



THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

August 1, 2018

At DeWitt's End:

Prayer. Most of us would agree that prayer is important. God invites us to pray to Him. God promises He will answer our prayers. We recognize it is something we are supposed to do. But we don't always feel comfortable praying (especially praying out loud in public! Panic time!!!). We don't always know what to say, how to phrase our prayers, or even what we should be praying about. If you are anything like me, sometimes you feel your prayers are just terrible and you feel so inadequate when it comes to your ability to pray.

It really shouldn't come as a surprise to learn we struggle with prayer. The Bible tells us the Holy Spirit helps us with our prayers since none of us really know how we should pray (Romans 8:26). I don't know about you, but that makes me feel a lot better. I don't have to worry about my prayers, trying my best to say the right thing in the right way. I will NEVER say the right thing in the right way, and that's O.K. I just need to pray what's on my heart and trust that the Holy Spirit is busy translating my feeble prayers to the Father.

So don't worry about your prayers. They can be short. They can be long. They can be simple. It doesn't matter as long as you are presenting your heart's desires and concerns to God. God will hear your heart as the Holy Spirit helps you. Just keep on praying!

--Dan

Coming Sermons:

Aug. 5 "Give Me Wisdom" 1 Kings 3:5-14; James 1:5

There are at least two prayers which never fail. Solomon prays one of them in 1 Kings 3: God, give me wisdom!

Aug. 12 "Never Enough" 1 Kings 10:14; 11:3-4; Eccl. 1:14

King Solomon had all that any man could want – everything, that is, except contentment. True contentment is found in God, not stuff.

Aug. 19 Nate Reuter (Betty French's grandson) will be our guest speaker. He is a talented speaker and musician who is serving God as a missionary in Japan.

Aug. 26 "Faith and Mercy" 2 Kings 4:1-6

God showed mercy to this needy widow, but the help she received was contingent upon her actions. The more she worked her faith, the more God blessed her. Sometimes we don't receive much from God because we aren't working our faith very hard!

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
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Bible Reading Plan for August:

Aug. 1 -- 1 Kings 2
 Aug. 2 -- 1 Kings 3
 Aug. 3 -- 1 Kings 5
 Aug. 4 -- 1 Kings 8
Aug. 5 -- Catch-Up Day
 Aug. 6 -- 1 Kings 9
 Aug. 7 -- 1 Kings 10
 Aug. 8 -- 1 Kings 11
 Aug. 9 -- 1 Kings 12
 Aug. 10 -- 1 Kings 13
 Aug. 11 -- 1 Kings 14
Aug. 12 -- Catch-Up Day

Aug. 13 -- 1 Kings 17
 Aug. 14 -- 1 Kings 18
 Aug. 15 -- 1 Kings 19
 Aug. 16 -- 1 Kings 20
 Aug. 17-- 1 Kings 21
 Aug. 18 -- 1 Kings 22
Aug. 19 -- Catch-Up Day
 Aug. 20 -- 2 Kings 1
 Aug. 21 -- 2 Kings 2
 Aug. 22 -- 2 Kings 3
 Aug. 23 -- 2 Kings 4
 Aug. 24 -- 2 Kings 5

Aug. 25 -- 2 Kings 6
Aug. 26 -- Catch-Up Day
 Aug. 27 -- 2 Kings 7
 Aug. 28 -- 2 Kings 8
 Aug. 29 -- 2 Kings 9
 Aug. 30 -- 2 Kings 10
 Aug. 31 -- 2 Kings 11

Community Fellowship Feast: The August Fellowship Feast will be held Tuesday, August 28th, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Somonauk Baptist Church, 315 E. North St., Somonauk. We are asked to bring desserts. If you would be willing to help, please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary, or call the church office.

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
<u>August</u>						
			1	2	3	4
5 9:30 am-Worship	6	7	8	9 7:00 p.m. Special Meeting/ Session, Worship Team, Facilities Comm.	10	11 8:00 a.m.-Trash Pick-Up
12 9:30 am-Worship Piper Williams Dedication	13 7:00 p.m.-Quilters	14 7:00 p.m.-TBS	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH Guest Speaker: Nate Reuter	20	21 7:00 pm-TBS	22 September Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25
26 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	27	28 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Community Fellowship Feast 7:00 p.m.-TBS	29	30	31	

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Susan Beall
Jackie Green
Pastor Don Ridder
Carol Pruski

Jeff (friend of Lucinda Cromwell)

Patti Fox

Lee Legner

Dave & Sandra Stahl

Corrine Ohlwine (Florence Miller's mom)

Mary George

Vicki Damato, Joyce Mackie, and Tiffany

Judy Rohrer

Juanita Anderson

John and Diane Klene

Renene Hendron

Danny Bradford

Donald Alderman

Kathleen Howard (Susan Beall's sister)

Twin baby girls born prematurely

Unspoken Request from Lauren & Gary Johnston

G. L. Hartman

Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brooks' grandbaby)

Jim (neighbor of Roger & Kristin Duffield)

Lee Heise Family (friends of John & Diane Klene)

Val Skupa (Linda DeWitt's mother)

Lisa Augustine

Carolene & Roy Bell

Keith Spears

Todd & Marcy

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

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

Sympathy: Our sincere sympathy is extended to Jackie Green and family. Jackie's son Patrick, passed away on July 20.

Special Meeting: There will be a special meeting for the Session, Worship Team, and Facilities Maintenance Committee on August 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Trash Pick-Up: Due to inclement weather in July, the trash pick-up has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 11th. Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. and bring heavy trash bags & wear boots/gloves.

Sunday Fellowship Time: The Spiritual Life Comm. has voted to "downscale" Fellowship time snacks for the summer. **We still need volunteers for August 26**, and ask that thru the month of August we only serve coffee and other drinks. Let's continue to fellowship while not being a burden! Please sign the calendar in Fellowship Hall, or call Linda DeWitt, Florence Miller, or Jane in the office to sign up. We also need volunteers for the Fall months as well.

Children's Church: Children's Church will resume Sunday, August 19. We are asking the children to join us in the "adult worship" until then. Nursery is still available.

Adult Sunday School Survey: The Christian Education Committee is considering organizing an Adult Sunday School class to begin this fall. The class would meet Sundays after worship. Please email Amy Wiegman at: **Amy110400@yahoo.com**, if you would be interested in attending an adult class.

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 beginning her second year at IVVC in the early childhood education program. If you haven't already, be sure to stop by the nursery and greet her and welcome her to the Federated Church!

Baby Dedication Sunday: Sunday, August 12, we will celebrate a baby dedication! Piper Rae Williams, daughter of Tyler & Jessica Williams, will be dedicated. If anyone else would like to schedule a dedication or baptism, contact Pastor Dan or the church office.

Guest Speaker: On August 19 we will welcome Nate Reuter, (Betty French's grandson), to the pulpit. Nate is a talented speaker and musician, who is serving God as a missionary in Japan.

Newsletter Deadline: If you have anything for the September newsletter, please get it to Jane by Aug. 22nd.

Office Schedule: Jane will be out of the office Aug. 1-3, but the office will be open. It will also be open extended hours Aug. 6-8. Pastor Dan will be out of the office Aug. 15-17. If you need anything during that time, please call the office or one of the Session members.

- 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
- 8-26 Butch Babos
- 8-26 Wanda Goff
- 8-28 Joy Cunningham
- 8-29 Cherri Gustafson
- 8-29 Linda Holley
- 8-29 Cathy Owens
- 8-29 Barb Scheidecker
- 8-30 Roberta Troeger



Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 - 12:30

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship
Hour

9:30 a.m.

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