

**We Welcome you to
THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF WAUCONDA**

August 19, 2018

We are committed to God through Christ to enrich the world
through worship, mission, witness, and service.



God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began.

From 2 Timothy 1

The Federated Church of Wauconda

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Serving in Worship this week:

Pastor..... Soon Sun Lee
Director of Music/Organist..... Geri Meyer
Worship Assistant..... Mary Steffen
Greeter..... Lisa Morrison
Nursery Attendant..... Nancy Lucius
Ushers..... Louise Bundy, Ann Petersen, Tony Rake, Ruby Thacker
Usher Chairperson..... Dave Fehlman
Acolytes..... Hero Lucius, Madison Lucius

Welcome

Announcements (Please sign the attendance sheets)

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Words of Affirmation Psalm 128:1-4

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God as children...with wonder and awe.

People: Let us worship God as youth...with questions and eager hearts.

Leader: Let us worship God as adults...with gratitude and praise.

People: Let us worship God as elders...with wisdom and hope.

All: Let the Body of Christ sing praises to God, from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

*Opening Hymns "I Love You, Lord" No. 2068

"Sanctuary" No. 2164

Presentation of Bibles to Third and Fourth Graders (see insert)

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders (see insert)

*The Lord's Prayer No. 895

*Passing of the Peace

Special Music "The Twenty First Time" Larry Kujovich

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Prayer Hymn "Kum Ba Yah" (verses 1, 2, 3) No. 494

First Reading Galatians 6:2, 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

Prayer of Preparation

*Second Reading Luke 5:17-20

Sermon "Investing in our Relationship" Pastor Soon Sun

Offering

*Offering Response "The Doxology" No. 95

*Closing Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" No. 671

*Benediction

*Postlude

Cathy Mate, our Minister of Prayer is available for prayers after service.

WORSHIP GUIDE FOR THE WEEK

This guide is prepared for you with the scriptures used in today's service. We encourage you to read through them as the week progresses as part of your personal devotions.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Psalm 128:1-4

Everyone who honors the Lord, who walks in God's ways, is truly happy!

You will definitely enjoy what you've worked hard for—you'll be happy; and things will go well for you. In your house, your wife will be like a vine full of fruit. All around your table, your children will be like olive trees, freshly planted. That's how it goes for anyone who honors the Lord: they will be blessed!

FIRST READING

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:26-

27

If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

SECOND READING

Luke 5:17-

20

One day when Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and legal experts were sitting nearby. They had come from every village in Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem. Now the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal. Some men were bringing a man who was paralyzed, lying on a cot. They wanted to carry him in and place him before Jesus, but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So, they took him up on the roof and lowered him—cot and all—through the roof tiles into the crowded room in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship service – 9:30am; Sunday School (Sept. – May) – 9:45am;
Fellowship – 10:30am

PRAYER MEETINGS

Our prayer meetings are a time to gather with other believers to lift our needs and our praises to God. We meet on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

FALL BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Pastor Soon Sun will be leading two Bible Study Classes.

Monday mornings from 10-11:30am on September 10, 17 & 24 and then changing to Tuesday mornings at 10:00 on October 2, 9, 16.

Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm starting September 4, 11, 18, 25, and October 2, 9 & 16.

For 6 weeks the morning class will be reading the Book, “The Cup of Our Life” written by Catholic Nun: Joyce Rupp. It is a book and guide for spiritual growth- it is about your prayer life. Rupp helps individuals and groups pray about everyday life using the rich symbol of a cup. For the study, you need to bring your coffee mug or tea cup with you.

The evening class will be reading the book, “If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat” written by Pastor John Ortberg. Ortberg teaches people how to trust God more fully. Using testimonial interviews to illustrate his talks, the author teaches participants the skills essential for “water-walking” in faith with God. Designed for use with the video. This book is about our faith to get out of our familiar place (church wall) into God’s wide-open mission fields. This study is good for church leaders. I hope you will join in one or both!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED

Please consider signing up to be the coffee fellowship host for a week or two. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the window.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need people to volunteer to be a greeter before the worship service. Anyone interested in sharing a smile, a hug, a handshake or just making someone feel welcome, contact Mary Taylor or Dave Fehlman. Become a greeter at Federated and make a difference!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

AUGUST BEACON

The August Beacon was not able to be mailed out this month. Your copy of it is on the table by the window. They are in alphabetical order so please make sure to pick yours up today.

CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS – Sept. 4

Our choir practice begins at 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 4. We welcome anyone who loves to sing. If you are interested in joining our choir, please see Geri Meyer.

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Fred Berchtold, Bernice Block, Florence Burton, Paul Deinlein, Donna Gallmeyer-Dixon, Howard Ficht, Joyce Hill, Mickie Kisselburg, Scott Matthews, Laura Peroutka, Dolores Prusinski, Martha Stanger, Mike Striker, Dorothy Wheelock, Lisa Wineski, Brian Zinkel

FREE WIRELESS INTERNET

Feel free to use our wireless internet: fcowguest

HOME VISITS BY PASTOR SOON SUN

For the next three months; August, September, and October, Pastor Soon Sun will visit us and our family at our homes. This will be a time for us to get to know one another. It will take approximately 30 minutes to an hour depending on our sharing. She believes that through these home visits, it will help her tremendously to serve us better in the needs of our

people and help us to serve one another for our church ministry and mission. As she comes, she will ask three specific questions:

1. What makes you to come to church?
2. What are things that you love about our church?
3. What are things that you like to see/grow in the church?

By sharing our time, we can learn, witness, support and pray for each other to grow in God. In August, Pastor Soon Sun will meet with the church leaders to establish relationships with them and get information about the church and the Wauconda community. Besides the home visits and the meetings with the leaders, she'll also visit those who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, and the shut-ins in nursing homes.

NEW EMAIL FOR STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE

Do you have a question, concern, or words of encouragement regarding a member of the church staff? Reach everyone on the committee at once by emailing federatedstaffparish@gmail.com.

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 SOON SUN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Soon Sun's office hours are Tuesday through Friday 9am - 2pm. She will be in the office at this time unless called away due to pastoral visits or ministry. Her pastoral visit hours will be Tuesday through Friday 3pm – 5pm (some evening hours). Even when she is not in the office she can be reached 24/7 by phone or text at 815-861-2415. You can also contact her at soonsunlee@live.com.

For the month of September only she will be off on Fridays and then starting October she will switch back to Mondays.

PRAYER PARTNER EMAILS

Joys and Concerns from each Sunday's service are emailed each week to those who have signed up. If you would like to receive them or if you have a concern during the week you can email Nancy Swanson at church60084joysandconcerns@yahoo.com.

RUMMAGE SALE

We will be sorting for the rummage sale every Tuesday from 9:00am-noon until the sale on Sept. 20, 21 and 22. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Candee Nustra.

The annex will be open every Sunday from 8:30 until 7:00pm. If you can't drop off your items during that time, please call Nancy Lucius at 847-848-5023 to make arrangement for another time.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Aug. 26 – Mary Ann Beatty

Sept. 2 – Geri Meyer – piano solo

| CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – AUG. 19 - 26 | | |
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| TODAY: Aug. 19 | | |
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| MON: Aug. 20 | | Beacon Deadline |
| | 9:00 am | Senior Exercise |
| | 7:00 pm | Federated Board Meeting |
| | 7:00 am | AA Meeting |
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| TUES: Aug. 21 | | |
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| WED: Aug. 22 | 6:00 pm | T.O.P.S. |
| | 6:30 pm | Finance Meeting |
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| THURS: Aug. 23 | 8:00 pm | Alanon Meeting |
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| FRI: Aug. 24 | | |
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| SAT: Aug. 25 | 12:00 pm | FOCW Annual Ladies Luncheon |
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| SUN: Aug. 26 | 10:45 am | Education Meeting |

LAY MINISTRIES: Next Sunday – August 26

Worship Assistant..... Ruby Thacker

Ushers..... Raj & Rose Bhatt, Tom & Peggy Martin

Acolytes..... Gabriella Stephens

THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO CHILDREN

A Bible may be handed to each child by a pastor or Sunday school teacher in the congregation. Parents and children are invited to come forward. Parents stand before their children.

Pastor and Sunday school teacher face the children and say:

Receive the Word of God.

Learn its stories and study its word.

The Bible speaks to us all.

**They tell us who we are, they tell us that we belong to one another;
for we are the people of God.**

Children Respond:

We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.

Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

The children and leaders face the congregation.

Congregation to children:

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

**We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this
Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our
worship.**

We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

Children to congregation:

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Thanks be to God.

THE RECOGNITION OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

The church school teachers gather in front of the congregation. The pastor introduces the staff and teachers.

The pastor then says to the congregation:

Dear friends, let us recognize those who have responded to the call of God to become teachers in the church school. To teach our children and youth are ministries of Christ among us. Those called to these ministries need our loyal support and our prayers.

The pastor prays the following:

Let us pray. Eternal God, you have entrusted us with the message of your power, grace, justice, and love. Provide for us your guidance, that we may be teachers and learners together. Believing that you are in our midst, we set apart those who would serve in our church school.

May they serve you in nurturing the spiritual growth of all who are entrusted in their care. Bless each one gathered before us, enabling them to be channels of your grace and love. Give them guidance, patience, wisdom, and knowledge of the Bible. We pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Pastor to church school staff and teachers:

You have recognized God's call in your lives. Will you endeavor to develop your gifts for teaching so as to continue to pass on the Christian faith? Will you be faithful to the task, taking seriously the commitments of time, energy, and talents? Will you take seriously your role as learner, studying diligently the Scriptures and traditions of the faith?

Church school staff and teachers:

We have heard God's call to teach and have responded to that call. We teach, trusting in God's promises to support, sustain, and encourage us through gifts sufficient for the task. We teach, relying on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit. We teach, inviting children and others to recognize and respond to God's call in their lives. We teach, depending on this congregation to uphold us in this task.

Congregation:

We pledge ourselves to pray for you and for the educational ministry of this congregation. We pledge ourselves to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry. We pledge ourselves to be learners with you, diligently studying with you the Scriptures and traditions of the faith.