



THE FEDERATED FORECAST

The Federated Church

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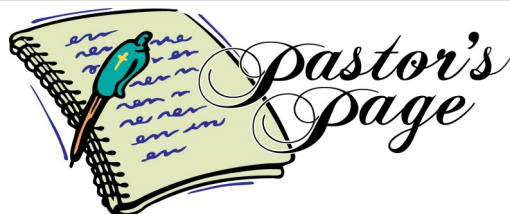
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"An Open and Affirming Church"

Welcoming Any and Loving All

August 2019



As we enter the hazy lazy “dog days” of August, is there anything coming up on the docket?

Meg and I will be gone the first two Sundays in August, off on a long-planned vacation trip to Alaska, crossing one more off our bucket list. We appreciate and thank Bill Griesenauer for preaching the first Sunday, and Jerry Lane the second. Know that our being on vacation doesn’t mean you can! Be assured, the church doors will be open for you to worship God in my absence.

Upon returning, we will be preparing for the fall stewardship campaign. This year’s theme is “The Way” – which, by the way, is what Christianity was called in its earliest centuries. Christians were simply “followers of the way.” The materials we will be using have been “written around an understanding of our faith as a way and stewardship as our caretaking of that way.” We will need folks to help plan and lead the stewardship drive.

The Church Council will be calling a congregational meeting in early September to report where we stand year-to-date financially (anticipate a “smiley face”); to ask for a budget adjustment for the remainder of the year in the line items for pastoral leadership (no surprise here either, for we planned all along to meet any extra expenses incurred with finding, moving, and enjoying fulltime leadership with a draw from last year’s unexpended funds budgeted for the search); and to present a series of amendments we do not believe to be particularly controversial simply to update the constitution.

Beyond the budget, we do need to finish paying for the new sound system with second-mile giving. You were so generous earlier in meeting the first payment. Now we need to dip into pockets for the last payment of just over \$4000. Meg and I will contribute another \$400, putting our extra check in the offering plate, marked in the memo for “Sound System.” Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have this project completely done and paid for before I finish my ministry here?

I will be preaching up to and including September 15th, with Rev. Ogi beginning full time the next day. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be September 22nd – which we also will celebrate as Rally Day – and there will be a big welcoming reception following worship then. Our understanding is that the moving van is in route even now and one car already has arrived. How exciting!

Peace and joy!

Kent

God Speaks Through Our Worship

August

Sunday, August 4

Liturgist: Sharon McKee
Communion
Feed My Sheep

Sunday, August 11

Liturgist: Pam Wagener

Sunday, August 18

Liturgist: Nancy Renfer

Sunday, August 25

Liturgist: Carl von Ende



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Worship 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am

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Flowers & Fellowship Hosts

*Please share your commemoration
of personal dates with your church family
by providing Altar Flowers
for the morning worship.*

*The cost is \$25.00 and envelopes are provided
for your convenience.*

*You are welcome to take the flowers home with you
following the service.*

***Please commit to these important roles by signing the sheets
in Dutton Fellowship Hall.***

Altar Flowers

August 4	Sharon McKee & Sherry Jones in memory of Ernest W. Jones
August 11	Jean Evans & Jerry Lane in honor of their Anniversary
August 18	Jean Evans & Jerry Lane in memory of Robert & Winifred Evans
August 25	Sharon McKee & Sherry Jones in memory of John M. McKee, Jr.

Fellowship Hosts

Board of Trustees

August 4	
August 11	
August 18	
August 25	Jerry Lane & Jean Evans





Membership and Fellowship Board News

Board Chair: Pam Wagener

As most of you know, the Board of Membership and Fellowship has no official allocated budget in the church's budget approved by the congregation. As a result, this Board operates on the donations from the congregation at coffee hours. Donations come in the form of cash and other donations of items such as coffee and items used during coffee hours. Most recently we bought juice cups and coffee cups in the amount of \$160!

Thank you to everyone who donates to the cause! In case you are thinking of donating specific items, here is a list of frequently used items that can be placed in the kitchen:

- Coffee
- Decaf Coffee
- Small paper plates
- Small napkins
- Napkins

Again THANK YOU!!

Pam Wagener
Chair
Membership and Fellowship

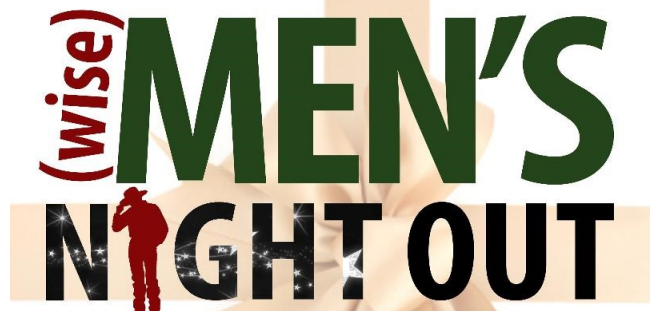


When: Monday, August 26, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Tavern on Lincoln
106 East Lincoln Hwy
DeKalb

Sign-up sheet in Dutton Hall



When: Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Fatty's Pub & Grill
1312 West Lincoln Hwy
DeKalb

Sign-up Sheet in Dutton Hall

Federated Preschool

thank you



5/6/19

Alice,

We wanted to thank you again for serving such a wonderful lunch following our mother's funeral. It was nice to be able to visit with our family and friends during the luncheon you provided. We greatly appreciated everyone taking the time to be so during the Easter weekend.

Sindy Wisman + Sherri Kurnegay
Ruth Johnson's daughters

To the Love Offering Donors,
Thank you so much for the beautiful gift you blessed the preschool with in June. We appreciate your kindness and truly feel the blessing from God with your outpouring financially and your prayers. We feel your support and makes our hearts smile. Love Jan



I want to thank the Federated Church and especially Liz and Skip for all their help in using the facility and for helping make the CDH CARE Craft Fundraiser a success!

The church was perfect for our event and everyone was so nice and accomodating to our needs!

Thanks for your support of such a worthy organization, it was greatly appreciated!
Bry Smith

DEAR ALICE & FEDERATED CHURCH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTREY:

THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL AFGHAN YOU SENT ME. I LOVE THE AQUA COLOR. IT MEANS A LOT TO ME FOR EVERYONE TO THINK OF ME.

IT IS COMFORTING TO KNOW PEOPLE CARE & I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DID. THAT IS A NICE PROJECT FOR YOU CHURCH PEOPLE TO DO FOR PEOPLE.

THANKS AGAIN. I WILL USE IT & THINK OF ALL OF YOU.

LOVE, *Beverly*
BEVERLY DEWIRE

Friend of Alice & Tony Whitney



Mission and Society News

Paula von Ende, Chair

The Love Offering for August will benefit VAC (Voluntary Action Center). VAC provides many important services to seniors and others in our community. The 2018 Love Offering donation to VAC was \$400. Let's top that in 2019!

The Mission of Voluntary Action Center is committed to providing high quality services that address the basic transportation and nutrition needs of its community. VAC was incorporated in 1974. The organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of representatives from communities throughout DeKalb County.

Voluntary Action Center is here to support the needs of the members of DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam, Bureau and Kendall Counties. Over the years those needs have grown exponentially. At VAC it is our goal to ensure the health and wellness of those who need us. Our services include:

- Meals on Wheels provides hot nutritional meals to the elderly, disabled, and homebound.
- Nutritional Programs such as lunches, for local daycare providers and senior citizens.
- TransVAC provides rides for local seniors, the disabled, and general public. Within
- DeKalb County we also provide local bussing services such as the Green Line, the Blue Line, and the Kishwaukee College line.
- MedVAC provides rides to medical appointments, hospitals, and testing services. Premier Meals Catering offers catering services for any event. Let us cater your next event and in return, you'll be helping provide nutritious meals to the homebound. 100% of all profits from Premier Meals Catering support Meals on Wheels, providing nutritious meals to the homebound in our community for over 20 years.

Voluntary Action Center depends on the kindness and generosity within our community.

In addition to making a monetary donation to VAC, The Federated Church supports their Meals on Wheels program by providing meal delivery drivers in September and April. Please let Alice Whitney know if you would like to help with the deliveries.

Save the Date: DeKalb Sondra King Memorial Crop Hunger Walk Sunday, October 6

The Crop Walk Committee is in the planning stages for the October 6 event, sponsored by Church World Services to end hunger here and around the world. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 of which 75% will be used to fight global hunger and 25% of the donations will stay in our community. Paula von Ende is representing The Federated Church on the committee and will have more information to share in August about getting involved in this important event to help end hunger in the world. More information can be found at www.cwsglobal.org.

June Love Offering Amount

The June Love Offering to the Federated Preschool was \$1,124 which was added to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone to donated to this cause. The amount was awesome!

DeKalb Sondra King Memorial CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 6, 2019
First United Methodist Church
317 N 4th St
DeKalb IL

www.crophungerwalk.org/dekalbil

Facebook: [crophungerwalkni](https://www.facebook.com/crophungerwalkni)

What is a CROP Hunger Walk?



CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build community while raising funds to end hunger in your own community AND around the world. Everyone is welcome to join. Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 30 countries. In many developing nations, people can walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. We walk to be in solidarity, bring awareness to these issues and raise the funds for permanent change.

Fundraising to Help Others

Your participation helps neighbors around the block and around the world.

Church World Service works with partners in 30 countries around the world to provide clean water, seeds and tools, assistance with sanitary facilities and more. Find more information at www.cwsglobal.org

Local agencies that benefit from the CROP Hunger Walk:

- BARB Food Mart
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church Food Pantry
- Hope Haven
- Meals on Wheels
- Safe Passage
- Sycamore United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Join the Walk Today

To register your Walk Team or to find more information, go to www.crophungerwalk.org/dekalbil

For More Information, Contact

Jane Hapeman (janehapeman@gmail.com; 815-758-7302)

Jean Evans (jeanned431@gmail.com; 815-751-5537)



August Birthdays

08/03 Ruth Olle
 08/04 Logan Foster
 08/05 Bill Baird
 08/07 Jacob Todd
 08/08 Michele Todd
 08/12 Sharon McKee
 08/14 Olivia Walk
 08/16 Jeff Welcker
 08/17 Greg Smart (65)
 08/18 Doris Evers
 08/21 Nancy Renfer
 08/23 Suzanne Juday
 08/25 Marilyn Hoover (85)
 08/26 Sarah Gordon
 08/27 Alice Whitney
 08/27 Nate Kitterman
 08/29 Geoff Gordon
 08/30 Rob Glover



August Anniversaries

08/02 Judy & T. J. Hoke-Jackson
 08/04 Jerry Lane & Jean Evans
 08/15 Erin & Tom Stump
 08/16 Bill & Tomi Griesenauer
 08/21 Dan & Karen Hamingson
 08/21 Bob & Ruth Olle
 08/31 Rob & Elsa Glover



Stewardship Report for the month of July

Average Monthly Attendance	44
Kids Club:	2
Offering Y-T-D: \$	101,586.92
Covenant with God: \$	158,169.00



Prayers for Healing from Illness or Injury

Judy Hoke-Jackson
 Marilyn Hoover's daughter
 Roger Jacobson
 Pam Kitterman's brother, Larry
 Margot Mattin
 Servicemen/women & Veterans

Prayers for Peace at Time of Passing

Family of Judy Hoke-Jackson's great niece
 Family of Phyllis Moore, Malorie Nelson's mother

Additional Prayer Requests

Rachel and family, niece of Bev Whildin

Note: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please let Liz know.

Your Federated Church Staff

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Custodian: Almasa Camo
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Federated Preschool

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Federated Preschool email: Federatedchurchpreschool@gmail.com



Ron McNeill, pastor at Granville UCC Church in Granville, is collecting bottle tops. They will be recycled into benches, similar to those at Mayfield and Woodside Congregational UCC Church in Rockford

Please call if you have any questions.
We look forward to hearing from you.
(815)339-2305

New Collector

Church Leadership

Moderator:
Jerry Lane 815-762-8339
Email—fedmod48@yahoo.com

Assistant Moderator:
TBD

Clerk:
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Treasurer:
Karen Hamingson 815-895-4631

Assistant Treasurers:
David Wood 815-756-1680
Linda Babcock 815-758-0763

Council Members-at Large:
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Dave Wood 815-756-1680

Board of Deacons:
Linda Babcock 815-758-0763
Judy Winter 815-761-9515

Board of Membership & Fellowship:
Pam Wagener 815-895-9852
Alice Whitney 815-895-5023

Board of Mission & Society:
Paula von Ende 815-758-7375

Board of Religious Education:
Malorie Nelson 815-784-6060
Ruth Olle 815-757-1794

Board of Trustees:
Skip Schramer 815-751-4817
Dave Finney 815-739-1734

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Jerry Lane
Roger Jacobson
Karen Hamingson
Nancy Renfer

Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday
9:30am—4:30pm

Secretary's Summer Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00am—noon

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August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pastor Kent Vacation 8:00pm AA	2 Pastor Kent Vacation	3 Pastor Kent Vacation 6:00pm Back pack Set-up
4 Feed My Sheep Pastor Kent Vacation 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Fill School Backpacks 11:30am Bd. of Religious Ed. 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	5 Pastor Kent Vacation 7:00pm Quilters' Board Meeting 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 Pastor Kent Vacation	7 Pastor Kent Vacation 9:30am Sewing Bee	8 Pastor Kent Vacation 6:30pm Church Council 8:00pm AA	9 Pastor Kent Vacation	10 Pastor Kent Vacation 10:00am Quilters' Guild Workshop
11 Pastor Kent Vacation 8:30am Bd. Membership & Fellowship 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	12 Pastor Kent Vacation	13 Pastor Kent Vacation	14 9:30am Sewing Bee	15 5:30pm Bd. of Trustees 8:00pm AA	16	17
18 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Bd. of Mission & Society 11:30am Bd of Deacons 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	19 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	20 6:00pm Guys' Night out 6:30pm Preschool Parent Orientation	21 9:30am Sewing Bee	22 6:00pm Quilters' Guild Meeting 8:00pm AA	23	24
25 Family Sunday Penny March 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	26 6:00pm Ladies' Night Out	27	28 9:30am Sewing Bee	29 5:00pm Preschool Back-to-School Night 8:00pm AA	30	31