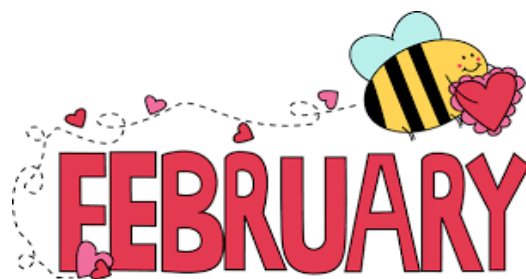


# THE FED CONNECTION

Following Jesus, Extending Love, Developing Disciples



Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

February 1, 2020

## At DeWitt's End:

Why am I here? What is my purpose? What does God want me to do? You may never have pondered these questions, I don't know. But I have wrestled with these questions a lot over the years. I still ask myself these questions from time to time. It's just the way I am.

God may or may not have a specific, day-to-day plan for your life, I don't know. But I do know that God has a general plan and purpose for each of us. We see a glimpse of that plan in Jesus' prayer in John chapter 17:

*"Just as You sent Me into the world, I am sending them into the world." (John 17:18)*

God had a plan for Jesus. Part of that plan was for Him to be the light of the world and to shine the light of God's love and grace to other people so they can experience it through Him. That was God's plan for Jesus, and Jesus passed the same plan on to us. Jesus made it clear in verse 20 that this "assignment" was not directed to just the 12 Disciples. He was giving this "assignment" to ALL OF US. God wants each of us to "go out" into our corner of the world and share the light of God's love and grace with those that God places in our life.

That is a part of why you are here. That is a part of your purpose in life. It's what we are each supposed to do. So, let me ask a question: how are you doing with this assignment? What plans do you have this week to attempt to carry out this purpose? I hope you take this assignment seriously and spend some time looking for ways to do what God has called you to do. And I look forward to hearing all about it!

Serving with you,  
Dan D.

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## Coming Sermons:

Feb. 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.

Feb. 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.

Feb. 16 "Follow Jesus" Luke 9:23-25; Phil. 2:3-8

The call to follow Jesus is not a call to be religious. It is a call to give up, to sacrifice and to die to our own desires – like He did. Only then will we truly become His disciples.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Dan DeWitt

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

Feb. 23 “Extend Love” Luke 10:25-37

It is easy to get caught up in the trap of rules and rituals and forget the core call of God on our lives: extend to others the same love and mercy God has extended to us.

**Bible Reading Plan for February:**

Feb. 1 -- Psalm 78	Feb. 11 -- S of S 3 & 4	Feb. 21 -- Psalms 100 & 101
<b>Feb. 2 -- Catch-Up Day</b>	Feb. 12 -- S of S 5	Feb. 22 -- Psalms 102 & 103
Feb. 3 -- Psalms 79 & 80	Feb. 13 -- S of S 6	<b>Feb. 23 --Catch-Up Day</b>
Feb. 4 -- Psalms 81 & 82	Feb. 14 -- S of S 7	Feb. 24 -- Psalms 104 & 105
Feb. 5 -- Psalms 83 & 84	Feb. 15 -- S of S 8	Feb. 25 -- Psalm 106
Feb. 6 -- Psalms 85,86 & 87	<b>Feb. 16 --Catch-Up Day</b>	Feb. 26 -- Psalm 107
Feb. 7 -- Psalms 88 & 89	Feb. 17 -- Psalms 92 & 93	Feb. 27 -- Psalms 108 & 109
Feb. 8 -- Psalms 90 & 91	Feb. 18 -- Psalms 94 & 95	Feb. 28 -- Psalms 110 & 111
<b>Feb. 9 --Catch-Up Day</b>	Feb. 19 -- Psalms 96 & 97	Feb. 29 -- Psalm 112
Feb. 10--Song of Solomon 1 & 2	Feb. 20 -- Psalms 98 & 99	

**Upcoming Meetings:** Session: Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7:00 p.m.  
 Outreach Comm.: Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 9:30 a.m.  
**Men's Fellowship:** Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. in the kitchen. We meet for coffee, donuts, and time of spiritual reflection.

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><u>February</u></b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00 a.m.-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
2 9:30 am- Worship/CWH  4:00 - 6:00 pm-EPIC	3	4	5 9:30 am-WMBS 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	6  7:00 pm-Session Meeting	7	8 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
9 9:30 am-Worship/CWH  4:00 - 6:00 pm-EPIC	10	11  7:00 pm-Adult Bible Study	12 9:30 am-WMBS 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	13	14  <b>Happy Valentine's Day</b>  <b>March Newsletter Deadline</b>	15 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
16 9:30 am-Worship/CWH  1:30 pm-Sandwich Rehab/ 2:30 pm-Willow Crest Ministry  4:00 - 6:00 pm - EPIC	17  7:00 pm-Quilters	18  9:30 am-Outreach Committee Meeting  7:00 pm-Adult Bible Study	19 9:30 am-WMBS 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	20	21	22 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
23 9:30 am-Worship/CWH ANNUAL MEETING CHURCH POTLUCK  4:00 -6:00 p.m.-EPIC	24	25  4:30-6:00 pm-Community Fellowship Feast	26 9:00 am-Lenten Breakfast #1  3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	27	28	29 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study & Fellowship

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Brenda Beck (John & Diane Klene's daughter)  
John & Diane Klene  
Larry Phillips  
Wayne Morris (Mary George's son)  
Jennifer (daughter of Walt & Cathy Harrah)  
Roger Gordon  
Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klenes)  
Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy Watros' niece)  
Barbara Lawson  
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 Kostek  
Patti Fox  
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, February 25, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Union Congregational Church, 305 S. Gage St., Somonauk. We are asked to bring desserts. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the podium outside the sanctuary.

**Pastor Dan** has resigned from his position as pastor of the FED. His last day "in the pulpit" will be February 23, and in the office will be February 27. 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.

**Search Committee:** The Session has selected and approved the following people to serve as the Search Committee for the new senior pastor. We sincerely thank them for their willingness to serve our church in this way.

Bob Knight/Chairman/815-474-5882/railbuff@indianvalley.com  
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Jane Jakubiak/765-729-1923/jane.jakubiak@gmail.com  
Chuck Johnson (Mentor, Blackhawk Presbytery)/815-970-6095/vinedresser2@gmail.com  
Alternate if needed: Carl Gustafson/630-253-1511/

**Annual Meeting:** We will have our annual meeting on Sunday, February 23 at 10:45 a.m., immediately following the morning worship. Our church potluck will follow the annual meeting. Copies of the Annual Report will be available Sunday morning, Feb. 16.

**Thanks:** A special thanks to Pastor Bill Lupole for providing pulpit supply in Dan's absence this past month!

**Nursing Home Ministry:** Pastor Dan will lead worship at the Sandwich Rehab Unit and at Willow Crest on Sunday, February 16. He will be at the Rehab Unit at 1:30 p.m. and at Willow Crest at 2:30 p.m. Please help him if you can.

**Lenten breakfasts:** The Lenten Season begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 26. Our church will be hosting the Lenten Breakfasts on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. again this year. Participating churches will provide the continental breakfast each week of the series. We will provide the first breakfast. Chuck Johnson will bring the devotion Feb. 26.

**CYM Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser:** Cooperative Youth Ministry will be holding a Chili Cook-Off fundraiser, Sunday, March 1st, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Union Congregational church in Somonauk. Come sample a variety of different chili recipes and vote on your favorites, or come enjoy a bowl of United Church's Sandwich Fair chili! Cost is just your time and a donation to the CYM. Please consider making your famous chili to be among the options. Supplies and toppings are also needed. Feel free to contact Autumn Battaglia at 815-685-8448 or BattagliaAN1@gmail.com for further details. Sign-Up sheets are posted in the lobby, or you can use the below links: To sign up to bring a crock pot of chili (6-8 quarts) use this link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CA5AB2DA0F85-chili1>  
To sign up to purchase paper products, toppings, etc., use this link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CA5AB2DA0F85-chili>  
To sign up that you are planning to attend, use this link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CA5AB2DA0F85-attending>

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| 2-1 John Klene        | 2-22 Carolyn Meier  |
| 2-3 Rex Coultrip      | 2-22 Emily McNurlan |
| 2-9 Michele Stahl     | 2-23 Mike Pruski    |
| 2-11 Cindy Van Kampen | 2-26 Karen Peterson |
| 2-12 Linda Allen      |                     |
| 2-14 Brooks Shumway   |                     |
| 2-19 Jack Neumann     |                     |
| 2-22 Debbie Keele     |                     |



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

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