



THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

January 1, 2019

At DeWitt's End:

We have been reading through the Old Testament for the past year. It's easy to assume all of that O.T. stuff is old, out of date and irrelevant – and be excited as we turn our reading to the relevant stuff of the New Testament in 2019. If we do, then we will miss much of the point of the Old Testament. The Bible explains the Old Testament this way in Galatians:

"Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed. (24) Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith." (Galatians 3:23-24 NLT)

The Old Testament helps us to understand God. It helps us to understand why Jesus came to earth. It helps us to understand our sin and our need for forgiveness. It helps us to understand faith and grace. Without at least SOME understanding of the Old Testament, we couldn't properly understand or appreciate what God did through Jesus.

As we approach the Christmas season, as we turn our thoughts towards the birth of Jesus, let us remember the great lessons of the Old Testament. Let's remember our tremendous need for God's grace and God's amazing provision through Jesus. Let's remember what God has truly done for us. And let's worship the Christ who came to set us free!

Merry Christmas!

--Dan D

Coming Sermons:

Jan. 6 "Broken Rejects" Matthew 9:9-13

Jesus didn't approach "church" the way we do. We reach out to good people, religious people, people who have it together. Not Jesus. Jesus reached out to the broken, to the rejects. Maybe we should too.

Jan. 13 "From the Heart" Matthew 18:21-35

Here's a lesson none of us really like and most of us try to ignore: God is calling us to sincerely forgive those who have wronged us. REALLY forgive them. From the heart!

Jan. 20 "At Any Time" Matthew 24:35-51

We tend to think of the Sandwich area as our home. But the Bible reminds us it isn't and we are not to settle in. We are not to get comfortable. We are passing through and we need to be ready to make the next move at any time.

January 27 "Well Done!" Matthew 25:35-51

When our time on earth is over and we stand before Jesus someday – and we will stand before Jesus – what will we hear Him say? There are just two words I want to hear: well done!

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

Jan. 1 -- Matthew 8
 Jan. 2-- Matthew 9
 Jan. 3 -- Matthew 10
 Jan. 4 -- Matthew 11
 Jan. 5 -- Matthew 12
 Jan. 6 -- **Catch-Up Day**
 Jan. 7 -- Matthew 13
 Jan. 8 -- Matthew 14
 Jan. 9 -- Matthew 15
 Jan. 10 -- Matthew 16
 Jan. 11 -- Matthew 17
 Jan. 12 -- Matthew 18

Jan. 13 -- **Catch-Up Day**
 Jan. 14 -- Matthew 19
 Jan. 15-- Matthew 20
 Jan. 16 -- Matthew 21
 Jan. 17 -- Matthew 22
 Jan. 18 -- Matthew 23
 Jan. 19 -- Matthew 24
 Jan. 20 -- **Catch-Up Day**
 Jan. 21 -- Matthew 25
 Jan. 22 -- Matthew 26
 Jan. 23 -- Matthew 27
 Jan. 24 -- Matthew 28

Jan. 25-- Mark 1
 Jan. 26 -- Mark 2
 Jan. 27-- **Catch-Up Day**
 Jan. 28 -- Mark 3
 Jan. 29-- Mark 4
 Jan. 30 -- Mark 5
 Jan. 31 -- Mark 6



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 January	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4	5 7:00 a.m.-MG
6 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	7 3:30 p.m.-WBS	8	9 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	10	11	12 7:00 a.m.-MG
13 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	14 3:30 p.m.-WBS	15 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	16 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	17 7:00 p.m.- Leadership Committee Meeting	18	19 7:00 a.m.-MG
20 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	21 3:30 p.m.-WBS 7:00 p.m.-Quilters	22 4:30-6:00 pm- Community Fellowship Feast 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	23 February Newslet- ter Deadline 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	24 7:00 p.m.-Session Meeting	25	26 7:00 a.m.-MG
27 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	28 3:30 p.m.-WBS	29 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	30 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	31		

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Mary Plante's brother, Donald
Loren Klene (John's brother)
Addie Moore & Boyfriend John
Val Skupa (Linda DeWitt's mother)
Carol & Mike Pruski's son, Jeff
Unspoken Requests
Janice, and Aaron, (friends of Klenes)
Larry (friend of John Klene)
Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klenes)
Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy Watros' neice)
Neil (Glenda Potter's Brother-in-Law)
Corrine Ohlwine (Florence Miller's Mom)
Jim (neighbor of Roger & Kristin Duffield)
Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brooks' grandbaby)
Tonya (family friend of Judy Rice)

Lisa Augustine
Bob Hawley
Melinda Neumann
Naoma White
Jenny Babos-Stark
Keith Spears
Barbara Lawson
Patti Fox
John & Diane Klene
Juanita Anderson
Roger Gordon
Lee Legner
Vicki Damato
Joyce Mackie
Renene Hendron

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

June Bannister
Lois Peterson
Val Skupa



Tuesday Study: Pastor Dan will be leading a study group on 1 and 2 Timothy on Tuesday evenings beginning January 15, at 7:00 p.m. This will be a class-participation study and not a "Dan-lecture" class. We will meet in the church Fellowship Hall.

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!

Confirmation Class: Pastor Dan will be conducting a Confirmation class beginning January 10th. If you are in 5th-8th grade and would like to attend, contact Pastor Dan.

Leadership Communication Meeting: There will be a Leadership Communication Meeting Thursday, January 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Church leaders will share plans, goals, and ideas as we begin the new year.

Annual Meeting Deadline: This year's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 17, 2019. If you are a committee chairperson, please turn your report in to the office no later than January 27th in order for the packets to be prepared for review one-week prior to the meeting.

Community Fellowship Feast: The next Fellowship Feast will be Tuesday, January 22nd, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Union Congregational Church, 305 S. Gage Street, Somonauk. Because of an additional church being added to the schedule and The Fed having hosted in December, **we are not asked to bring anything for the January meal.**

Session Meeting: The next Session Meeting will be Thursday, January 24th. Rev. Wally Holt will meet with the Session to share information regarding the American Baptist Great River Region church revitalization program.

Thank You Notes Received: The family of Roy Bell Jr. thanks the church for their kind expressions of sympathy. Open Door thanks the church for the donation of \$100.00 to the Rehab Center, making a direct impact on many lives.

The Community Interfaith CROP Walk Team thanks the church for their participation and prayers in this year's Crop Walk. \$355.00 was raised by our congregation.

Growing Hope Globally also thanks our church for their donation. The gift will help provide hungry people with the training and resources they need to end chronic hunger and break the cycle of poverty.

Rummage Sale: A Spring Rummage Sale to benefit Open Door is planned, and a date will be set soon. In the meantime, we would be happy to collect things now. So, as you clean and purge, you can move your items straight to the church so you don't have to wait...and forget! Feel free to request tubs and boxes if you need transportation containers, and call the office if you need items to be picked up.

- 1-8 Dave Stahl
- 1-9 Levi DeWitt
- 1-14 Barb Rothlisberger
- 1-14 Colton Watros
- 1-26 Glenda Potter
- 1-29 Sally Coultrip
- 1-30 Genevieve Moebis
- 1-30 Bailey Watros
- 1-31 Cara Gustafson
- 1-31 David Gustafson
- 1-31 Amanda Miller



***OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 31
and JANUARY 1
BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY
AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!***

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

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