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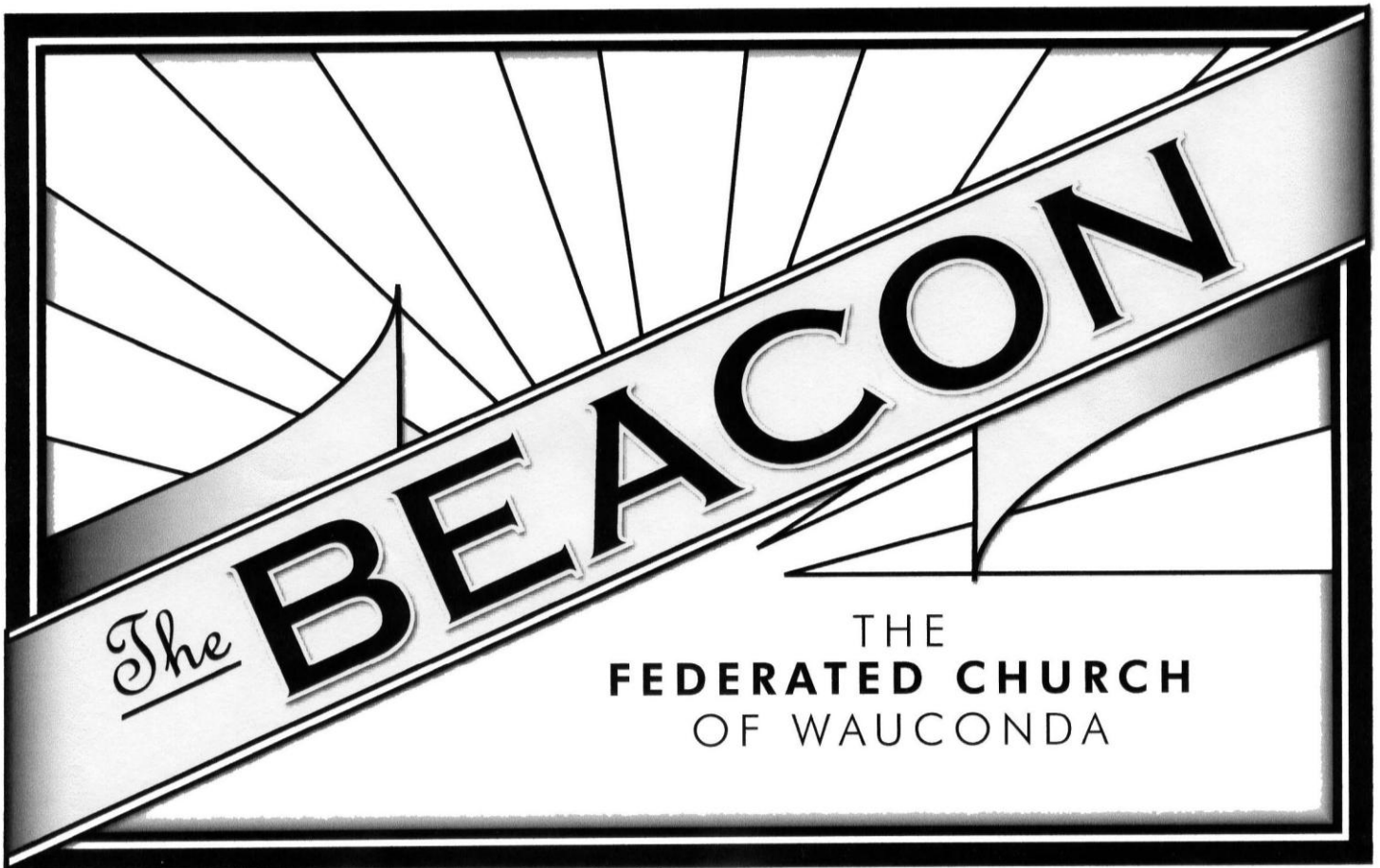
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THE PEOPLE'S PEN –

Oh, the joys of children! Though I do not have children of my own, I thoroughly enjoy being around kids. Maybe that's what I use to stay young myself. My now 6-year-old niece has been such a treasure to our small family, and now that 5-month-old Tyler has been added, we are reliving some of that newborn excitement. Of course, it also comes with difficulties as well. I slept over at my brother's house a few weeks ago and let's just say I'm not used to hearing screaming at 2 o'clock in the morning! But despite the minor inconveniences, we are thankful for every moment we have with these two youngsters.

I hope that we feel the same about the children of our church; we have such wonderful kids here! They may not be our biological children or grandchildren, but they are part of the spiritual family of which we've chosen to be part. They are more than willing to show their talents – from performing at the Talent Show to helping run the Children's Sabbath service; from aiding behind-the-scenes work to simply bringing a lot of life and joy to the Children's Message each Sunday. We are blessed to have enthusiastic, lively children and youth in our midst, and my hope is that we can nurture their growth in many ways.

One is to support them financially. Several of our "tweens" are going on a mission trip this summer. Fundraisers for the Boy and Girl Scout organizations help them grow into good citizens. By giving of our money, we allow them to continue in groups and activities that point them in the right direction; that give them a solid basis for volunteering and thinking beyond just themselves. So

when our kids need money for projects, I hope we'll truly consider that request – for their future and the world's.

But helping our children goes much beyond just giving money. We need to realize how much kids look to adults for guidance and as models of how human beings should act. Although kids love to be around people their own age to play, adults are the ones they still look to for how people should act. Each one of us can help in this – simply by being an example of a good person and a good Christian. Jesus' rule of 'do unto others as you'd have them do unto you' is simply the best way to live life. And kids will get that from the adults they see – if it's practiced enough. Whether you currently have children around you on a regular basis or not, you are still seen by children when you're in church, in the store, simply out and about. Be willing to be the people God calls you to be – remember, little eyes are watching!

Also, be willing to share your spiritual knowledge with them. Those in the grades before junior high are the most likely of any age to be receptive to knowing about God. Don't be shy about helping them know how important God is in your life and why you are a Christian. Helping kids know adults who act out their Christian beliefs will give them strength and courage to continue doing that when *they* are adults.

I'm thankful for the children God has given the Federated Church. My hope and prayer is that we will continue doing to support them in every way we can; to help them become the adults and world-changers God has envisioned them to be.

Working with our children with you,
Pastor Ryan

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 1 - 113

May 8 - 120

May 15 - 112

May 22 - 84

DVD RECORDINGS

Remember that DVD recordings are being made of every Sunday worship service. If you are sick or unable to attend worship, you are welcome to borrow, or buy one to *see* and *hear* what you missed!

The cost to buy is \$2 for each DVD.

GOODSEARCH.com

What if the Federated earned a penny every time you search the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made on-line went to support our church? Well now it can! GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half of its advertising revenue (about a penny a search) to the charities its user designates. Use it just as you would any search engine and watch the donations add up. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Wauconda Federated Church as the charity you want to support. Make this site one of your favorites.

WANTING A PASTORAL VISIT?

If you would like a visit from the pastor or another representative of the church, do not hesitate to call the office or the pastor. We are always willing to schedule a time to come visit - in the home, at the office, or simply a telephone conversation. Feel free to contact us to set up an appointment.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

This is just a reminder that office hours for the church are from 8:00am to 12:00pm Monday through Friday. If you need to drop something off or pick

something up, we are always open during those times. Pastor Ryan is often in the office in the afternoon as well, but he also uses that time to attend meetings, visit people in the hospital or at home, and take care of other tasks. Since his usual day off is Friday, often he is available on Saturday mornings to talk as well. If you would like to schedule an appointment with him in the afternoons or evenings, please feel free to contact him at the office or by cell phone.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

For many years, Gloria Murdoch and I have provided the service of organizing funeral luncheons. We would like to offer this opportunity for service to others. It requires working with the families of the deceased in a short period of time to get all in place. We are fortunate to have wonderful volunteers at Federated and are never short of desserts or servers. Please contact me if you are interested, and I will go into more detail what would be expected of you. We would like to have new leadership in place by August to continue this ministry. Candee Nustra (candeenustra@yahoo.com / 847-526-3873)

NEED REFRESHMENT TIME HELP



We have six very dedicated ladies who do what it takes to make sure we have treats each Sunday but they need more help! We would love to have one or more helpers for them each week. The leaders will make the coffee, and the helpers would simply set up the area and then clean it when people leave. In order to keep this Refreshment Time working smoothly, we need your help. Sign up for a time (or more) on the clipboard on the Entry Area table.

THANKS TO ALL OUR TEACHERS

We want to say a huge 'thank you' to those who taught our four Sunday School classes this past year. Our teachers were very dedicated and the children learned so much. We thank: *Jenny Baron, Cindy Batson, Craig Cummins, Sue Cummins, Pam Wilson, Mitchell Cummins, Lisa Morrison, Candee Nustra, Nancy Swanson, and Julie Vanni.* We also thank their assistants: *Mary Abraham, Phil Abraham, Linda Baron, Bonnie DeBoer, Caitlin Funteas, Katherine Funteas, Bill Peppler, Alyshia Schwemm, Melissa Wilson, and Samantha Wilson.* Our teachers were honored on May 15 and given a token of our appreciation.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY – May 29

The last Sunday of May will be Memorial Sunday - when we dedicate the memorials that have been purchased during the last year in memory of dear loved ones. We have many of these saints to remember this year. Please be here to remember those who have passed and to recognize what has been given in love.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION – June 5

Attention 2011 Graduates! We'd like to have your presence with us in worship on Sunday, June 5. We'll be recognizing your accomplishments in graduating from 8th grade, high school, college, trade school, or with advanced degrees. You'll be first in line for the special cake we'll have for Refreshment Time that day!



RELAY FOR LIFE – June 11 & 12

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life Walk will be on June 11 and 12 at Paulus Park on Rand Road in Lake Zurich. Relay for Life gives us the opportunity to

fight back against cancer. If you are interested in being part of our 2011 Relay Team, *The Federated Faith Walkers*, please contact Lou Ann K. at 224-848-1851. Please consider donating to help us 'Faithfully Fund a Cure'.

PENTECOST – June 12

The birthday of the church is coming up on Sunday, June 12. It marks 50 days after Easter – when the wind of the Holy Spirit came rushing upon the apostles and gave them the courage and speech to spread the Word of God to people all over the world. Be sure to wear red on that day – it's the official color of Pentecost. And we'll also have our special candles on the altar that day. It'll be the last Sunday to hear the choir sing for the rest of the summer.

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST



Coming up in late May/early June, Annie P. will take orders for red geraniums. They will be here for the June 12 worship service, as we celebrate Pentecost. Then after the service, you can take them home and plant them right away. Please consider buying one as we decorate the Sanctuary for the birthday of the church!

PICTURE DIRECTORY PICTURES

– end of June

Get ready – it's coming!!! It's been four years since our last church Picture Directory and we want to have an accurate family photo album!!! So once again, Olan Mills will be taking pictures. The dates of photography will be June 22, 23, 24, 25 and 28. Hopefully you will find an evening or Saturday date that will work for you. You can be photographed singly or with your extended family – all are welcome. Donna

G. will again be coordinating things along with a group of helpers. Please be willing to have your picture taken – it makes our book much more complete, helps others know who you are, gives you a free 8x10 for your loved ones (you can always buy more!) and provides you with a free directory when it's done. Plan your vacation this summer so that your family can get their picture taken!

TWEEN MISSIONS

In July, four of our tweens will be traveling to Grand Rapids, Michigan to do mission work. They will join with other churches in helping those less fortunate.

Thank you to everyone who gave money or bought candy bars to support their trip. They will give a report after they return. Please pray for safety and for a great spiritual experience!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our regular classes for Sunday School are now done for the school year. But we want to make sure our children keep learning during the summer months. On the second and third Sundays of June, July and August, we'll have a combined class for all the kids who want to attend during the worship service. We are still looking for parents who are willing to staff this for one Sunday during the summer. Let Jenny B. or Sue C. know if you are interested. All the lesson plans will be provided for you.

GARDENING HELP WANTED

Many thanks to all those who helped with planting flowers and preparing the earth in mid-May. Now... we need people who can water, trim the hedges, pull weeds on a regular basis (or as needed). We'd love to have a bunch of volunteers so that no one has to do too much. If you'd like to help, please contact Donna G. at (847) 487-2830.

MEETINGS IN JUNE

Outreach – June 1 at 7:00pm
Finance – June 6 at 7:00pm
Trustees – June 8 at 7:00pm
Staff Parish – June 15 at 7:00pm
Federated Board – June 22 at 7:00pm
Worship – June 28 at 7:00pm

MEETINGS IN JULY

Fellowship – July 10 at 10:45am
Trustees – July 13 at 7:00pm

SUMMER CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

In order to allow more people to share their teaching gifts with the children, Pastor Ryan and Louise (who usually do our children's messages) will give others this fun opportunity during the summer months. If you would like to sign up for a time (or two) to lead the Children's Message, it would be appreciated. You can either borrow a book from Pastor Ryan, find one on the Internet, or let God direct your brain and heart to what the kids need to hear. The kids appreciate your willingness...and so do the adults! Sign up on the clipboard on the Entry Area table.

SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

The last Sunday that our choir will sing until the fall will be Pentecost – June 12. Until we start up again, we have the privilege of hearing special music from very talented people in our midst.



SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE - 2011

June 5: Tatiana Migliaccio, Violinist
June 12: Senior Choir
June 19: Nick & Nicholas Batson
June 26: Candee Nustra
July 3: Louise Bundy
July 17: Camryn Meyer
July 24: Mary Ann Beatty, Soprano
July 31: Mary Abraham
August 14: Mary Ann Beatty, Soprano
August 21: Ruth Regan, Soprano
August 28: Mary Steffen
September 4: Pastor Ryan

WORSHIP SURVEY

Included in this month's Beacon is a Worship survey. The Worship Commission wants to know what you 'wish' about the worship service on Sunday. If you haven't filled this out at the church yet, you are invited to fill out any of the blanks that you wish, and return your responses to the church. Let us know how we can make your worship experience better!

UMCNIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE – June 8-11

Pastor Ryan, Lisa Knight, and Lisa Morrison will be attending the Annual Conference of the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church in St. Charles from the afternoon of Wednesday, June 8 through the afternoon of Saturday, June 11. Please call Pastor Ryan on his cell phone if you have an emergency – he'll contact you as soon as he can.

FATHER'S DAY – June 19



Join us as we celebrate fathers on Sunday, June 19! We invite all dads to come to worship with us as we hear some fatherly stories and recognize all that our dads do.

This year, instead of giving a gift, we will honor our dads with a Continental Breakfast served right after the worship service. The men will be invited to eat first, and there will be plenty of food guys like (think...bacon!).

RAINBOW COVENANT SUNDAY – June 26

Every other year, we recognize a Rainbow Covenant Sunday. Through our Outreach Commission, we strive annually to be a Rainbow Covenant church – meaning that we pay 100% of our apportionments AND we give extra to various missions in our community and world. On June 26, we'll hear about where our extra donations are going; about the various projects that we help. Our children will carry in flags of the rainbow as we hear about the 'color-coded' missions. A special offering will be taken and all of the money will be split between United Methodist and American Baptist mission projects. Be in prayer to see how much you might give to these worth-while missions.

PASTOR RYAN ON VACATION

Over the Fourth of July holiday, Pastor Ryan will be gone on vacation to his family's home in Kentucky. Tony Rake will fill in for him in the preaching department on July 3. Be here to hear Tony's message! (*Due to Pastor Ryan's absence on this Sunday, we will celebrate Holy Communion on July 10th instead of July 3rd.) If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Robert of the Lake Villa UMC at (847) 356-2487.

PIZZA PARTY AND GAME NIGHT – July 16

After taking a break for May and June, Game Night will be back in July!



On Saturday, July 16, everyone is invited to the church basement for an evening of fun. We'll meet at 6:00pm and order pizza – bring a few bucks to chip in. The church will provide water and pop. Bring a favorite game, a snack to share, and a friend to play games with!

JULY 31 WORSHIP **– INSIDE AND OUT!**

We're going to try something different on a summer Sunday this year: we're going to have both an indoor and an outdoor worship service. On Sunday, July 31, we'll have an early service at 8:00am outside in the Duffin Prayer Garden (where the Sunrise service is held). Of course this will be weather permitting. Then we'll have our usual 9:30am service held in the Sanctuary. You are welcome to come to both!

ECUMENICAL CHURCH PICNIC – **July 31**



The third annual Ecumenical Church Picnic will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, July 31 – running from 12noon to 4:00pm. This year, it will be held at Transfiguration Catholic Church. So...you are welcome to park in our parking lot and walk over to the fun! It will be a great time of having our churches get together, eating great food, having a bake contest, and watching people climb a greased pole. We will need people to make items for the Bake Contest (which Federated usually wins!). Let Pastor Ryan know if you can help out with this.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

– August 8-11

Watch the bulletins for more information about the fun and informative events planned for this year's Vacation Bible School.

CROQUET TOURNAMENT – August 14

The annual Federated Croquet Tournament will be held in the Parsonage backyard beginning at 12noon on Sunday, August 14. Come ready to play and try to beat Pastor Ryan (that's tough to do, I've been told!). Bring a snack to share. Drinks and sloppy joes will be provided.



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN **WOMEN LUNCHEON - August 20**

Mark your calendars for Noon at Chessie's/111 Grille. More information will be coming in the church Bulletin. Sign up will begin in early July. Call Candee for more information at 847-526-3873.





If you would like your birthday or anniversary acknowledged in the BEACON, please call the office at 847-526-8471.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS	
01	Megan Buccola
01	Jim Chen
05	Amanda Block
07	Steven Vrabec, Jr.
09	Dave Culbertson
09	Nathan Meyer
11	Bill Scott
11	Nancy Wentzel
14	Vicki Arnold
15	Bonnie Green
16	Lauren Matthews
17	Curtis DeBoer
18	Chuck Buschick
18	Chris Wilson
19	Tony Rake
21	Gloria Murdock
22	Jack Wheelock
25	June Culberg
25	Jacob Jensen
25	Dorothy Wheelock
26	Kristin Wilson
28	Sydney Zeller

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES	
09	Dave & Monica Steidinger
14	Chas & Lisa Buschick
14	Matt & Lizz Buisson

JULY BIRTHDAYS	
04	Louise Bundy
04	Calvin Geoghan
04	Jan Hironimus
04	Liz Sorlie
08	Courtney Scholl
13	Chuck Thomas

18	Stefan Morrison
20	Allie Vrabec
21	Frank Thacker
22	Mickey Koza
24	Samantha Waugh
25	Charlie Wicker
26	Craig Cummins
26	Mildred Scott
26	Jim Vanni
29	Jennifer Gendusa
31	Lincoln Knight

JULY ANIVERSARIES	
01	Phil & Mary Abraham
07	Phillip & Lindsay Karnats



YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Verdalee Bjorge, Sarah Brock, June Culberg, Laura Culberg, Laurel Doody, Florence Forbes, Eugene Green, Kitty Green, Verdelle Jonak, Lori & Jim Keelan, Ruby Kootstra, Beverly Kyllingstad, Kathy Langford, Nancy Lucius, Kathy Luebbers, Carol Meyer, Ruth Milling, Evelyn Pierce, Arnie Potter, Lee Ann & Russ Rossman, Mildred Scott, Weldon Smith, Liz Sorlie, Brett Stangeland, Mary Steffen, Beverly Tower, Melody VerPlancke & family, Dick Warfield, Dorothy and Jack Wheelock, Bruce Winkler

Worship Schedule

Sundays - 9:30am
Sunday School – 9:45am
Fellowship -10:30am

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☺ Become a greeter at Federated and make a difference! Anyone interested in sharing a smile, a hug, a handshake or just making someone feel welcome, contact Mary Taylor at 847-526-7151.

☺ We offer a DVD recording of our Sunday Worship service for those of you who are unable to come to church. If you are interested in receiving a copy in the mail, please call the church office and we will put your name on our mailing list. Please feel free to return them to us when you are finished. We will reuse them!

☺ Please remember to notify the church office if you have a change of address or phone number.

☺ If you no longer wish to receive a copy of our **BEACON** newsletter, please drop us a note or call the church office at 847-526-8471 and we will remove your name from our mailing list.

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Remember that all monetary gifts to the church are tax-deductible. Just make sure we know your name and address, and attach your name to your contribution each time! Thank you for your generosity.

WORSHIP WISH LIST - 2011

We are interested in learning what people feel is the most spiritually enriching to them. Therefore, we are inviting you to share a wish or two with us. Don't feel like you have to answer every wish. Only respond to those you have a definite idea or comment on. Please return to the church office or in the box on the Entry Area table by July 3 so that the Worship Commission may use the results in planning. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts.

1. Regarding the greeters and/or ushers, I wish... _____

2. Regarding the time before worship, I wish... _____

3. Regarding the welcoming and announcements, I wish... _____

4. Regarding the hospitality toward newcomers, I wish... _____

5. Regarding the Scripture reading, I wish... _____

6. Regarding the children and/or Children's Time, I wish... _____

7. Regarding the Community Prayer and other prayers, I wish... _____

8. Regarding the hymns, I wish... _____

9. Regarding the choir and other special music, I wish... _____

10. Regarding Holy Communion, I wish... _____

11. Regarding the offering, I wish... _____

12. Regarding the sermon, I wish... _____

13. Regarding Joys & Concerns, I wish... _____

14. Regarding the overall “flow” and feel of worship, I wish... _____

15. Regarding the worship bulletin, I wish... _____

16. Regarding the sound system, I wish... _____

17. Regarding something about the service I’ve wanted to tell someone, I wish... _____



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