

THE FED CONNECTION



Federated Church Newsletter

May 1, 2018

At DeWitt's End:

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. . . ."

(Colossians 3:15)

In his letter to the believers in Colossae, Paul was trying to communicate the kinds of changes God wants to make in the lives of those who have committed their lives to Jesus. A lot of those changes in Col. 3:1-15 seem to involve the way we treat other people. We are to "clothe ourselves" with helpful attitudes such as mercy, kindness and patience towards others. Rather than expect others to be perfect, we are to realize that we all have our share of problems and, as a result, we are to be willing to forgive others – just as God is willing to forgive us. And, as a part of the transformation God wants to bring about in our lives, we are to develop the habit of responding in a loving way towards others. When we learn to consistently treat others in a genuinely loving way, it helps to bind us and others together in peace.

After he said all of that, he goes on to say that we are to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts (Col. 3:15). I have often made the mistake of focusing just on Col. 3:15 without considering its connection to all the verses around it. When we look at this verse in its proper context, it makes it clear how we are able to obtain the peace of Christ in our hearts. Christ's peace makes itself at home in our hearts when we learn to wrap the God-inspired graces of mercy, kindness, patience, compassion, forgiveness and love around our relationships.

I must confess, I am a long ways away from being that kind of person. I am too often far from having the peace of Christ rule in my heart, but that is my goal. I hope it is your goal too.

As we leave the cold months of winter behind us, let's commit ourselves to treating others with warm love and compassion so that our relationships are truly peaceful. Let us each set the goal of letting the peace of Christ rule in our hearts!

Go in His peace and spread it around!

--Dan

Coming Sermons:

May 6 "God Is With You" Joshua 1:1-9

How could anyone possibly "fill the shoes" of Moses? The task undoubtedly seemed totally overwhelming to Joshua. God gave Him a promise which can get us handle the impossible as well: I will be with you!

May 13 "Get Your Feet Wet" Joshua 3:8-17

Although God could do all sorts of things without any help from us, He often waits until we step out in faith and "get our feet wet" before He works His miracles.

May 20 "Unlikely Hero" Judges 6:6-16

God doesn't always choose the strongest or the wisest or the most talented people. Sometimes He chooses those who are weak in order to better demonstrate His power. You just need to be willing to say "yes!"

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Coming Sermons (Cont'd):

May 27 “Our Own Worst Enemy” Judges 16:4-21

We can be our own worst enemy at times when we allow our desires and passions to get the best of us. Sometimes we must just say no!

Mother’s Day

May 13 is Mother’s Day. We will honor all “moms” in our worship service on this special day.

Bible Reading Plan for April:

May 1 -- Deut. 33	May 10 -- Joshua 7	May 19 -- Judges 13	May 28 -- Ruth 4
May 2 -- Deut. 34	May 11 -- Joshua 23	May 20 -- Catch-Up Day	May 29 -- 1 Samuel 1
May 3 -- Joshua 1	May 12 -- Joshua 24	May 21 -- Judges 14	May 30 -- 1 Samuel 2
May 4 -- Joshua 2	May 13 -- Catch-Up Day	May 22 -- Judges 15	May 31 -- 1 Samuel 3
May 5 -- Joshua 3	May 14 -- Judges 1	May 23 -- Judges 16	June 1 -- 1 Samuel 4
May 6 -- Catch-Up Day	May 15 -- Judges 2	May 24 -- Ruth 1	June 2 -- 1 Samuel 5
May 7 -- Joshua 4	May 16 -- Judges 4	May 25 -- Ruth 2	June 3 -- Catch-Up Day
May 8 -- Joshua 5	May 17 -- Judges 6	May 26 -- Ruth 3	
May 9 -- Joshua 6	May 18 -- Judges 7	May 27 -- Catch-Up Day	

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	FMC-Facilities/Ministry Committee

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May						
		1 7:00 pm-Facilities/ Maintenance Comm.	2 9:30 am - LBS 5:30-7:00 pm - EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	3 National Day of Prayer	4 9:15 am-Church Women United Friendship Day/St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Somonauk	5 7:00 am-MG 9:00 am-Church Spring Clean- Up
6 9:30 am-Worship/CWH	7 3:30 pm -WBS	8 7:00 p.m.-TBS	9 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	10 7:00 pm-Session	11	12 7:00 am-MG
13 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 1:50 pm-Willow Crest Ministry	14 3:30 pm -WBS	15 7:00 p.m.-TBS	16 9:30 a.m.-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	17 3:00 pm-Music & Worship Comm.	18 June Newsletter Deadline	19 7:00 am-MG
20 9:30 am-Worship/CWH	21 3:30 pm-WBS 7:00 pm-Quilters	22 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.- Community Fellowship Feast (at Federated) 7:00 pm-TBS	23 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	24	25	26 7:00 am-MG
27 9:30 am-Worship/CWH	28 MEMORIAL DAY 3:30 pm-WBS	29 7:00 pm-TBS	30 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	31		BIKE-TO- CHURCH DAY COMING JUNE 3

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pastor Wayne Edwards (KY)
Barb Scheidecker
Betty French
Lisa Augustine
Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brooks' grandbaby)
Patti Fox
Lee Legner
Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa
Judy Rohrer
Carol Pruski
Vicki Damato, Joyce Mackie, and Tiffany
G. L. Hartman
John and Diane Klene
Donald Alderman (Kara Johnson's dad)
Todd & Marcy - for family healing

Jim (neighbor of Roger & Kristin Duffield)
Zoie Davis (Les & Pat Redden's great niece)
Pat Ammons
Helen Kitner (sister-in-law of Glenda Potter)
Kathleen Howard (Susan Beall's sister)
"Missy" (Niece of Pat Redden's friend)
Carolene Bell
Renene Hendron
Julianna and her baby Autumn
Twin baby girls born prematurely

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

June Bannister, G. L. Hartman, Lois Peterson, Doris Waldrop

Basement Sale: The church basement sale is being held April 27 & 28. All money raised will benefit Open Door. Many thanks to all who planned and are working the event, and to those who donated and will purchase items.

Good Luck to Debbie Keele, who will be competing in the Region C Special Olympics at the Marmion Academy in Aurora, Sunday, April 29th.

Our Sincere Sympathy is extended to Jackie Green and family on the passing of her son, Michael.

Church Women United May Friendship Day will take place Friday, May 4th, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Somonauk. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served, followed by the program. A "Least Coin" offering will be taken. Those attending are asked to set aside a penny for each prayer said and bring them that morning. This special offering benefits projects aimed at women and children.

New Small Group Study: Pastor Dan will lead a new small group study this summer on the book: "Who Stole My Church?" by Gordon McDonald. The book deals with some of the very real feelings many struggle with as church and worship change. The classes will be on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning May 8 at Steve and Susie Cromwell's house, 10719 Sanderson Road, Somonauk. Contact Pastor Dan to reserve a copy of the book.

Willow Crest Ministry: Pastor Dan will lead worship at the Sandwich Rehab Unit and at Willow Crest on Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day). He will be at the Rehab Unit at 1:50 p.m. and at Willow Crest 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!

Community Fellowship Feast: The May Fellowship Feast will be held Tuesday, May 22nd, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. here at The Federated Church. We will be providing the main meat and beverages. If you would be willing to help, please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary, or call the church office.

Easter Breakfast Fundraiser: \$730.00 was raised from the Easter breakfast toward EPIC's mission trip this summer! Many thanks to those who attended and supported them.

Bible Study News: The Wednesday morning ladies Bible study group will be finishing up the year with a condensed version of Beth Moore's "To Live Is Christ" The Life and Ministry of Paul. No book is required. All ladies are welcome!

Newsletter Deadline: If you have information for the June newsletter, please get it to Jane by May 18.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries will be holding their annual conference "Celebrating 50 Years" June 8-10 at the Northfield Inn & Conference Center in Springfield, IL. There will be workshops, Bible Studies, and a Saturday evening special event. Deadline for registration is May 25. Call 816-455-0364 with questions or to register.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 9:00 A.M.

If you are available, your help would be appreciated!

5-4 Robert Daleske
5-10 Carl Gustafson
5-13 Nicholas Allen
5-17 Jill Jutila
5-22 Roger Duffield
5-24 Melinda Neumann



Crossroads Men's Softball Games:

May 7 = 6:00 p.m. /Field B and 7:00 p.m./Field A
May 14 = 6:00 p.m./Field A and 7:00 p.m./Field B
May 21 = 8:00 p.m./Field B and 9:00 p.m./Field B
May 28 = No Games/Memorial Day
June 4 = 8:00 p.m./Field B and 9:00 p.m./Field A
June 11 = 6:00 p.m./Field A and 7:00 p.m./Field B

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 - 12:30

Sunday Worship

**Children's Worship
Hour**

9:30 a.m.

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