

THE FED CONNECTION

Following Jesus, Extending Love, Developing Disciples

Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

March 1, 2020



At DeWitt's End:

There are many emotions flooding my heart as I write this last newsletter article. It is a time of sorrow; a time of regret; a time of goodbyes; a time of rejoicing for the blessing of having the privilege of serving among you. And it has been a blessing.

I want to say "thank you." Thank you for accepting Linda and me in spite of our shortcomings and inadequacies. Thank you for letting us be ourselves. Thank you for showing great love and compassion towards us. You will never know the impact you have made in our lives.

I also want to challenge you. I want to challenge you to accept the words of Hebrews 12:1-2 as the driving force of your lives individually and your life as a church:

"Therefore. . . , let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. . . ." (Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT)

Follow Jesus. Pursue the path He sets before you, even as it takes you into seasons of change. Make it a matter of prayer. Make it a conscious decision. Don't let anything else distract you or slow you down. Run His race. Do this and nothing else. You will not regret it.

Thanks again for the privilege of serving with you! Go in His peace!

-Dan D.

Coming Sermons:

The Apostle Paul experiences joy in every area of his life, even when circumstances dictated otherwise. Paul's letter to the Philippian Church expresses the joy he possessed in all areas of his life. In March, we will be looking at the first 3 chapters of Paul's letter:

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| March 1 | "The Joy of Relationships" | Phil. 1:1-11 |
| March 8 | "The Joy of Circumstance" | Phil. 1:12-30 |
| March 15 | "The Joy of Serving" | Phil. 2:1-30 |

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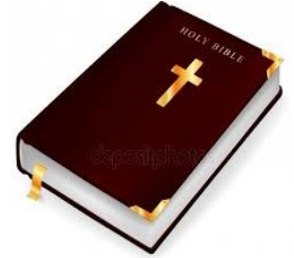
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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Coming Sermons (Cont'd):

March 22 “The Joy of Saving Faith” Phil. 3:1-11
 March 29 “The Joy of the Journey” Phil. 3:12-21

Bible Reading Plan for March:

Mar. 1 -- Catch-Up Day	Mar. 11 -- Psalm 130-134	Mar. 21 -- Proverbs 4	Mar. 31-- Prov. 17
Mar. 2 -- Psalm 113 & 114	Mar. 12 -- Psalm 135-137	Mar. 22 -- Catch-Up Day	
Mar. 3 -- Psalm 115 & 116	Mar. 13 -- Psalm 138-139	Mar. 23 -- Proverbs 5	
Mar. 4 -- Psalm 117 & 118	Mar. 14 -- Psalm 140-143	Mar. 24 -- Proverbs 6	
Mar. 5 -- Psalm 119:1-88	Mar. 15 -- Catch-Up Day	Mar. 25 -- Proverbs 7	
Mar. 6 -- Psalm 119:89-136	Mar. 16 -- Psalm 144-146	Mar. 26 -- Proverbs 8	
Mar. 7 -- Psalm 119:137-176	Mar. 17 -- Psalm 147-150	Mar. 27 -- Proverbs 9	
Mar. 8 -- Catch-Up Day	Mar. 18 -- Proverbs 1	Mar. 28 -- Proverbs 10	
Mar. 9 -- Psalm 120-124	Mar. 19 -- Proverbs 2	Mar. 29 -- Catch-Up Day	
Mar. 10-- Psalm 125-129	Mar. 20 -- Proverbs 3	Mar. 30 -- Proverbs 16	



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
March						
1 9:30 am- Worship/CWH 4:00 - 6:00 pm-CYM Chili Cook-Off at Union Congregational Church in Somonauk	2	3	4 9:00 am-Lenten Service 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	5	6	7 7:00 a.m.-Men’s Bible Study & Fellowship 8:30 a.m.-Women’s Conference in Geneva
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 9:30 am- Worship/CWH 4:00 - 6:00 pm-EPIC	9	10	11 9:00 am-Lenten Service 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	12 7:00 pm-Session Meeting	13	14 7:00 am-Men’s Bible Study & Fellowship
15 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 4:00 - 6:00 pm-EPIC	16 7:00 pm-Quilters	17 Happy St. Patrick’s Day! 9:30 am-Outreach Committee Meeting	18 9:00 am-Lenten Service 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	19	20 April Newsletter Deadline	21 7:00 am-Men’s Bible Study & Fellowship
22 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 4:00 - 6:00 pm - EPIC	23	24 4:30-6:00 pm-Community Fellowship Feast	25 9:00 am-Lenten Service 3:30 pm-WABS 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	26	27	28 7:00 am-Men’s Bible Study & Fellowship
29 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 4:00 -6:00 p.m.-EPIC	30	31				

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 (Joyce Kaufman's sister)
Jens Kennedy (Emma Duffield's father)
Loren Klene
Carl & Sandy (friends of Karen Beers)
Janice & Aaron (friends of the Klenes)
Joyce Mackie, Vicki Damato, and Tom Price
Genevieve Moebes

Judy Rohrer
Chuck Nelson
Bob Hawley
Dannie Bradford
Dick Andrews (Kristin Duffield's father)
Helen Augustine Kostek
Patti Fox
Roberta Troeger
Keith Spears
Jim (neighbor of the Duffields)
Zoie Davis
Mary Plante's brother Donald
Pam & Glen Nelson (friends of the Reddens)
Karen Babos's Parents

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 an interim pastor is selected. We are blessed to have Pastor Bill in our congregation, and so willing to help serve the Lord in this way.

Search Committee Please keep the search committee in your prayers: Bob Knight (Chair); Dale Hamilton; Mary Plante; Jamie Shumway; Jane Jakubiak; Carl Gustafson (alternate).

Upcoming Meetings: Session, Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 pm. Outreach Committee, Tuesday, March 17, at 9:30 am.

Lenten breakfasts: The Lenten series continues through the month of March. Our church is 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. March 4 topic will be "Before Abraham was, I Am", sponsored by Somonauk Baptist Church. March 11 topic will be "I Am The Light of the World", sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church, Somonauk. March 18 will be "I Am the Good Shepherd", sponsored by Salem Lutheran Church, Sandwich. March 25 will be "I Am The Way, Truth, and Life", sponsored by United Church of Sandwich, and April 1 will be "I Am The Vine", sponsored by Sandwich Church of the Nazarene.

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.

Men's Fellowship: Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. in the kitchen. They meet for coffee, donuts, and a time of spiritual reflection. Please join them if you can.

Community Fellowship Feast: The next Fellowship Feast will be Tuesday, March 24, from 4:30 - 6: p.m. at United Church of Sandwich, 512 Lions Rd. We are asked to bring casseroles. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the podium outside the sanctuary.

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

Room Changes: You may have noticed some remodeling work being done in the library and former youth pastor's office. The library is being condensed and relocated to the former youth pastor's office. The children's books have been moved to the Children's Worship and nursery rooms. The former library is being turned into a "Gathering Room" for people to gather before worship services, funerals, etc. It will also be used for private meetings. Watch as it develops!

New Addresses:

Susan Beall
Cedarhurst of Yorkville Retirement Home
4040 Cannonball Trail - Room #220
Yorkville, IL 60560

Dan & Linda DeWitt
317 Eden Park Drive
Rantoul, IL 61866

- 3-2 Jessica Williams
- 3-10 Sean Williams
- 3-14 Tricia Williams
- 3-14 Tristan Shumway
- 3-18 Spencer Wiegman
- 3-19 Cassie Weber
- 3-22 Rebecca Plante



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

BEGINS MARCH 8

**REMEMBER TO MOVE
YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
ONE HOUR!**

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 - 12:30

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship

9:30 a.m.

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