to find the desire to do these things. And even if we want to, it is not always easy to have the strength to actually do them. But God is working on us and He won't give up on us. He wants to help us develop the desire and then He will give us the strength.

There is just one catch: we must be willing! Let me encourage you to make a commitment to God. Tell God that you are willing to develop the desire to do what pleases Him. If you are willing, God can take it from there and help you with the rest of the task. He can and will help you become the person He wants you to be if you let him. Are you willing?

Serving with Him,
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.

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.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
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Coming Sermons

- 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.*
- 14 **“A Shepherd’s Perspective”** Psalm 23
 Most of us are familiar with the 23rd Psalm. We have heard it read at funerals many times. We may have even memorized it at some point in Sunday School or Children’s Church. The words are familiar. But the meaning comes alive when we hear it explained from the perspective of a shepherd.
- 21 **“What Does It Mean to Love God?”** Matt. 22:36-38
 The Bible says we are to love God. If asked, most of us would *SAY that we love God. We might even say that we love God with all our heart, soul and mind. But I wonder: do we really know what that means?*

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
<u>August</u>	1	2 7 pm-AS	3	4	5	6 7am-MG
7 9:00 am-Worship 10:30 am-AS 6 pm-EPIC	8	9 7 pm-AS	10	11 7 pm-Session	12	13 7am-MG
14 9:00 am-Worship 10:30 am-AS 2 pm-Nursery Shower 6 pm-EPIC	15	16 7 pm-AS	17	18	19	20 7am-MG
21 9:00 am-Worship 10:30-AS 6 pm-EPIC	22	23 7 pm-AS	24	25	26	27 7 am-MG
28 9:00 am-Worship 10:30 am-AS 6 pm-EPIC	29	30 4:30-FF@Union 7 pm-AS	31			

Ministry of Prayer

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Florence Miller's mom, Corrine Ohlevine & Violet
- 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.
- ◆ 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.

Happy Birthday to You!



- 8-2 April Skorup
- 8-4 Shannon Stahl
- 8-6 Bill Keele
- 8-8 Eileen Weber
- 8-18 Ellie Wiegman
- 8-19 Florence Miller
- 8-24 Dale Hamilton & Betty French
- 8-26 Ben Harrington & Butch Babos
- 8-28 Joy Cunningham
- 8-29 Barb Scheidecker, Cherri Gustafson, Linda Holley & Cathy Owens
- 8-30 Roberta Troeger


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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00—12:00

Sunday School

Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m.

A photograph of dandelion seed heads against a green background, with some seeds blowing away.

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