



THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

July 1, 2018

At DeWitt's End:

This month marks my 3rd anniversary of being part of the ministry here at the Federated Church. Wow! Doesn't seem possible.

Anniversaries are times to be appreciative for the blessings God has given you and to celebrate the time together. I want you to know that I truly appreciate the gracious, loving people here at the Federated Church and in the greater Sandwich area. You have treated Linda and Levi and me with great compassion and patience - I thank you for that.

Anniversaries aren't just about looking back at what we have had, but they are also times to look forward at what is yet to come. I hope God gives us many more years to serve with you here in Sandwich and that our time here will be fruitful as we give ourselves to fulfilling the ministry God wants accomplished here in this community. The Federated Church is more than just a church with a hundred plus years of history in this community, it is the "body" of Christ in this place. As part of the body of Christ, we need to constantly be asking ourselves what it is that God would have us do? What is the ministry God wants us to fulfill? We know what God has done through us in the past, but what does God have for us to do now? What does He want us to be doing in the next 5 years? 10 years? 15 years? 20 years? 30 years? It might be the same that we have been doing in the past, or it might not. We need to be looking to God for His guidance and then follow.

Whatever God wants us to do, it's a pleasure serving with you!

--Dan

Coming Sermons:

July 1 Guest Speaker: Rev. Bill Lupole

Pastor Dan will be away on vacation.

July 8 "Strengthen Yourself" 1 Samuel 30:1-6

Where do you go when your life falls apart? Where do you turn when the bottom falls out? David reminds us that true help is found when we strengthen ourselves in God.

July 15 "Fallen" 2 Samuel 11; Jude 20-25

David was the poster boy of success. He was greater than great! And then the wheels of his "bus" came off when he fell to temptation. It could happen to any of us if we aren't careful!

July 22 "Sins of the Father" 2 Samuel 12:13-14; Isaiah 57:1-2

It just doesn't seem right that the sins of the father should fall onto the child. But maybe we have understood the story wrong. Maybe God wasn't actually punishing the child. . . .

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Coming Sermons (Cont'd):

July 29 "The Rock" 2 Samuel 22:2-4


David had experienced his share of trouble. He knew what it was like to struggle. His "dark days" taught him a wonderful lesson: God is our deliverer, our rock, our hope when things look grim.

Bible Reading Plan for July:

July 1 -- 1 Samuel 25	July 9 -- 2 Samuel 5 & 6	July 17 -- 2 Samuel 13	July 25 -- 2 Samuel 20
July 2 -- 1 Samuel 30	July 10 -- 2 Samuel 7	July 18 -- 2 Samuel 14	July 26 -- 2 Samuel 21
July 3 -- 1 Samuel 31	July 11 -- 2 Samuel 8	July 19 -- 2 Samuel 15	July 27 -- 2 Samuel 22
July 4 -- 2 Samuel 1	July 12 -- 2 Samuel 9	July 20 -- 2 Samuel 16	July 28 -- 2 Samuel 23
July 5 -- 2 Samuel 2	July 13 -- 2 Samuel 10	July 21 -- 2 Samuel 17	July 29 -- Catch-Up Day
July 6 -- 2 Samuel 3	July 14 -- 2 Samuel 11	July 22 -- Catch-Up Day	July 30 -- 2 Samuel 24
July 7 -- 2 Samuel 4	July 15 -- Catch-Up Day	July 23 -- 2 Samuel 18	July 31 -- 1 Kings 1
July 8 -- Catch-Up Day	July 16 -- 2 Samuel 12	July 24 -- 2 Samuel 19	

<p>The Christian Ed. Comm. is looking for anyone interested in teaching Children's Worship. Materials are provided and the commitment is for just 1 month/year. See April Skorup to volunteer or if you have any questions.</p>	<p>Trash Pick-Up: Sat., July 21. Meet at church at 8:00 and bring heavy trash bags & wear boots/gloves. If raining, will be rescheduled.</p>
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| 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 |
| HOW-Heart of Worship | FMC-Facilities/Ministry Committee | | |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July						
1 9:30 a.m.-Worship Guest Speaker: Rev. Bill Lupole	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7
8 9:30 am-Worship	9	10 7:00 p.m.-TBS	11	12 7:00 p.m.-Session Meeting	13	14 10:00 am-Debbie Keele Piano Recital @ Iron Wood
15 9:30 am-Worship 1:00-4:00 p.m.-Lexi Williams' Open House	16 7:00 p.m.-Quilters	17 7:00 p.m.-TBS	18	19	20 August Newsletter Deadline	21 8:00 a.m.-Trash Pick-Up
22 9:30 am-Worship Noon-5:00 p.m. All-Church Picnic	23	24 4:30-6:00 pm-Fellowship Feast 7:00 pm-TBS	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 am-Worship 1:50 p.m.-Sandwich Rehab Unit/Willow Crest Ministry	30	31 7:00 p.m.-TBS				

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dave & Sandra Stahl
Pastor Wayne Edwards (KY)
Pastor Don Ridder
Family of Pam Sprague
Jack Thompson
Patti Fox
Lee Legner
Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa
Joyce Kaufman
Mary George
Vicki Damato, Joyce Mackie, and Tiffany

John and Diane Klene
Don Wright (Lagene's son)
Tom Darnell
Julianna and her baby Autumn
Kathleen Howard (Susan Beall's sister)
Twin baby girls born prematurely
Carolene & Roy Bell
G. L. Hartman
Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brooks' grandbaby)
Jim (neighbor of Roger & Kristin Duffield)

Judy Rohrer
Renene Hendron
Danny Bradford
Donald Alderman
Keith Spears
Todd & Marcy
Lisa Augustine

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

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

Willow Crest Ministry: Pastor Dan will lead worship at the Sandwich Rehab Unit and at Willow Crest on Sunday, July 29. He will be at the Rehab Unit at 1:50 p.m. and at Willow Crest at 2:30 p.m. Please join him if you can!

Our Sincere Sympathy is extended to the family of Pam Sprague. Pam passed away June 7th.

Vacation: Pastor Dan is on vacation the week of June 25 - July 1. Rev. Bill Lupole will be preaching on July 1. If you need any assistance during that time, please contact the office or one of the Session members.

Thank You ! Dave & Sandra Stahl would like to thank the church family for everything they have done for them since Dave's accident. From the thoughts, cards, flowers, and visits, to the many prayers lifted on their behalf, they feel very blessed. Your love and support is appreciated more than you know. According to Dave, "You know you are in good hands when you find your name on the prayer list!"

Additional Note of Thanks: "Dear Federated Church Family: We want to thank you so much for your time, flowers, food, support, and donations in memory of Mom. She would have been so thrilled." - The Betty Phillips French family

New Nursery Attendant: The Christian Education Ministry Team is proud to announce we have a new part-time nursery attendant, Evelyn Martin. Evelyn will be a senior at Newark High School this fall. She is also beginning her second year at IVVC in the early childhood education program. Be sure to stop by the nursery to greet her and welcome her to The Federated Church!

Sunday Fellowship Time: The Spiritual Life Comm. has voted to "downscale" Fellowship time snacks for the summer. We still need volunteers, but ask that July 1 - Aug. 26, we only serve coffee and other drinks. Let's continue to fellowship while not being a burden! Please call Linda DeWitt or Florence Miller to sign up (or Jane in the office) for July & Aug.

Celebrate America: Celebrate America Family Style with "The Lesters" and "The Chosen Ones" at the Sandwich Opera House, 140 E. Railroad Street, Saturday, July 7, at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person, and tickets can be ordered by calling 630-546-2925 or 815-217-9857.

Piano Recital: Debbie Keele will be participating in a piano recital Saturday, July 14th, at 10:00 a.m. at Iron Wood Estates, 902 E. Arnold St., Sandwich.

Open House: The church family is invited to a graduation Open House for Lexi Williams Sunday, July 15, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at 1849 LaVerne Dr., Sandwich. Bring your bathing suit for a dip in the pool!

All-Church Annual Picnic: Bring a dish to share and come join in the fun at the annual church picnic Sunday, July 22, from noon - 5:00 p.m. at Lake Holiday Beach #2 (Sandwich side). For directions, contact the church office.

Children's Church: There will be no Children's Church worship during the month of July. They will return Sunday, August 19. We are asking the children to join us in the "adult worship" until then. Nursery is still available this summer.

Newsletter Deadline: If you have information for the August newsletter, please get it to Jane by July 20th.

- 7-4 Trey Stahl
- 7-9 Bob Ash
- 7-9 Tari Fetty
- 7-10 Tom Scheidecker
- 7-11 Josh Swenson
- 7-12 Alana Stahl
- 7-20 Lexi Williams
- 7-28 Karen Beers
- 7-30 Pat Yuvan
- 7-31 G. L. Hartman



Community Fellowship Feast: The July Fellowship Feast will be held Tuesday, July 24th, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at United Church of Sandwich, 512 Lions Road. We are asked to bring salads. If you would be willing to help, please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary, or call the church office.

Congratulations to our Crossroads Coed Softball team on a well-fought season. The Federated team finished the season with a 7-10 record.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 - 12:30

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship

Hour

9:30 a.m.

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