

THE FED CONNECTION

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Federated Church Newsletter

June 1, 2017

At DeWitt's End

When we first started talking about the Centennial celebration last year, it seemed like it was SO FAR AWAY - just a distant event that would happen eventually. Not anymore! Now the Centennial is a reality which will happen in just a few short weeks. We have a huge crew of people who have been working tirelessly to make the dreams of the celebration a reality. Thank you to all who have made this possible!

I hope you have placed the three days of the Centennial celebration on your calendar and are planning to be a part of each and every activity during the June 23-25 celebration. We have the details of the celebration posted in another location in this newsletter, so I won't reiterate the details here. Let me just encourage you to be here for it all and enjoy as much of it as you can.

We have attempted to contact as many of our former members and pastors as possible so that they can come celebrate with us. We have attempted to get the word out to the community around us so they will know about it and be able to come. We have done what we can, now it is your turn. Invite your neighbors. Invite your co-workers. Invite your old classmates. Invite people who used to attend church here but, for whatever reason, no longer worship here. Invite people who do not attend church anywhere.

We want to celebrate the last 100 years of our ministry, yes, but we want this celebration to be much more than just looking back on what we have done in the past. We want this celebration to be an opportunity to "jump start" our ministry for the next 100 years. I pray God will bless our efforts and our ministry as we step forward into the next 100 years of our ministry here in Sandwich!

In His love,
-Pastor Dan

100-Year Celebration T-Shirts Available. Sizes are available from infants - adults. Colors are light blue and gray. Cost is \$15.00 for toddler, youth, and adult sizes, and \$10.00 for infant sizes. If interested, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby outside the sanctuary. Checks can be made out to the church, and please notate on the check that it is for the t-shirts.

Tuesday Bible Study

Pastor Dan is leading a Bible study on the Book of Revelation on Tuesday evenings. He is attempting to explain the message which it communicated to the book's original readers and how that message applies to us. The study meets at the DeWitt's home from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dan DeWitt

Coming Sermons Pastor Dan is continuing the “I Believe” sermon series on the basic doctrines of the Apostles’ Creed.

June 4 “JESUS IS THERE FOR US” John 16:5-11

There are times I wish Jesus was still here on earth instead of in heaven. But the reality is we are much better off because Jesus is there for us.

June 11 “GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT” John 14:15-17, 26-27

God has not abandoned His followers during this time that we wait for Jesus to return. God’s Spirit is present in the lives of His followers and helping to comfort, help, guide, and transform us!

June 18 FATHER’S DAY “FOR FATHERS WHO ARE HUMAN” 2 Samuel 13:21-39; Matt. 6:12

Our fathers may have the best of intentions, but they (and we) don’t always behave as we should. We are human. We mess up. When we mess up, we need to be willing to forgive and seek to be reconciled.

June 25 CHURCH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION “WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?”

1 Kings 18:36-37, 46; 19:3-16

As we celebrate our Centennial today, we should consider the question God gave to Elijah: “What are we doing here?” Are we just looking to and celebrating the past, or are we looking to and preparing for the future?

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 TBS-Tuesday Bible 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
June				1	2	3 7 am - MG 9 am Trash Pick-Up
4 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 11:00 am-Bike or Walk to Church	5 Softball games: 8:00 pm-Field B 9:00 pm-Field B	6 7 pm-TBS	7 6 pm-HOW	8	9	10 7 am - MG
11 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	12 Softball games: 6:00 , 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.-Field A	13 7 pm-TBS	14 6 pm-HOW	15 7 pm-SCUG	16	17 7 am - MG
18 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	19 Softball Games: Tournament 6:30 pm. Quilters	20 7 pm-TBS	21 6 pm-HOW	22	23 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 7:00pm-Musical Concert in Sanctuary	24 7 am - MG CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1:00 - 4:00 pm-Ice Cream Social
25 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 10:30 am-Worship/ CWH 11:30 Potluck Dinner	26 Softball Games: Tournament	27 4:30 pm-FF Host: United Church of Sandwich 7 pm-TBS	28 6 pm-HOW	29	30	

Please keep the following in your prayers

Patti Fox
Robin Stacks
Jim May
Dick & Barb Rothlisberger's aunt Sue
Family of Denise Potter
Doris Waldrop
Wanda Goff
Family of Denise Potter
Brian Hutchinson
Pastor Terry Jensen
Jim Riehle
Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa
Ula Greenwood
Carol Pruski
Walt and Margaret Droppa
Tony Brooks (Lynn's husband)
Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie
Diane & John Klene

G. L. Hartman
Juanita Anderson
Bill Griffith
Tia O'Neill
Judy Roher
Howard Casner

(We extend our sympathy to Dean and Glenda Potter on the)
(death of their daughter-in-law, Denise, and to Juanita Anderson)
(on the death of her brother, Clarence Bark, Jr.)

Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living

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

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:
THIS MONTH!**

**June 23: Musical Concert in the sanctuary
beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

**June 24: Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social
from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**June 25: Worship service at 10:30 a.m.
followed by a potluck dinner.**

Trash Pick-Up: The Federated Church will help pick up trash on East Sandwich Road from Pratt to Coy road on Saturday, June 3. We will leave from the church at 9:00 a.m. Wear gloves and boots and bring some heavy-duty trash bags.

Bike or Walk to Church: On Sunday, June 4, 2017, we will have our Bike After Church event. Meet at the church bell at 10:45 a.m. with your bike (and helmet) if you want to bike, or just join a group of walkers.

International Ministries is celebrating more than 200 years of ministry. American Baptist International Ministries was organized in 1814 as the first Baptist international mission agency in America. It began its pioneer mission work in Burma, (now called Myanmar) and today serves God through more than 1,800 short-and long-term global servants in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas. Its central mission is to help people Come to faith in Jesus, Grow in their relationships with God, and Change their worlds through the power of the Spirit. It works with respected partners in over 70 countries in ministries that meet human need. www.internationalministries.org (1-800-222-3872)

Calling all kids! Summer camping is just around the corner. Both the Blackhawk Baptist Camp in Oregon, IL and the Dickson Valley Camp & Retreat Center in Newark, IL, are supported by our church. Schedules are available in the church lobby and will be made available on our website, Facebook page, and are available at each camp's website and/or Facebook page. If a child would like to attend but needs assistance with tuition, contact the church office or Linda DeWitt about scholarship opportunities.

4th Tuesday Feast- June 27, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. United Church of Sandwich, 512 E. Lions Road, Sandwich, will be hosting. We will be providing Bread and Butter. Please be sure to sign up.

Crossroads Monday Softball League Schedule: Upcoming games will be June 5 at 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Field B, and June 12 at 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 p.m., all on Field A. Tournament games will be played June 19 and 26. Times and locations to be announced.

- 6-2 Margaret Droppa
- 6-2 William Moebis
- 6-2 Larry Phillips
- 6-8 Steve Battaglia
- 6-9 Doris Kukla
- 6-10 Josh Stahl
- 6-12 Ava McNurlan
- 6-15 Sandra Stahl
- 6-16 Helen Augustine
- 6-19 Lagene Wright
- 6-21 Kara Johnson
- 6-24 Christine Burgin
- 6-25 Norman Troeger
- 6-26 Travis McNurlan
- 6-30 Brian Miller



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

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