

THE FED CONNECTION



Following Jesus, Extending Love, Developing Disciples

Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

October 1, 2019

At DeWitt's End

The following words of Jesus really spoke to my heart recently:

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (John 8:12 NLT)

Jesus is the light of the world. It probably doesn't surprise you to hear that God considers our world to be filled with spiritual darkness. You don't have to look very far to find it. You probably experience spiritual darkness on a daily basis – you don't even have to leave your home. You see it on the television, on the Internet, and hear it on the news. If you are like me, you even find it in your own heart and mind at times. Our world can be a very "dark" place.

But Jesus came to change that. Jesus came to earth to bring the light of God's love and mercy into this world. Jesus came to bring the light of God to this world and to our hearts. Have you been feeling a little overwhelmed by darkness lately? Do you sometimes feel the weight of darkness is going to crush you with despair? Maybe it's time to turn off the T.V., step away from the Internet, log off of the social media or stop reading the newspaper. Maybe it's time to turn a deaf ear to that voice of hopelessness that sometimes breathes its despair in your heart and allow Jesus to fill your heart with His light, His hope, His grace.

He is the light of the world. Spend some time soaking it up, and then do your best to spread it around to others who desperately need it!

--Dan

Coming Sermons:

October 6 "Called to Send" 3 John 1:5-8

God calls some people to leave their home and "go" minister somewhere else. He does this for some, but not all. Maybe He is instead calling you to help "send" someone else.

October 13 "You Have Mail" Rev. 3:1-6

Not all mail is pleasant to receive. The church at Sardis received a "blistering letter" from Jesus. It makes me wonder: what would Jesus' letter to us say?

October 20 "In a Battle" Rev. 12; 1 Peter 5:8-9

The book of Revelation paints a vivid picture of the spiritual warfare in which we are engaged. But the Bible gives us a great word of encouragement: God and His people win!

October 27 Pastor Bill Lupole guest speaker

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dan DeWitt

Bible Reading Plan for October:

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

C.A.M.P. MISSION TRIPS: There will be two trips in January. The first will be Jan. 4-11, and will feature concrete work and health screening clinics. The second will be Jan. 18-25, and will feature building construction and dental clinics. For further info. and pricing, please visit: campmissiontours.org, or see Steve Cromwell.

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

Tuesday Bible Study & Fellowship: Pastor Dan has started an evening fellowship and Bible study in which he will be taking a "leisurely stroll" through the book of Romans. We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Sunday School room. You are welcome to join us!

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 9:30am-Outreach Committee Meeting	2 9:30 am-LBS 3:30 pm-WBS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	3	4	5 7:00 a.m.-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
6 9:30 am- Worship/CWH 1:15 pm-CROP Walk 1:00 pm-Kemmerer Village Open House 4:00 pm-EPIC	7	8 7:00 pm-Adult Bible Study	9 9:30 am-LBS 3:30 pm-WBS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	10 Pastor Dan Out-of-Town	11 Pastor Dan Out-of-Town	12 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship Pastor Dan Out-of-Town
13 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 4:00 pm- Takin' It To the Streets 4:00 - 6:00 pm - EPIC	14 7:00 pm-Quilters	15 7:00 pm-Adult Bible Study	16 9:30 am-LBS 3:30 pm-WBS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	17 7:00 pm-Session Meeting	18 November Newsletter Deadline	19 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship 8:30 am-Trash Pick-Up
20 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 4th Grade Bible Presentation 11:00 am-Worship Committee Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 pm - EPIC	21	22 4:30-6:00 pm-Community Fellowship Feast 7:00 pm-Adult Bible Study	23 9:30 am-LBS 3:30 pm-WBS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	24	25 6:00 pm-Family Game Night Pastor Dan-Vacation	26 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship Pastor Dan - Vacation
27 9:30 am-Worship/CWH Rev. Bill Lupole Preaching 4:00 - 6:00 pm - EPIC Pastor Dan-Vacation	28 Pastor Dan-Vacation	29 7:00 pm-Adult Bible Study	30 9:30 LBS 3:30 p.m.-WBS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	31		

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dean Potter

John & Diane Klene

Sally & Rex Coultrip

Wayne Morris (Mary George's son)

Corrine Ohlwein (Florence Miller's Mother)

Janice, and Aaron (friends of Klens)

Helen Augustine Kosteck

Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klens)

Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy Watros' neice)

Unspoken Requests

Jens Kennedy (Emma Duffield's father)

Pat and Andrew (friends of Barb & Dick)

Carl & Sandy (friends of Karen Beers)

Roger Gordon

Pam & Glen Nelson (friends of the Reddens)

Scott Muensterman (Sean Williams' boss)

Judy Rohrer

Harold Dannewitz

Bob Hawley

Donnie Bradford

Keith Spears

Barbara Lawson

Patti Fox

Loren Klene

Juanita Anderson

Addie Moore

Jim (neighbor of the Duffields)

Zoie Davis

Joyce Mackie & Vicki Damato

Chuck Nelson

Lisa Augustine

Mary Plante's brother Donald

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

June Bannister, Lois Peterson,

Val Skupa

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP FEAST
The October Community Fellowship Feast will be Tuesday, October 22, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. here at The FED. We are providing the main meat and drinks. Please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary if you can help.

EPIC has kicked off the 2019-2020 school year! Students in 6th grade thru college are welcome to participate. They meet Sundays from 4-6 pm, rotating between the 3 churches. For the month of October, they will meet at United Church of Sandwich. As in previous years, they will be meeting for games, Bible study, and dinner. They are looking for volunteers to provide meals. This can be done by making a donation to cover the cost of a meal, ordering a meal, or actually making the meal yourself. If you would like to help, please use the Meal Train website to sign up for a date: (<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1505o3>).

Baby Dedication: Hartlee Michele Johnston, daughter of Gary & Lauren Johnston, was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, September 22nd. We wish her many blessings as she grows in her walk with the Lord.

Interfaith Community CROP Walk will be Sunday, October 6th, at Big Rock Park, Big Rock, IL. Registration begins at 1:15 p.m., and the walk will start at 2:00. Ending hunger one step at a time.

Kemmerer Village 105th Anniversary Open House will be held Sunday, October 6, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., at 941 N. 2500 East Road, Assumption, IL. Attendees will be treated to informational campus tours, refreshments, bake sale, quilt raffle, and musical & informational performance. Contact Brian Miller with any questions.

Takin' It to the Streets 2019 (Community Prayer for the City of Sandwich) will be held Sunday, October 13, at 4:00 p.m., at 221 N. Eddy St., Sandwich. In case of inclement weather, prayer will move indoors at First Apostolic Church.

Family Game Night: You are invited to attend Family Game Night on Friday, October 25, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pizza and dessert will be provided by the Christian Education Committee. Please bring your own drinks, a favorite game, and don't forget to invite a friend! There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. We're looking forward to a night of fellowship and fun!

Save The Date! The Chancel Choir will be performing in a Vesper service on December 8 at 4:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to sing with them, practice is Wednesdays from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. We are also looking for children, 3rd grade and under, to be in "Away in the Manger" during the event. If your child is able to help with this, please contact Chris Williams at 815-325-1487 or ckwilliams59@yahoo.com. Looking forward to a wonderful Christmas tradition!

Time Away: Pastor Dan will be out of town attending an American Baptist pastor's retreat at the American Baptist Green Lake Conference Center October 10-12. He will be out of town on vacation October 25-28, Pastor Bill Lupole will bring the message on Oct. 27 during Dan's absence.

New in the Library: The "Heroes for Her" series is now available in the library. The five-book series provides a simple and effective approach to empowering young girls ages 5-12 in the areas of prayer, patience, bravery loyalty, and leadership.

- 10-1 Steve Cromwell
- 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



TRASH PICK-UP

Our church has “adopted” a section of East Sandwich Road from Pratt to Coy Roads. Our next trash pick-up day will be Saturday, October 19. We will leave from the church at 8:30 a.m. Wear gloves and boots, and bring some heavy-duty trash bags.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 - 12:30

Sunday Worship

Children’s Worship

9:30 a.m.

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