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## *FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN*

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*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is coming.* (Revelation 4:8b)

When I was growing up “Holy! Holy! Holy!” was the first hymn found in my church hymnal. I had a fascination as a child with beginnings and ends and so I always took notice when we sang this song in worship. The reason this hymn became my favorite has to do with its focus on worship of God. The song, written by Reginald Heber, uses symbolism, such as God is “perfect in power, in love and purity.” God is worshiped by saints, cherubim, and seraphim. God is praised “in earth and sky and sea” and God is “holy, merciful and mighty.”

Many other hymns talk about how we respond to God: “A Mighty Fortress Is **OUR** God,” “All to Jesus **I** Surrender,” “Be Still **MY** Soul,” “Be Thou **MY** Vision,” “Breathe on **ME**, Breath of God” are just a few examples. Now there is nothing wrong with these hymns. We are called to respond to our God and remember what He has done for us, but we also praise and worship Him because He is worthy to be praised.

Another reason this hymn is so dear to me has to do with a special lady, named Verlee, from the last church I pastored. She played piano, was secretary of our church, led Sunday School and the woman's group. She was one of the cornerstones of our congregation. Before Sunday School our church would meet, sing a song, and say a prayer before we would be dismissed to our classes and, if it was our birthday, she would play our favorite hymn.

A week before my birthday, I went to a Pastor's Conference in Chicago. The day I returned I received a call that Verlee had had a heart attack and I rushed out to see her. Everyone had hopes that she would recover, but the night before my birthday, she passed on to heaven. I spent that night with her husband but then needed to be at church for worship the next morning. I was tired as I pulled into the parking lot and broke down crying. I remember thinking, “Verlee won't be playing, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy!’ for my birthday.”

At that moment, the Christian radio station which I always had on in the car started playing, “Holy, Holy, Holy!” As I listened I realized it was a recording of the worship from the Pastor's Conference I had attended the week before. Verlee would not be playing that favorite hymn, but here I was in the car, listening to a recording of me singing with a group of over 200 pastors. I sang along and cried, knowing just how good God was to those who worship Him. God was comforting me in my grief with the very words of praise I had given to him.

“Holy, Holy, Holy!” is my favorite hymn, because as a pastor, I am called to lead our congregation into worship of God. We do take time to say our thanksgivings and ask for healing and comfort for those we love, but first and foremost, my heart wants to praise God for who He is, not just for what He has done for us. In our lives we will have joys and griefs, but even in the heart of that grief, He is still worthy to be praised.

Pastor Jason Hladik

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 01 - 56  
January 08 - 66  
January 15 - 77  
January 22 -  
January 29 -

### MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY

February 08 - 7pm, Trustees  
February 12 - 10:45, Fellowship  
February 19 - 10:45am, Education  
February 20 - 7pm, Federated Board

### 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](mailto:pastorhladik@icloud.com).

### WINTERTIME PARKING

When the snow piles up, it can be difficult to find a parking spot on Sunday mornings.



Remember that you are welcome to use the lot across Barrington Road, and if it's full, you can park at the Village lot across Rt. 176. Use the stoplight and crosswalk at Rt. 176/Main Street. We also can register 6-7 cars with the Police Dept. and park in their lot on Sundays – provided you can walk the distance to the church.

### FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND FARWELL TO CHRISTMAS 2106



On a cool Saturday in late January, the Fellowship Committee hosted the annual after Christmas Party. The traditional party is generally a potluck supper followed by a white elephant gift exchange. This year the Fund-raising Committee also sponsored a Bake Auction. Attendees brought a dish to pass, a gift to exchange and a sweet treat to be sold at auction.

The Trustees informed the Board at the November meeting that the church would need to have 3 trees removed as they were likely to damage the roof and building as well as provide rapid access to our building for undesirable animals. The expense was unexpected, so the fundraising committee decided that the money raised at the bake auction would go to offset that expense. The people attending the party rose to the occasion and \$720 was raised in one evening thanks to their generosity. Chuck Burton acted as the auctioneer and begged, cajoled, and whined until we opened our pocketbooks. Thank-you, Chuck.



The white elephant exchange was fun and boisterous. Everyone went home with something unusual---perhaps some things will be back for next year.

The food was good. The fellowship was better and I can't think of a better way to celebrate a mid-January Saturday evening.

### **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.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Follow up with our Monday and Tuesday Bible Story Café Bible studies which are getting great reviews.

Join in one or both!

**Monday** 10am New Testament Class

**Tuesday** 6pm Old Testament Class



### **PRAYER MEETING - February 2 and 16**



We will be meeting in the sanctuary at 7:00pm on these evenings. Whether you have a specific prayer in your heart or want to share communal prayer, come and join us. You will be blessed, refreshed and find a new sense of peace.

### **LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION SUNDAY - February 12**

The Sunday before Valentine's Day, we want express our love and gratitude to all the leaders and volunteers of our church. We will start with a special worship service at 9:30am and continue with special treats and awards for all of the 2016 Federated Board Members, Committee and Commission Members, and our generous volunteers.

### **SUPER SENIORS - February 15**

### **VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON**

On Wednesday, February 15, we will meet at 11:30am at the Gale Street Inn in Mundelein for our Super Seniors Valentine's Day luncheon. Please sign up if you are able to join us.



### **WAUCONDA CARE - February 22**



A Wauconda Care Sing-along is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm. Meet at Wauconda Care, 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 Wauconda Care.

## **BUSINESS & COMMUNITY EXPO - February 25**

This year The Federated Church of Wauconda will be participating in the Wauconda Chamber's Business & Community EXPO. It is a family oriented showcase held at the Wauconda High School. It features local business exhibitors as well as a craft show and great family entertainment. Please talk with Pastor Jason if you would like to volunteer for this event or if you have ideas on how we can best use our booth to share information about our church.

## **FOCW - February 27**

The Fellowship of Christian Women (FOCW) meets monthly at 7:00pm from August through May. All women of the church are invited. Help us choose our projects for this year.

## **LEADERSHIP MEETING - March 12**

On Sunday, March 12, 11:00am - 1:30pm we will be having a Leadership Meeting. This meeting is for all returning and newly elected members of the Federated Board and is also open to anyone who is interested in learning more about how our church volunteers and staff work together through the leadership of the Federated Board. We do ask that everyone planning to attend please either sign the clipboard or call the church office to RSVP as lunch will be provided.



## **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](mailto:lbcats32@gmail.com). Joys and Concerns from the Sunday worship service are emailed each week to all who sign up for them.

## **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

## **ONE HOPE UNITED**

We collected 207 books which were donated to One Hope United as well as the leftover school supplies we collected. Great job! Thanks for your generosity. Be sure to read their Thank You note which is on the corkboard in our Fellowship area.



# Family and Youth Ministry Newsletter

It's never been easy to be a parent. And with today's busy schedules and activities, sometimes families find little time to actually be at home. I asked some friends how they attempt to bring balance to the hectic pace of life. Here are some of their tips for busy parents:

- 1. As you choose activities, put God first.** Consider the spiritual impact that activities could have on the family.
- 2. Protect your marriage in the busyness of life.** Does your spouse feel like you spend more focused time with the kids/work than you do with him/her? Have you reserved special time for just you and your spouse? For example, purchase a favorite dessert from a nearby bakery. When the kids go to bed, enjoy it with your spouse and talk about the high and low points of your week.
- 3. Remember that your primary God-given responsibility as a parent is to point your children to Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their faith and love for the Lord** (Deuteronomy 6:1-9; John 8:31). Is there enough time in your schedule for the family to study God's Word together and to discuss spiritual issues?
- 4. Don't expect your children to appreciate the sacrifices that you make to help them develop their abilities.** Most children won't understand this until they have children of their own. I received a great amount of wisdom during my bridal shower the one letter that stuck with me said as a stepmom, "Give time, energy, and love to stepchildren without the expectation of the child automatically responding with love."
- 5. Compare calendars with your spouse/children on a regular basis.** Doing this will help you identify a full schedule. **Schedule regular family meetings** so everyone is aware of all of the activities and no one feels left out. There are several phone apps to keep everyone connected. My family is using Group Me

Find more Christian Family hacks at my blog page: <https://goo.gl/gXCQ1t>

Youth Upcoming Activities		Youth Ministry in Action During December 2016
January 22, 2017	Make Tie Blankets	 <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">Food Collection</div>  <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">Christmas Play</div>
January 29, 2017	Youth Lead Worship (purple hoodie day)	
February 5, 2017	Music Jam Session	
February 16, 2017	Painting/Cleaning - youth room	
February 19, 2017	Valentine's Day Dance	



## Worship Schedule

Sundays - 9:30am

Sunday School (Sept.-May) - 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.

☺ 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](http://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](tel:847-526-8471) and we will remove your name from our mailing list.

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