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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN –

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At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed that, **"they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me."** (John 17:21)

At the very beginning of Christian history, there was that unity which Jesus prayed for. As they waited for the Holy Spirit to fall on Pentecost, Acts 1:14 tells us, **"All were united in their devotion to prayer."** However, before the rest of the New Testament books were written, we hear of lots of factions and divisions and doctrinal arguments. Letters to the different churches were often written to address these conflicts.

And in the centuries after that we see many ways that Christians have sub-divided themselves. There are over 200 different denominations in America alone. These branches of the church are separated by doctrinal positions, such as communion and baptism, the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit or the nature of free will.

In that Last Supper prayer, Jesus repeated himself by emphasizing WHY unity is important. **"I'm in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me."** (John 17:23)

Unity is a powerful tool for evangelizing. If we want to grow as a church, nothing will be more attractive than for guests to see our members united in prayer, service and love. Unity promotes the gospel more than we may fully understand. That's probably one of the big reasons the early Christians were said to be turning the whole world upside down. But here is another thing about unity: unity is hard.

Whether it is because of our human pride or our common spiritual enemy, it can

be hard to work in harmony in a church and especially between two separate churches with different backgrounds. The good news is we have done that. We started as two churches who worked with each other long before we united as a Federated church. We are now a blend of Baptists, Methodists and other backgrounds proving that it is possible for there to be unity even in the midst of our differences.

Some days it is hard to find common ground even in a church with a history of unity, like ours. There are divisions and disagreements in any human institution. The good news is we are not merely a human institution. We are called by Christ to live beyond our human nature and find unity in love. **"I give you these commandments so that you can love each other."** (John 15:17) Every time love triumphs, the unity that results is stronger than disunity.

According to the prayer of Jesus, unity is a key. It is what will make the world realize who he is and why he came. It will testify about him and cause people to accept his love. This unity is the good news that binds us together working toward the goals of God's kingdom on earth. **"This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world as a testimony to all the nations. Then the end will come."** (Matthew 24:14)

If Jesus thought it was important to pray for our unity, then let us live as brothers and sisters, united in love and service. When we have disagreements (and we will) let's remember our differences in opinion don't need to separate us, especially when we are all working toward the same goal. Let us be God's love in action through compassionate service to all people, so Wauconda and the world would see there is a church that celebrates our diversity even as Christ makes us all one in the Spirit.

Pastor Jason Hladik

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 25 - 82

October 02 - 90

October 09 - 69

October 16 - 79

October 23 - 76

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are from 8:00am-12:00pm, Monday through Friday. If you need to drop off, or pick up something we are always open during those times.

PASTOR JASON'S HOURS

Pastor Jason's hours are Monday through Thursday 9am-2pm. He will be in the office at this time unless called away due to ministry. Even when he is not in the office he can be reached 24/7 by phone or text at [630-673-0492](tel:630-673-0492). Pastor Jason's cell phone will go straight to voice mail between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am, but his phone will ring if you call twice. You can also contact him at pastorhladik@icloud.com.

SHUT-IN VISITS FROM PASTOR

If you know of a member of our church or a family member that could use a visit from Pastor Jason, please let him know.

PRAYER PARTNER EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Joys and Concerns Prayer Partner Email and would like to - or if you have a concern during the week - you can call Louise or email her at lbcats32@gmail.com. Joys and Concerns from the Sunday worship service are emailed each week to all who sign up for them.

MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

November 09 - 7pm, Trustees

November 20 - 10:45am, Education

November 21 - 7pm, Federated Board

BACKPACK SCHOOL-SUPPLY DRIVE

Outreach will continue the mission of providing school supplies to families in need throughout the school year. Please



consider donating supplies, or better yet, making a small financial donation. Outreach can purchase items in bulk at a significant discounts. Checks can be made out to the Federated Church and marked "Backpack/School Supplies".

See Pastor Crystal if you have questions or check the bulletin board for current needs. Thank you for supporting our community.

BIBLE STUDY

Monday and Tuesday Bible Story Café bible studies are back and getting great reviews.

Join in one or both!

Monday 10am New Testament Class

Tuesday 6pm Old Testament Class

RUMMAGE SALE WRAP-UP

Thanks again to everyone who made the Rummage Sale a big success. Our final total was \$1,950!

DONATIONS

We are happy to announce that the DONATE button on our website is finally working. You can now go there if you prefer to make your regular or special donations online or when you are traveling. The site is secure, just make sure that the first few letters in the address bar are **https** (not just http) whenever you make financial actions online.

PUBLICITY

Mary Steffen has agreed to act as our Communications Coordinator. If you have information that needs to go in the Website, Beacon, Facebook, Bulletin, Sunday Announcements, etc., send her the details

and she will pass it on to the "administrators" of each publication. Please be sure to include all the necessary details.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS – Nov. 6



Remember to move your clocks **BACK** an hour before going to bed on Saturday, Nov. 5. You'll get to sleep an extra hour!

FOCW CRAFT NIGHT – Nov. 4



Please join us at 6pm to help us put together our craft projects for the Christmas Bazaar. It's easy and lots of fun, just show up and follow the instructions.

SENIOR CARE DAY - Nov. 5

If there is something you need help with, please contact a Trustee to let them know so they can get you on their "to do" list.

FIRE DRILL - Nov. 6

At the end of our service on Nov. 6 (before we adjourn to the Fellowship Pancake Breakfast) we will conduct a fire drill. People with special needs (walker, wheelchair, cane, ramp) will please exit up the center aisle and out the side door. The rest of the congregation should use the side aisles to go out the doors at the back of the church. Everyone will then meet by the front of the annex.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Nov. 6

Sunday, November 6, 11:00am

After the Fire Drill, come together for a pancake breakfast, fellowship, and a time where we can celebrate what God is doing in our church.

THANKSGIVING DINNER - Nov. 19

Mark your calendars now! Federated's Thanksgiving Dinner is right around the

corner. Come and bring your friends at 6:00pm, on November 19 for a wonderful time of fellowship, giving thanks, and good food. Watch the bulletin for further details.



WAUCONDA CARE SING-ALONG - Nov. 23

A Wauconda Care Centre Sing-along is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm. Meet at the Care Center, just off Rt. 176, at 2:45pm if you'd like to help pass out songbooks and greet the residents before the fun begins. Join us as we bring the worship of God in song to the people at the Wauconda Care Centre.



FOCW - Nov. 28

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, November 28. Join us and help to prepare for our annual Christmas Bazaar.

The Fellowship of Christian Women (FOCW) usually meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm from August through May. All women of the church are invited.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR- Dec 3

The Christmas Bazaar on Sat, Dec 3, needs many active "Elves" to make it a success. If you are a baker, please make 3 or 4 dozen for our Cookie Walk. The Sweets/Baked goods area could use breads, brownies, fudge, etc.

When you are going through your Christmas decorations, save the items you don't use anymore for Grandma's Attic.

Scarves, jewelry, or other accessories that are getting "dusty" in your closet can be donated to our "Glamorama Boutique." Crafts are also welcome so please share your talents with us!! You can also bring your used books.

On the day of the bazaar, we will need many "worker bees." Watch for the sign-up sheet by the stained glass windows located close to Pastor Crystal's office. This year, for the first time, we will accept credit cards. Any questions? Contact Candee Nustra- [847-526-3873](tel:847-526-3873) or candeenustra@gmail.com.

GIFT OF GIVING - Dec. 10

This event was such a big success last year that we have decided to do it again so save the date, Saturday, Dec. 10!

Volunteers will be needed from 11am into the evening. Registration will probably begin around Noon; shopping helpers will be needed; there will be activities to set up and oversee in the afternoon; and a dinner to prepare and serve in the evening; as well as clean-up.

If you'd like to learn more or volunteer, contact Dan Baron for details. Go to the homepage of our website and scroll through the pictures under Featured Events to watch the video from last year.



SUPER SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 11 at 5:00pm...mark your calendars for a time of fun. Watch the Bulletin and Website for details.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is one of the ways we meet the needs of our congregation and our community. We have been able to provide assistance to members in emergency situations as well as provide gift cards for food, medicine and gas. If you or someone you know is ever in a time of need, please talk with Pastor Jason. Donations to this fund can be made by writing a check to the church with the words

Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the memo line. Donations can also be given in the form of gift cards from local grocery stores or gas stations. We thank you for helping us serve our community. - Pastor Jason

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

More and more people are going online to see what's happening! Remember that our church **Calendar**, as well as **News** details  such as **Announcements** and current **Events**, are all available on our website:

www.federatedchurchofwauconda.org

DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT CARDS

There are still a few Digital Entertainment Cards for sale - in the form of an APP that you buy and download to your phone. It is valid from the date it is downloaded and it is good all across the country which makes it an excellent purchase before travel or vacation. The card costs \$20 and the church keeps \$10 from each sale. See Mary Steffen or Toni Null to purchase cards.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR

Start your week off right with a time of fellowship with friends from the church. We meet every week on Monday at 8:00am at the Wauconda Café on Rt. 176. Join us for coffee, breakfast or just a good conversation.



HISTORY

Curious about our church and its history? How did we get started? Why do we follow two denominations? Who led us in the past? Where did our endowments come from? You will answers to these and many more questions in the History books located on the shelves outside the door to Pastor Crystal's office.

Worship Schedule

Sundays - 9:30am

Sunday School (Sept.-May) - 9:45am

Fellowship - 10:30am

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Youth Coordinator.....Valerie Lucius

☺ 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.

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

☺ Recordings of our Sunday worship services are available on our website. Go to our website to view the latest worship service:

www.federatedchurchofwauconda.org

☺ Our Beacon newsletter is also on the website. If you no longer wish to receive a copy by mail, please drop us a note or call the church office at 847-526-8471 and we will remove your name from our mailing list.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE Federated Church of Wauconda

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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!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, December 3

9:30 am to 2:00 pm



FEDERATED CHURCH OF WAUCONDA

200 S. Barrington Road
(at the corner of Rt. 176 and Barrington Road)



GRANDMA'S ATTIC

Gently used Holiday decorations and treasures

COOKIE WALK

Homemade cookies sold by the pound



GLAMORAMA FASHION BOUTIQUE

Used clothing, jewelry and other fashion accessories

CRAFTS AND 'EGGSOTIC'

Egg ornaments, quilts, handmade cards, hostess gifts and baked items



USED BOOKS

RAFFLE PRIZES

WE WILL NOW BE ACCEPTING MAJOR CREDIT CARDS