



THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

October 1, 2018

At DeWitt's End:

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
(Psalms 95:1-2 NIV)*

Kristin Duffield gave me a book recently entitled "Sing!" It talks about the importance of singing joyfully in our church and worship life. Here is a brief quote from that book. It makes a good point:

"The Church has been, is, and always should be . . . a joyfully singing Church. In a sense, singing is part of what we exist to do. . . . Congregational singing is one of the greatest and most beautiful tools we have been given to declare God's "excellencies," strengthening His Church and sharing His glory with the world. . . .

"[Unfortunately, however,] many of us are really more of a mouthing-along-with-the-words kind of people." (pp. xxi-xxii)."

The Federated Church has long been known for its music. But I wonder if we have lost the sense of joy in our worship? Have we lost the sense of joy in our singing? It is time we re-discover the joy of singing and allow our music to bring us into the presence of God.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord!

--Dan

Coming Sermons:

- Oct. 7** Guest Speaker Dr. Bill Shiell
Oct. 14 "Found By God" 2 Chron. 15:1-15

It is too easy to slack off spiritually and find ourselves spiritually exhausted. When we turn to and seek God, we are found by Him. That is when we experience His peace and find rest for our souls.

- Oct. 21** "Not Too Big!" 2 Chron. 20:1-17; Phil. 4:6-7

There are times when the problems look so big it can take our hope away. That's when we need remember that no problem is too big for God. He can handle it if we will place our trust in Him.

- Oct. 28** Guest Speaker Rev. Bill Lupole

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Bible Reading Plan for October:

Oct. 1 -- 2 Chron. 6	Oct. 9 -- 2 Chron. 13	Oct. 17 -- 2 Chron. 20	Oct. 25 -- 2 Chron. 27
Oct. 2 -- 2 Chron. 7	Oct. 10 -- 2 Chron. 14	Oct. 18 -- 2 Chron. 21	Oct. 26 -- 2 Chron. 28
Oct. 3 -- 2 Chron. 8	Oct. 11 -- 2 Chron. 15	Oct. 19 -- 2 Chron. 22	Oct. 27 -- 2 Chron. 29
Oct. 4 -- 2 Chron. 9	Oct. 12 -- 2 Chron. 16	Oct. 20-- 2 Chron. 23	Oct. 28 -- Catch-Up Day
Oct. 5 -- 2 Chron. 10	Oct. 13 -- 2 Chron. 17	Oct. 21 --Catch-Up Day	Oct. 29 -- 2 Chron. 30
Oct. 6 -- 2 Chron. 11	Oct. 14 --Catch-Up Day	Oct. 22-- 2 Chron. 24	Oct. 30 -- 2 Chron. 31
Oct. 7 --Catch-Up Day	Oct. 15 --2 Chron. 18	Oct. 23 -- 2 Chron. 25	Oct. 31 -- 2 Chron. 32
Oct. 8 -- 2 Chron. 12	Oct. 16 --2 Chron. 19	Oct. 24 -- 2 Chron. 26	

Harvest Celebration: This year’s Harvest Celebration to benefit Foods Resource Bank, which is now called “Growing Hope, Worldwide”, will take place at the Jean and Gary Dau farm, 2334 N. 42nd Rd., Sheridan, IL, on October 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The day will start with a worship service, followed by activities such as combine rides, pie auction, raffle, and lunch. “Growing Hope, Worldwide” is an interdenominational organization providing self-development help to communities that are food-insecure. Local projects have raised over one million dollars over the past 15 years, and have moved about 20,000 persons from food-insecure to food-secure worldwide. It costs about \$55 to move one person from some stage of starvation to being “food secure” using this organization. A number of local farmers are donating an acre or two of crop production profits. Donate to support farmer’s crop expense, buy a raffle ticket, buy a pie. Plan on spending the day, October 13th, on a working farm; You too can make a difference by supporting this great cause!

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 October	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 3:30 p.m.-WBS	2	3 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	4	5	6 7:00 a.m.-MG
CROP WALK 7 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH Guest Speaker: Dr. Bill Shiell 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	8 3:30 p.m.-WBS	9 7:00 p.m.-TBS	10 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	11	12	13 7:00 a.m.-MG 10:00 a.m.- Harvest Celebration
14 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 1:50 p.m.– Willow Crest Ministry 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	15 Deadline for C.A.M.P. Shoe Drop-Off 3:30 p.m.-WBS 7:00 p.m.-Quilters	16 7:00 p.m.-TBS	17 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	18	19	20 7:00 a.m.-MG
21 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	22 3:30 p.m.-WBS	23 4:30-6:00 pm. Community Fellowship Feast 7:00 p.m.-TBS	24 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	25 November Newsletter Deadline	26	27 7:00 a.m.-MG
28 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH Guest Speaker: Rev. Bill Lupole 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	29 3:30 p.m.-WBS	30 7:00 p.m.-TBS	31 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC			

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dan Borowiak Family
Addie Moore & Boyfriend John
Jane Ryan
Pastor Don Ridder
Family of Kathy Weekly
Judy Rohrer
Patti Fox
Lee Legner
Lisa Augustine
Corrine Ohlwine (Florence Miller's mom)
Tonya (family friend of Judy Rice)
Vicki Damato
Joyce Mackie
Juanita Anderson
Carol Pruski
Royce Potter Lett
Jackie Green

Loren Klene (John's brother)
Val Skupa (Linda DeWitt's mother)
Renene Hendron
Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klenes)
Carolene & Jr. Bell
Bill & Debbie Keele
Twin baby girls born prematurely
Unspoken Request from Lauren & Gary Johnston
Jim (neighbor of Roger & Kristin Duffield)
Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brooks' grandbaby)
John and Diane Klene
Neil (Glenda Potter's brother-in-law)
Keith Spears
Jeff (friend of Lucinda Cromwell)

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

June Bannister, Lois Peterson

Fellowship Feast:

The next Community Fellowship Feast will be held Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, 1022 N. Main St., Sandwich. We are to bring casseroles. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary, or call the church office.

Our Sympathy is expressed to the families of Doris Waldrop and Kathy Weekly, who recently passed into the Lord's presence.

Congratulations to Sean & Trisha Williams and Grandma Chris Williams, on the birth of Addison Mae Williams on September 10th. Addison came into the world weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz, 19" long, and joins big sister Kaylynn Grace!

Men's Fellowship: Guys: We would love to have you join us on Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. We meet for coffee, donuts (?), fun and a time of spiritual reflection. Come join us!

Guest Speakers: Dr. Bill Shiell, President of Northern Seminary of Lisle, IL, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, October 7. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to hear from Dr. Shiell. Rev. Bill Lupole will speak on Sunday, October 28, when Pastor Dan will be on vacation.

Vacations: Pastor Dan will be out-of-the-office October 25-29. If you need anything while he is gone, contact the office or one of the Session members. Jane will be on vacation October 15-19.

CROP Walk: Change the world. One community garden at a time. This year's CROP Walk will be held Sunday, October 7th, location: Salem Lutheran Church, 1022 N. Main St., Sandwich. Arrive no later than 1:30 to register, as the walk will start at 2:00 p.m. For questions, contact Florence Miller.

Nursing Home Ministry: Pastor Dan will lead worship at the Sandwich Rehab Unit and at Willow Crest on Sunday, October 14. 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 lots of people to help share the love of God and sing the old hymns of faith with our friends at those facilities. PLEASE HELP HIM IF YOU CAN!

Volunteers Are Needed for Fellowship after worship for the rest of the year. If you can help, please sign-up on the calendar in Fellowship Hall, or contact the church office.

175th Anniversary: The First Baptist Church of Cordova, IL will be celebrating its 175th year anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 21st, at 3:30 p.m. We are invited to join them in this time of celebration.

C.A.M.P.: Many thanks to those who have helped so far with the C.A.M.P. shoe drive. The deadline for getting shoes to the church is Monday, October 15th, in order for them to be delivered to Costa Rica in January.

EPIC Update: Epic is now meeting on Sundays, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. For the month of October they will be meeting at United Church of Sandwich, 512 Lions Road. They will still be meeting for a meal, and if you can help, the link for the Meal Train is: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1505o3>.

November Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, October 25.

- 10-1 Steve Cromwell
- 10-2 Sharon Langford
- 10-4 Joanna Bark
- 10-6 Susan Hohenberger
- 10-10 Laurie Knight
- 10-12 Pat Redden
- 10-13 John Hohenberger
- 10-15 Jane Jakubiak
- 10-22 Linda DeWitt
- 10-26 Frank Kurtz
- 10-28 Garrett McNurlan
- 10-29 Sheryl McAlearney
- 10-30 Evelyn Swenson



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

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