

# THE FED CONNECTION



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Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

January 1, 2020

## At DeWitt's End:

Linda and I have an exciting month ahead of us. We are going to go see Levi in Taiwan. As most of you know, he has been a foreign exchange student at the Chung Yuan Christian University (CYCU) in Taoyuan City, Taiwan. We have timed our trip to arrive right after his final exams. We'll get to spend a week with him in Taiwan and are really looking forward to that.

Although we can call him almost anytime we want, and although we exchange emails / text messages, etc., frequently, those contacts just aren't the same as being able to actually be with him and spend time with him. There is just something special about spending time with those you love.

I guess that's why the Bible makes such a point at emphasizing the importance of getting together with fellow Christians and spending time together. We are supposed to get together as a group and encourage each other. We are supposed to get together as a group and find ways to help each other grow stronger in our faith and to motivate each other to "acts of love and good works" ([Heb. 10:24-25](#)). Sure, we can worship God at home just fine, but there is no substitute for actually getting together with the family of God and spend time together. There is no substitute for the encouragement, the support and the "motivation" we can give one another as we gather together to worship God and help each other.

If you haven't been to church in awhile, it's about time. Even if you don't need the encouragement that we can give you, maybe we need the encouragement you can give us. I hope to see you soon!

- Dan

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## Coming Sermons:

January 5 "To The Next Generation" Psalms 78:4-7

God gave a task to Jacob which still stands as a challenge for us today: pass the faith to the next generation so they can experience the hope of God.

January 12 Dan on vacation – Bill Lupole preaching

January 19 Dan on vacation – Bill Lupole preaching

January 26 Dan on vacation – Bill Lupole preaching

February 2 "The Loving Father" Luke 15:1-24

Jesus told the story of the prodigal son to illustrate the heart of love God has for those who have gone astray and how delighted He is when they (we?) turn back to Him.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Dan DeWitt

**Coming Sermons (Cont'd):**

February 9 "The Older Son" Luke 15:1-2, 25-32  
 Most of us like the story about the Prodigal Son, but we often miss the real point of the story: don't be like the older son who stuck around but failed to honor his father!

**Bible Reading Plan for January:**

Jan. 1 -- Psalm 25&26	Jan. 11 -- Psalm 43&44	Jan. 21 --Psalm 59&60	Jan. 31-- Psalm 76 &77
Jan. 2 -- Psalm 27&28	<b>Jan. 12 -- Catch-Up Day</b>	Jan. 22 --Psalm 61&62	
Jan. 3 -- Psalm 29&30	Jan. 13 -- Psalm 45&46	Jan. 23 --Psalm 63&64	
Jan. 4 -- Psalm 31&32	Jan. 14 -- Psalm 47&48	Jan. 24 --Psalm 65&66	
<b>Jan. 5 --Catch-Up Day</b>	Jan. 15 -- Psalm 49&50	Jan. 25 --Psalm 67&68	
Jan. 6 -- Psalm 33&34	Jan. 16 -- Psalm 51&52	<b>Jan. 26 --Catch-Up Day</b>	
Jan. 7 -- Psalm 35&36	Jan. 17 -- Psalm 53&54	Jan. 27 --Psalm 69	
Jan. 8 -- Psalm 37&38	Jan. 18 -- Psalm 55&56	Jan 28 --Psalm 70&71	
Jan. 9 -- Psalm 39&40	<b>Jan. 19 -- Catch-Up Day</b>	Jan. 29 --Psalm 72&73	
Jan. 10-- Psalm 41&42	Jan. 20 -- Psalm 57&58	Jan. 30 --Psalm 74&75	

**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](http://campmissiontours.org), or see Steve Cromwell.

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 <b>January</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Happy New Year!</b> Office Closed	2	3	4 7:00 a.m.-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship 9:00 am-"Undecorate"
5 9:30 am- Worship/CWH  4:00 - 6:00 pm-EPIC	6	7	8 9:30 am-WMBS 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	9	10	11 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
12 9:30 am-Worship/CWH  4:00 - 6:00 pm-EPIC	13	14	15 9:30 am-WMBS 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	16	17 <b>February Newsletter Deadline</b>	18 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
19 9:30 am-Worship/CWH  4:00 - 6:00 pm - EPIC  <b>DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS</b>	20 7:00 pm-Quilters	21	22 9:30 am-WMBS 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	23	24	25 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
26 9:30 am-Worship/CWH  4:00 -6:00 p.m.-EPIC	27	28	29 9:30 am-WMBS 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	30	31	

**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)  
Barbara Lawson  
Roger Gordon  
Patti Fox  
Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy Watros' neice)  
Unspoken Requests  
Jens Kennedy (Emma Duffield's father)  
Pat (friend of Barb & Dick)  
Carl & Sandy (friends of Karen Beers)  
Janice & Aaron (friends of the Klenes)  
Pam & Glen Nelson (friends of the Reddens)  
Joyce Mackie, Vicki Damato, and Tom Price

Judy Rohrer  
Pastor Bill Lupole  
Bob Hawley  
Dannie Bradford  
Dick Andrews (Kristin Duffield's father)  
Helen Augustine Kosteck  
Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klenes)  
Roberta Troeger  
Addie Moore  
Jim (neighbor of the Duffields)  
Zoie Davis  
Mary Plante's brother Donald  
Chuck Nelson  
Keith Spears  
Loren Klene

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

Lisa Augustine, June Bannister,  
Bill Keele, Val Skupa

**Community Fellowship Feast**

The next Fellowship Feast will be Tuesday, January 28, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Sandwich Church of the Nazarene, 205 W. College St. We are asked to bring breads. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

**Pastor Dan** has resigned from his position as pastor of the FED. His last day "in the pulpit" will be February 23. The Session is in the process of making arrangements to provide an interim minister during this time of transition. Pastor Bill Lupole will provide pulpit supply until an interim pastor is selected.

**Christmas Tear-Down:** If you are available, please plan to come to the church Saturday, January 4th, at 9:00 a.m. to help "un-decorate" the church.

**Time Away:** Pastor Dan and Linda will be taking some time off January 10-30. They will be visiting their son, Levi, who is a foreign exchange student in Taiwan, and then will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in New Zealand. Pastor Bill Lupole will be providing pulpit supply in Dan's absence.

**Office Schedule:** The office will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day., December 31 and January 1.

**Thank You!** Genevieve and Bill Moebs would like to thank the church family for the many calls, cards, visits, and prayers on their behalf during Gen's recent accident and recovery. They sincerely appreciate everyone's kindness and concern.

**Children's Worship Update:** Children's Worship will be starting their Sunday mornings in Adult Worship beginning January 5. Parents should send their children to sit near the front with the teacher, and they will leave as a group before the sermon. April Skorup is the teacher for January, so look for her.

**2020 Bible Reading Schedule:** Several people have asked that we continue the Bible reading plan into 2020 even though the sermons will not necessarily be following the plan. The Schedule has been completed and copies are located on the windowsills in the sanctuary.

**Annual Reports:** All ministry teams, officers, committee chairs, etc., need to submit their annual reports to the office by January 19 so they can be included in the written report to the congregation.

**Chuck Johnson** was commissioned as the Moderator of the Presbytery as of November 12, 2019. He will serve as Moderator for a one year term. His duties will include moderating Presbytery meetings; serving on the Presbytery Planning Committee; being on the Presbytery Council; and being a member of the transition team regarding the retirement of Rev. John Rickard as the Presbytery Stated Clerk. Be sure to congratulate Chuck the next time you see him!

**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 Adult Bible Study:** The Tuesday Adult Bible Study will not meet in January. It will resume Feb. 11.

**Meals on Wheels:** The FED is helping again with Meals On Wheels. We will deliver each week day in January. Pick up meals at Fox Valley Older Adults 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Delivery of roughly 8 meals takes about an hour. Sign up calendar is on the bulletin board in the lobby. Please help if you can. For questions, contact Dale Hamilton at 815-786-4739.

1-7	Lisa Augustine	1-30	Bailey Watros
1-8	Dave Stahl	1-31	Amanda Miller
1-9	Levi DeWitt	1-31	David Gustafson
1-14	Barb Rothlisberger	1-31	Cara Gustafson
1-14	Colton Watros		
1-26	Glenda Potter		
1-29	Sally Coultrip		
1-30	Genevieve Moebis		



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

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

We will have our annual meeting on Sunday, February 23, at 10:45 a.m., immediately following the morning worship.

A church potluck will follow the meeting.

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