

THE FED CONNECTION



Following Jesus, Extending Love, Developing Disciples

Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

November 1, 2019

At DeWitt's End:

Dr. Dave Fitch was one of the speakers at last year's Annual Gathering at the American Baptist Region. One of the things he spoke about was the need for Christians to be plugged in to three circles, based in part on [Acts 2:46-47](#):

- (1) the circle which revolves around worship -- which is primarily focused on believers;
- (2) the circle which revolves around fellowship in our homes and neighborhoods -- where we can invite non-believers to be our guest and see Christian love and fellowship in action; and
- (3) the circle in which we "go out" to the world around us -- in this circle the believer is the guest of those who are not believers and it is an opportunity for us to "shine our light" in potentially dark places.

Dr. Fitch says we can only fully achieve the ministry God has for us by plugging into all three circles. Here's my confession: I have spent most of my Christian life focusing primarily on just the first circle. It's easy to just focus on worship. Even when I have met in homes for fellowship, I rarely invite non-believers to join. I've done a good job of "gathering," but a lousy job of "going." I have missed a big part of what God wants us to do.

There is a reason Jesus told his followers to "go" (go make disciples) and not just to "gather" in Christian circles. Jesus wants us to "go" outside of our own little circles and do our best to influence those around us who need God's grace. So, let me encourage you to enlarge the circles of your life and faith. Make a concerted effort to include non-believers in your circles so you can help lead them to Christ's love!

--Dan

Coming Sermons:

Nov. 3 "Troubled Waters" Job 1:6-22

Sometimes the path God leads us on goes through troubled waters. How should we respond while in the troubled waters? This was Job's solution: worship God even in the tough times!

Nov. 10 "Argue With God" Job 13 & 14

Job did a daring thing: he argued his case with God and, basically, asked God to leave him alone. And who could blame him? He had it rough. Is it O.K. to argue with God?

Nov. 17 "Hope for the Hopeless" Job 19:13-27

Job had reached a point of hopelessness. Maybe you can relate - maybe you have found yourself in a hopeless situation too. Job reminds us there is always hope if we keep our eyes on God!

Nov. 24 "God of Power" Job 26:1-14

As we approach Thanksgiving, the book of Job reminds us that, even in times of trouble, we can be thankful that God loves us and that His amazing power is there to strengthen and help us.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Dan DeWitt

Bible Reading Plan for November:

Nov. 1 -- Job 42:7; ch. 3
 Nov. 2 -- Job 6
Nov. 3 -- Catch-Up Day
 Nov. 4 -- Job 7
 Nov. 5 -- Job 9
 Nov. 6 -- Job 10
 Nov. 7 -- Job 12
 Nov. 8 -- Job 13
 Nov. 9 -- Job 14
Nov. 10-- Catch-Up Day

Nov. 11 -- Job 16
 Nov. 12 -- Job 17
 Nov. 13 -- Job 19
 Nov. 14 -- Job 21
 Nov. 15 -- Job 23
 Nov. 16 -- Job 24
Nov. 17 -- Catch-Up Day
 Nov. 18 -- Job 26
 Nov. 19 -- Job 27
 Nov. 20 -- Job 28

Nov. 21-- Job 29
 Nov. 22 -- Job 30
 Nov. 23 -- Job 31
Nov. 24 -- Catch-Up Day
 Nov. 25 -- Job 38
 Nov. 26 -- Job 39
 Nov. 27 -- Job 40 & 41
 Nov. 28 -- Job 42
 Nov. 29 -- Psalms 1 & 2
 Nov. 30 -- Psalms 3 & 4

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!

Leadership Coordination Meeting: November 14 at 7:00 p.m. We encourage leaders from all ministry teams and committees to come and share with each other what is going on in your "corner" of the church's ministry.

CWH-Children's Worship EPIC-Youth Group HOW-Heart of Worship CC-Chancel Choir
 WMBS-Women's Morning Bible Study WABS-Women's Afternoon Bible Study

Sunday <u>November</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FALL BACK when Daylight Savings Time ends on Nov. 3, and set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.					1	2 7:00 a.m.-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30 am- Worship/CWH 4:00 - 6:00 pm-EPIC	4	5 Election Day	6 9:30 am-WMBS 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	7	8	9 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
10 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 1:30 pm-Sandwich Rehab/ Willow Crest Ministry 4:00 - 6:00 pm - EPIC	11 Veteran's Day 7:00 pm-Quilters	12 7:00 pm-Adult Bible Study	13 9:30 am-WMBS 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	14 7:00 pm-Leadership Coordination Meeting	15 EPIC Lock-In at Lifetime Fitness December Newsletter Deadline	16 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
17 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 4:00 - 6:00 pm - EPIC	18 Shoebox Collection Week	19 7:00 pm-Adult Bible Study	20 9:30 am-WMBS 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	21	22	23 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
24 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 4:00 - 6:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-Community Thanksgiving Service	25	26 4:30-6:00 pm-Community Fellowship Feast 7:00 pm-Adult Bible Study	27 9:30 WMBS 3:30 p.m.-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	28 THANKSGIVING Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship 9:00 am-Noon - Hanging of the Greens

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Brenda Beck (John & Diane Klene's daughter)
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)
Family of Scott Muensterman

Judy Rohrer
Harold Dannewitz
Bob Hawley
Dannie Bradford
Keith Spears
Barbara Lawson
Patti Fox
Loren Klene
Roberta Troeger
Addie Moore
Jim (neighbor of the Duffields)
Zoie Davis
Joyce Mackie & Vicki Damato
Chuck Nelson
Mary Plante's brother Donald
Family of Juanita Anderson

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Lisa Augustine, June Bannister,
Lois Peterson, Val Skupa

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP FEAST

The November Community Fellowship Feast will be Tuesday, November 26, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 340 W. Arnold Rd., Sandwich. We are not asked to bring anything this month since we hosted in October.

In Sympathy: Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Juanita Anderson. Juanita went into the presence of the Lord on October 10. Her funeral service was held on October 13.

New Address: Bill Keele has moved to Heritage Woods Assisted Living in Batavia. His new address is: 1079 E. Wilson St. - Apt. 283, Batavia, IL 60510. His new phone numbers are: 630-593-4054 (home) and 630-777-1584 (cell).

Parking Spaces: There are two parking spaces in the church lot now designated and marked for visitors. The congregation is asked not to park in those spaces.

Nursing Home Ministry: Pastor Dan will lead worship at the Sandwich Rehab Unit and at Willow Crest Sunday, November 10. He will be at the Rehab Unit at 1:30 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!

Veteran's Day: Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11. Happy Veterans Day to all our veterans; thank you for your service to our country!

Community Thanksgiving Service: This year The FED will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24th, at 6:00 p.m. Plan to come and join area churches in the celebration with a worship service and special music. Please bring canned goods for the Franklin Mall Project.

Vesper Service Coming Next Month! 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!

Nursery Schedule: April Skorup will be putting together the nursery schedule for January-June 2020. If you'd like to be added to serve in this very important ministry, please contact her at adskorup@gmail.com, or at church. You only serve three times during this time, and it's very flexible with your schedule.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Everyone can participate in this ministry by packing a box, praying for a box, or paying to ship a box. Remember, no candy or toothpaste, as they attract rodents while being stored in warehouses. Collection week is Nov. 18-24. Shoeboxes are due to the church no later than Nov. 24

EPIC Update: EPIC will be meeting at Union Congregational Church in November. They will be taking a group to the Area 1 Youth Lock-In at Lifetime Fitness in Schaumburg Friday, Nov. 15, (leaving church at 8 PM), through Saturday, Nov. 16, (returning at 6:30 AM). Cost is \$25/person, and anyone in 6th grade thru age 21 is invited to attend. Contact Autumn if you are interested. A great event to bring friends!

- 11-1 Tom Gowdy
- 11-4 Chuck Johnson
- 11-18 Brody Stahl
- 11-19 Vicky Swenson
- 11-28 Kaylynn Williams





TIME TO DECORATE!

We will be decorating the church for the holidays Sat., Nov. 30, from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Fellowship of coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts will be provided. Your help with this labor of love would be appreciated!

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 - 12:30

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship

9:30 a.m.

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