

THE FED CONNECTION

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Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

September 1, 2020



A Message From Pastor Laurie:

FED Family and Friends,

We have enjoyed the beautiful summer days of August, survived power outages, and settled into a pattern of both in-person and online worship. The weather has cooperated and each Sunday outdoor fellowship has flourished, while those online have continued to enjoy asynchronous worship. We even accomplished our first pre-packaged communion and found the Holy Spirit thrives no matter the conditions!

All this brings me to church vitality. Last month I wrote about the Matthew 25 initiative in Blackhawk Presbytery, and this gospel driven focus of churches to come alive to new possibilities and actively engage in the world around us. Of the seven indicators of church vitality, the second is...

Embracing the call to evangelism. We show forth the love of Christ by our actions and our lives even more than by our words. Our relationships are genuine and caring. People know we are Christians by our love.

Certainly, during this time of a world pandemic and while we confront the consequences of structural racism, we have a huge opportunity to show the love of Christ! People are suffering from feelings of isolation, fear, and anxiety, all of which can be ministered to by acts of caring and compassion. The love of Christ gives us the eyes to see all people as brothers and sisters in God's family, thus taking away the foundation of structural racism. God calls us to action to overcome hate and despair with love. It is time for us to follow the actions of Jesus Christ.

¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

By grace together,

Laurie Walker
Temporary Pastor

Transforming Worship and Music

The Session has recognized this as a time to remember God's promise of transformation. We are excited about discovering new ways to worship and provide gifts of music. The Session ask that you join in

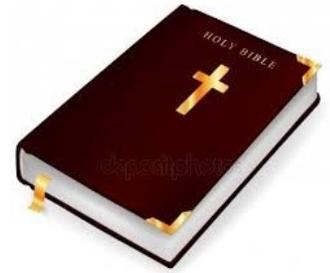
- + Praying for God's will in re-thinking worship and music
- + Being open to individual gifts of music and looking forward to gradually growing our music program in a new way according to God's timing and direction
- + Praying for a new pastor to provide leadership and to support our transformation both as individuals and as a church

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Bible Reading Plan for September:

Sept. 1 -- Jeremiah 41	Sept. 11 -- Lamentations 5	Sept. 21 -- Ezekiel 14 & 15
Sept. 2 -- Jeremiah 42	Sept. 12 -- Ezekiel 1	Sept. 22 -- Ezekiel 16
Sept. 3 -- Jeremiah 43	Sept. 13 --Catch-Up Day	Sept. 23 -- Ezekiel 18
Sept. 4 -- Jeremiah 44	Sept. 14 -- Ezekiel 2	Sept. 24 -- Ezekiel 22
Sept. 5 -- Jeremiah 52	Sept. 15 -- Ezekiel 3	Sept. 25 -- Ezekiel 23
Sept. 6 --Catch-Up Day	Sept. 16 -- Ezekiel 4	Sept. 26 -- Ezekiel 24
Sept. 7 -- Lamentations 1	Sept. 17 -- Ezekiel 5	Sept. 27 -- Catch-Up Day
Sept. 8 -- Lamentations 2	Sept. 18 -- Ezekiel 12	Sept. 28 -- Ezekiel 28
Sept. 9 -- Lamentations 3	Sept. 19 -- Ezekiel 13	Sept. 29 -- Ezekiel 33
Sept. 10--Lamentations 4	Sept. 20 --Catch-Up Day	Sept. 30 -- Ezekiel 34



Upcoming Sermons:

September 6 - "What to Put On" - Romans 13:8-14
Communion

September 13 - "Passing Judgment" - Romans 14:1-12

September 20 - "Worthy of the Gospel" - Philippians 1:21-30

September 27 - "In Humility" - Philippians 2:1-13

In-Church Worship

An average of 38 people have been attending in-church worship each week, with an average of 55 views online. Survey completion or calling ahead prior to attending is no longer required, as we are maintaining the acceptable level of attendance required by the State at this time. The ushers will keep track of the numbers and write down your names upon arrival.

Things To Know

Dear Federated Church Friends, We have been talking and dreaming about moving to a warmer climate for years. Through the last few years of life's circumstances that dream became attainable. We closed on a house in Sun City, Arizona on July 30th, and closed on our home here in Sandwich on August 26th. We have now embarked on our next phase of retirement. As The Apostle Paul wrote, "May the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace." Don't hesitate to call, write, or just come on down for a visit.

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***** *Thank you Les and Pat for your many years of service and dedication to The Federated Church. We will miss you greatly, and wish you much happiness in your new home and state!***

Meals On Wheels: We are doing Meals on Wheels again in September. Thank you to those who signed up to deliver meals each weekday of the month. The calendar is full! Your continued support of this mission is greatly appreciated!

Walt and Cathy Harrah wish to thank everyone for prayers for their daughter Jennifer. She has completed her treatments and is back to normal!

Special Music: Those of you with musical talent, please let us know if you are willing to record a solo or duet, or if you would be willing to play a string instrument for our worship service. Please contact Pastor Laurie.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pray for each other and our spiritual lives
Pray for our front-line workers
Willow Crest residents & staff
Bill and Genevieve Moebis
Jim Schoolfield (Roger/Kristin's Brother-in-Law)
Wayne Morris (Mary George's son)
Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy's niece)
Maddi Morris (friend of Debbie Keele)
Jens Kennedy (Emma Duffield's father)
Barbara Lawson (Joyce Kaufman's sister)
Hailey Keeton (Joyce Kaufman's granddaughter)
Loren Klene (John's brother)
Carl & Sandy (friends of Karen Beers)
Brenda Beck (John & Diane's daughter)

Jackie Green
Chuck Nelson
Judy Rohrer
Bob Hawley
Don Wright (Lagene's son)
Dick Andrews (Kristin Duffield's father)
Helen Augustine Kostek
Baby Jason, born 7/30/20, and his parents
John & Diane Klene
Keith Spears and Roger Gordon
Jim (neighbor of the Duffields)
Vicki Damato, Joyce Mackie & Tom Price
Mary Plante's brother Donald

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Lisa Augustine, Susan Beall, Cheryl Higgins, Bill Keele, Julie Marvick



CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Laurie and Jon on the birth of their third grandson, Holden Lane Walker, born August 17! Congratulations also to Steve & April Skorup on the birth of their grandson, August Thorfeldt Skorup, born August 8th!

CONGRATULATIONS also to Ethan and Emily Stahl, who were married August 8th!

The Pastor Search Committee Update: There has been a change to the Pastor Search Committee. Jamie Shumway has resigned from the committee, and her replacement will be named soon. The committee has completed all sections of the MIF (Ministry Information Form), and it has been submitted to the local and regional committees for review. Once each committee has reviewed it, it will come back to our committee for final submission to the Presbytery for national distribution. We hope this will be out there in the hands of potential pastoral candidates in the very near future. Several volunteers have come forward to participate in the video being developed to include with our submission, and work is being sought to update our current website to make it more inviting and user friendly to potential candidates.

Thanks again for your support and prayers.
Your Pastor Search Committee

Fishing for School Supplies: A drive-thru event was held Sunday, August 23rd, to collect school supplies for Samaritan's Purse. Several people attending church brought items, and four cars drove thru with donations. Thank-you to everyone who donated the much needed school supplies! Donations are still being accepted.

Church Softball is Back! Anyone interested in playing for the church in the Crossroads Fall softball league should contact Steve Skorup and let him know. The games will be played on Tuesday nights at Crossroads starting Tuesday, September 1, (8:00 & 9:00 p.m. on Field A), and ending October 13. Come out for fun and fellowship. The full schedule of games is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Update on the DeWitt Family: Jane reached out to Pastor Dan to inquire about their son, Levi, who has been overseas for school and stuck there when the pandemic hit, and also to check on Linda's mom, Val Skupa, who has been a resident at Willow Crest. Dan reports that Levi is safely back in the US. He came back July 10 and was with Dan & Linda for 3 weeks. He is now back in college in Kansas. Linda's mother no longer resides at Willow Crest. She now lives in Dayton, OH near Linda's brother, and is doing well. Dan and Linda are also doing well.

Upcoming Meetings: If your committee has set a date and time for meeting in September, please let Jane know so she can include it in the weekly bulletins.

9-1 Diane Ash	9-17 Aurelia Swenson
9-2 Mary Plante	9-19 Jessica Plante
9-3 Mary Ann Phillips	9-20 Jim Yuvan
9-8 Jerry Owens	9-22 Judy Rice
9-8 Autumn Battaglia	9-22 Tyler Williams
9-10 Ethan Stahl	9-23 Lyla Daleske
9-10 Aaron Stahl	9-27 Chuck Watros
9-10 Amy Wiegman	9-30 Les Redden
9-12 Alan Sanders	
9-13 Richard Fetty	
9-13 Jay Wiegman	
9-17 Dennis Stahl	



Church Building and Office are Temporarily Closed weekdays.

Worship Services have resumed at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Worship Services are also available on our Website and Facebook page.

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