

THE FED CONNECTION



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Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

April 1, 2020

A Message Pastor Bill:

When I was a youngster in church, we used to sing a hymn titled, "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart": I cannot think of a more appropriate song in describing the Apostle Paul.

Our study in the epistle written to the church at Philippi has shown that to be true. Over 16 times Paul used the word joy in his love letter to the church. For Paul, joy was not dependent on circumstance. It was a fruit of the spirit based in a relationship with Jesus Christ that transcends circumstances, and is characterized by a contented, cheerful attitude.

The Philippian church gave Paul over which to rejoice. They belonged to Christ and experienced his love for them. They were an encouragement to him as he was experiencing being under house arrest in Rome. However, his joy was muted by their lack of living in harmony with one another. To "fix that problem", Paul challenged them to an attitude adjustment. Instead of a selfish me-first attitude that was pervasive within their church family, Paul exhorted them to become humble in spirit like their savior, Jesus Christ. As the Dr. Charles Swindoll once remarked, they needed to "descend into greatness". And then, allow the humility of spirit to be worked out in their daily walk of faith.

For Paul, serving others brought great joy. He wanted the Philippian Church to experience that same joy. We, too, can experience that same joy in serving Jesus as we humble ourselves before Christ, relying on his power to accomplish God-honoring service to others in our church family and beyond.

Blessings,
Pastor Bill Lupole

Coming Sermons:

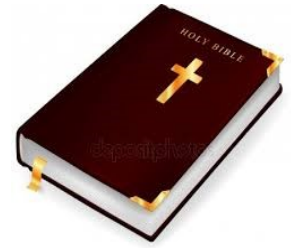
Sermon topics will be updated when in-church worship resumes.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Bible Reading Plan for April:

Apr. 1 -- Prov.18	Apr. 11 -- John 21	Apr. 21 -- Prov. 31
Apr. 2 -- Prov. 19	Apr. 12 -- Prov. 22	Apr. 22 -- Ecclesiastes 1
Apr. 3 -- Prov. 20	Apr. 13 -- Prov. 23	Apr. 23 -- Eccl. 2
Apr. 4 -- John 12	Apr. 14 -- Prov. 24	Apr. 24 -- Eccl. 3
Apr. 5 -- Luke 21	Apr. 15 -- Prov. 25	Apr. 25 -- Eccl. 4
Apr. 6 -- Luke 22	Apr. 16 -- Prov. 26	Apr. 26 -- Eccl. 5
Apr. 7 -- Luke 23	Apr. 17 -- Prov. 27	Apr. 27 -- Eccl. 6
Apr. 8 -- John 13	Apr. 18 -- Prov. 28	Apr. 28 -- Eccl. 7
Apr. 9 -- John 19	Apr. 19 -- Prov. 29	Apr. 29 -- Eccl. 8
Apr. 10-- John 20	Apr. 20 -- Prov. 30	Apr. 30 -- Eccl. 9



*During this uncertain time, if you are aware of anyone who needs assistance with getting groceries or supplies delivered to them, or any other way where help is needed, please contact Jane at 765-729-1923.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>April</u>						
			1	2	3	4 9:00 am-Search Committee
5 PALM SUNDAY	6	7	8	9 7:00 pm-Session Meeting	10 GOOD FRIDAY Office Closed	11
12 HAPPY EASTER! The Lord Has Risen Indeed!	13	14	15	16	17 May Newsletter Deadline	18
19	20	21 9:30 a.m.-Outreach Committee Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pray for each other
Pray for our families & friends
Pray for our communities
Pray for our state
Pray for our country
Pray for the world
Jennifer (daughter of Walt & Cathy Harrah)
Jackie Green
Barbara Lawson (Joyce Kaufman's sister)
Jens Kennedy (Emma Duffield's father)
Loren Klene (John's brother)
Carl & Sandy (friends of Karen Beers)
Brenda Beck (John & Diane's daughter)
Joyce Mackie, Vicki Damato, and Tom Price
Sheryl McAlearney
Wayne Morris (Mary George's son)

Judy Rohrer
Chuck Nelson
Bob Hawley
Dannie Bradford
Dick Andrews (Kristin Duffield's father)
Helen Augustine Kostek
Family of Patti Fox
John & Diane Klene
Keith Spears
Jim (neighbor of the Duffields)
Zoie Davis
Mary Plante's brother Donald
Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klenes)
Roger Gordon
Unspoken Prayer Requests
Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy Watros' niece)

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Lisa Augustine, June Bannister,
Susan Beall, Bill Keele, Val Skupa



Thanks: A special thanks to Pastor Bill Lupole for providing pulpit supply until a temporary pastor is selected. We are blessed to have Pastor Bill in our congregation, and so willing to help serve the Lord in this way. We look forward to continued messages from him once worship services have resumed.

Search Committee Please keep the search committee in your prayers: Bob Knight (Chair); Dale Hamilton; Mary Plante; Jamie Shumway; and Jane Jakubiak. The committee has begun their work, conducting their meetings via telephone conference calls.

Upcoming Meetings: Currently, the following committees are still scheduled to meet. Should anything change, members will be individually contacted: Search Committee, Saturday, April 4, at 9:00 a.m., Session, Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 pm. Outreach Committee, Tuesday, April 21, at 9:30 am.

Lenten breakfasts: The Lenten Breakfast Series were able to be held for three weeks in February and March. Attendance was very high, with 90 attending the first one on February 26, 109 attending the second one on March 4, and 86 in attendance on March 11. However, due to the coronavirus situation, the remaining three breakfasts had to be cancelled. Should anyone still wish to support the Good Samaritan fund, checks can be made out to SSMA (Sandwich/Somonauk Ministerial Association), and mailed to the church office.

Men's Fellowship and Ladies Bible Studies: At the time of this printing, the men's fellowship and ladies Bible studies have been cancelled. Once they are being resumed, updates will be sent out.

Community Fellowship Feasts: The Community Fellowship Feasts have been cancelled until further notice.

Offerings: Please feel free to drop your offerings in the mail to the church, while the services are cancelled. We sincerely hope and pray this temporary cancellation will be short, and appreciate your faithfulness in this matter.

Mark Your Calendars: The Lamplighter Barbershop Chorus of Montgomery will entertain us again Saturday, May 30th. More details to come.

Rummage Sale: The annual rummage sale to benefit Open Door will be held Friday, May 1, from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 2, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.. Drop-off days will be Wednesday, April 29, from 8:00 a.m. - noon, and Thursday, April 30, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Set-up will also be April 30. At this time, the rummage sale is still on. If anything changes, an update will be sent.

Easter Lilies: Unfortunately, Easter Lily orders will not be taken this year.

By order of the Governor, the church office is temporarily closed. Jane is set up to work from home during this time. If anyone needs anything, please contact her at 765-729-1923. We have people ready and willing to help.

4-1 Ed Plante
4-2 Nathan Allen
4-4 Joyce Kaufman
4-5 Shea Watros
4-6 Kathy Watros
4-6 Alan Langguth
4-7 Cindy Albright
4-9 Dick Rothlisberger
4-9 Judy Rohrer
4-12 Karen Babos
4-12 Fallyn McCaslin
4-17 George Van Kampen
4-18 Bob Knight

4-21 Ashley McNurlan
4-22 Alex Burgin
4-23 Susie Cromwell
4-25 Carol Pruski
4-28 Ian Burgin



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

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