

THE FED CONNECTION

Following Jesus, Extending Love, Developing Disciples

Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

May 1, 2019



At DeWitt's End:

"Truly I tell you," he said, this poor widow has put in more than all the others." (Luke 21:3)

"Twenty-eight cents doesn't seem like much—something you could probably find on the street if you walked a couple of blocks. But one day last week 28 cents became quite a lot. I was given 28 cents by a gentleman who lives on very little. He had collected his change so that he could contribute to helping someone else eat a much-needed meal. I accepted the 28 cents and vowed to myself that it would make a difference.

"As much as the man who gave me 28 cents caught my attention, the widow's offering at the temple may have caught the attention of Jesus even more. He watched everyone putting their offerings into the money box, but he stopped to comment on the widow. Perhaps what Jesus appreciated most was her attitude and her willingness to give.

"Something else here should also catch our attention. Jesus made sure that everyone knew the widow's story because he wanted to remind us that every-one has something to give and that every gift -matters.

"Sometimes people feel that the amount they can give doesn't matter much and won't make a difference because it isn't very big.

"What is important, though, is that Jesus notices—and that makes all the difference."

"Prayer: Dear God, thank you that we all have something to give. Help us to remember that you have designed us to work together and to share together to bring your love to the world. In Jesus' name, Amen."

(Copied from Beth Fellingner, <https://today.reframemedia.com/devotions/28-cents>)

Coming Sermons:

May 5 "The Power of Music" Acts 16:22-34

Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown in prison because of their faith in Jesus. They had one way left to tell others about Jesus: their songs. Music can be a powerful testimony about what God has done in our lives!

May 12 **Mother's Day** "Entrust to God" Acts 20:31-35

We understand what it is like to pour ourselves into the lives of those we love. There comes a time, however, when we must turn loose and entrust them to God's loving care.

May 19 "The Power of God" Romans 1:16-20

The message of the Bible is more than just a story, the Bible reveals the way God has been working powerfully ever since the beginning of time to help make it possible for people to experience His mercy and grace.

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Coming Sermons (Cont'd):

May 26 Memorial Day “Salvation 101” Romans 3:10-31

Romans chapter 3 is one of the greatest passages in the Bible. It gives a tremendous summary of why we need God’s grace and how we can receive it.



Bible Reading Plan for May:

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

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
May			1 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	2 7:00 p.m.- Leadership Communication Meeting	3	4 7:00 a.m.-MG
5 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 1:30 p.m.– Sandwich Rehab/Willow Crest Ministry 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	6 3:30 p.m.-WBS	7	8 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	9	10 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Feed My Starv- ing Children Packing with EPIC	11 7:00 a.m.-MG
12 MOTHER’S DAY Graduate Recognition 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	13 3:30 p.m.-WBS	14 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	15 9:30 a.m. - LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	16 June Newsletter Deadline	17 7:00 p.m. “NIGHT AT THE FED”	18 7:00 a.m.-MG 9:00 a.m.- Worship Leader Training
19 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m. - EPIC	20 3:30 p.m.-WBS 7:00 p.m.-Quilters	21 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	22 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	23 9:30 a.m.-Outreach Committee Meeting	24	25 7:00 a.m.-MG
26 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	27 MEMORIAL DAY (Office Closed)	28 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Community Fellowship Feast 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	29 9:30 a.m. - LBS 6:00 p.m. - HOW 7:00 p.m. - CC	30	31	

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Mary Plante's brother, Donald

Loren Klene (John's brother)

Sally & Rex Coultrip

Carol & Mike Pruski's son, Jeff

Carolene Bell

Janice, and Aaron, (friends of Klenes)

Helen Augustine Kosteck

Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klenes)

Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy Watros' neice)

Corrine Ohlwine (Florence Miller's Mom)

Lee Legner

Jim (neighbor of the Duffields)

Carl & Sandy (friends of Karen Beers)

Tonya (family friend of Judy Rice)

Joyce Mackie & Vicki Damato

Roger Gordon

Lisa Augustine

Bob Hawley

Janet Perkins Rund

Jenny Babos-Stark

Keith Spears

Barbara Lawson

Patti Fox

John & Diane Klene

Juanita Anderson

Allen Kaufman

Donnie Bradford

Addie Moore

Wayne Deadwyler

Family of Patricia VanKirk

Lloyd, Sharon, Missy, Donna (friends of
Pat & Les Redden)

**Homebound, Nursing Homes or
Assisted Living:**

June Bannister

Lois Peterson

Val Skupa

Worship Leader Training: Pastor

Dan will be conducting training for all who serve as worship leaders (or who would like to) on May 18, at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 2nd, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at The FED - Birthday Open House celebrating Larry Phillips' 90th birthday!

Lenten Breakfasts/Basement Sale: Our Lenten breakfast series was held from March 6 - April 10. This year had record attendance, with a total of 564. \$1,310.29 was collected for the Ministerial Association Good Samaritan Fund. The Basement Sale to benefit Open Door is April 26 and 27. Amount raised will be reported in next month's newsletter.

Leadership Communication Meeting Thurs., May 2, at 7:00 p.m. It is important that all Ministry Teams and standing committees have a representative present to communicate what is going on in your part of the church ministry.

Pastor Dan will be gone Saturday, May 4, at the American Baptist Area 1 annual meeting at the Blackhawk Camp in Oregon, IL; also to the American Baptist Resource Leadership Conference in Bloomington, May 9-11.

Sandwich Rehab/Willow Crest Ministry: The choir will be bringing Easter anthem music to Willow Crest Sunday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m., as we lead in worship that day. Pastor Dan will also lead in worship at Sandwich Rehab, at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to join us, 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!

Mother's Day: We will be honoring all of our "moms" during the worship service on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12.

Graduates: If you have someone graduating from 8th grade, high school or college, please let the office or anyone on CE (Amy Wiegman, Lauren Johnston, or April Skorup) know. Also, if you have a college graduate, please email Amy Wiegman at Amy110400@yahoo.com. We will be honoring our graduates on May 12th, and will be including college graduate updates in the bulletin.

EPIC is going to be going to **Feed My Starving Children** in Aurora, Friday, May 10, from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. to pack boxes again this year, and the congregation is invited to join them. Everyone will meet here at The FED at 6:45 p.m. and car-pool, returning by 10:30 p.m. Contact Autumn Battaglia if you would like to participate. Also, EPIC raised \$982.00 from the Easter Breakfast for their summer mission trip! Thanks to all who came out to support them!

Night at the FED is **Friday, May 17**, at 7:00 p.m. The Lamplighters' Barbershop Chorus from Montgomery, IL will be performing at 7:00 p.m., followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall. There is no charge; a love offering will be taken. This will be community event, and we hope to welcome many visitors to our church that evening. Please help spread the word anywhere you can, i.e., workplace, family, friends, etc. Our goal is to fill the church, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Mission Opportunity at Camp Blessing **June 7-9** at the Wausau, Wisconsin camp. The work camp will be directed by Steve Skorup. Please complete the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/brCdo5LwenlSTOKT2> to let Steve know your interest and abilities. For further information, go to the Camp Blessing link: <https://www.campblessing.com/retreats/> or contact Steve at skorup7@gmail.com.

Nursery: If you would like to be added to the nursery volunteer schedule starting in July, please contact April Skorup at 815-685-9079 or email adskorup@gmail.com. This very important ministry is always staffed by two people so you always have help. You would only be assigned about six Sundays a year, and is very flexible with your schedule, as you can trade Sundays if needed.

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



Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30 - 12:30
Sunday Worship
Children's Worship

Crossroads Men's Softball
Games Schedule for May:

May 6 - 6:00 p.m. (Field B) &
7:00 p.m. (Field A)
May 13 - 6:00 p.m. (Field A) &
7:00 p.m. (Field B)
May 20 - 8:00 p.m. (Field B) &
9:00 p.m. (Field B)
May 27 - No Games

Community Fellowship

Feast: The next dinner will be Tuesday, May 28, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at the Sandwich Church of the Nazarene, 205 W. College St., Sandwich. We are asked to bring casseroles. If you can help, please sign the sheet on the podium outside of the sanctuary.

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