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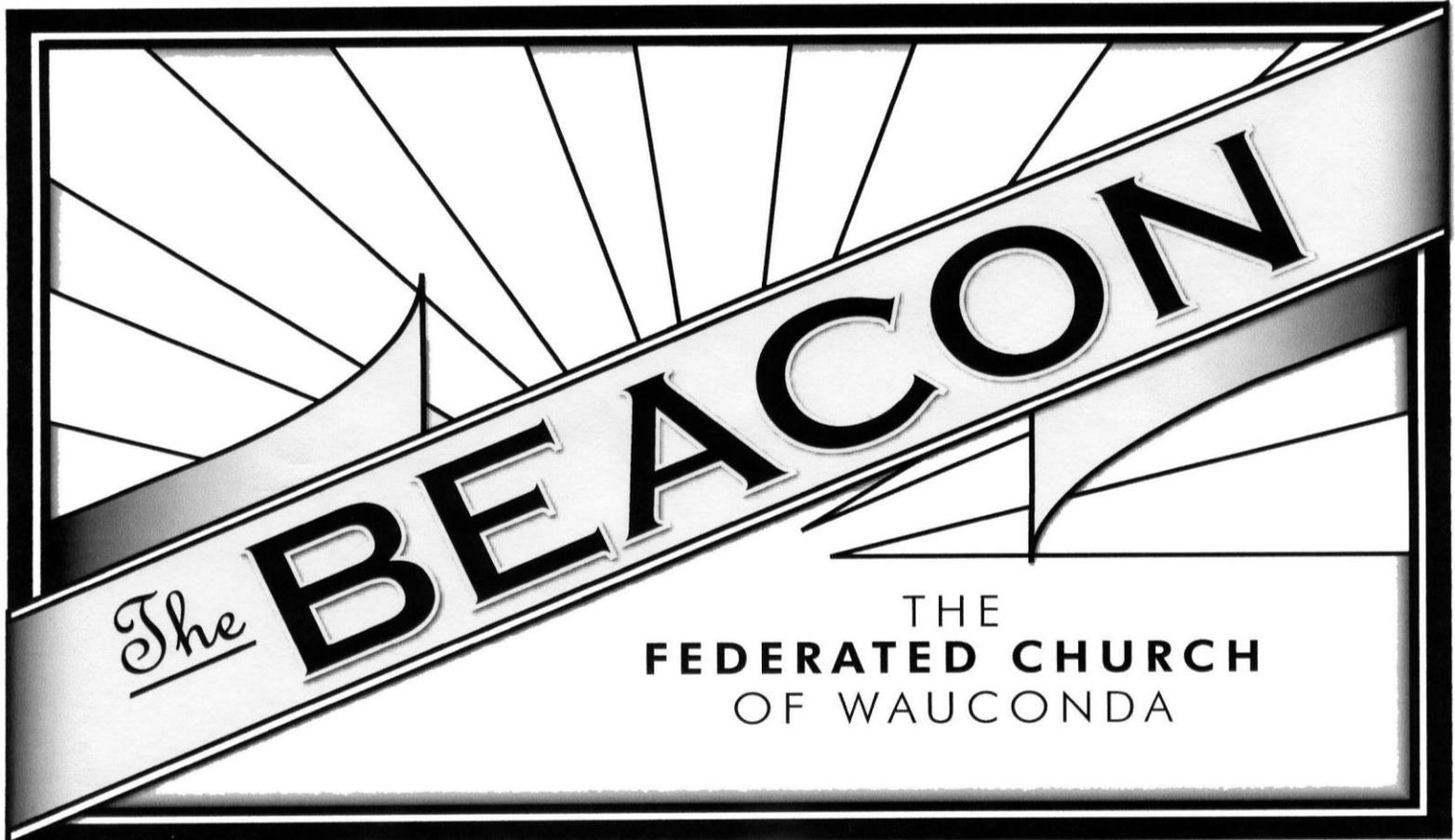
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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Life is mysterious. A week ago, I was in Durand as their beloved pastor, serving, loving, and caring for the Durand people and their community. Now I have been appointed to the Federated Church in Wauconda, ready to work, serve and build a relationship with you, all because of Jesus Christ's call to preach His good news and care for His people.

Life is a journey. We move from one place to another for many good reasons. Especially for pastors, it is about sharing the Gospel, even if it's a little stressful and challenging.



Certainly, in our journey, God has plans for every step of our life and our ministry even though we don't know yet what our future holds. We just trust our God who holds our future and makes it possible for us.

So, I believe that our gatherings are very important. We are here to meet not by chance but by God's amazing plan. We can make our gatherings a great opportunity for us to know each other in Christ. Through knowing who we are in spirit, we are able to find His call in our lives and serve Him with our hearts and love one another in a better way!

As I come as your pastor, I, a Korean-American, always think myself as a missionary to the church where God leads me to serve, love, and preach the Gospels in many different ways. We individuals within our church share much diversity yet are joined as one in the love of Christ.

So, moving to Wauconda is a great opportunity for me to love and serve you. I am very excited about meeting with you. I am eager to work with you, to get acquainted, and to dream our vision together.

I pray that you give me the time and patience I need to know you and serve you with my unique gifts! I hope to know all of you and your families through home visits in the coming months!

It is my prayer that we get to know each other, and you will prayerfully consider how you can become more involved in our ministry and missions.

I am so looking forward to meeting you all! See you on Sunday!

Blessings,

Pastor Soon Sun

P.S. I wanted to say thank you to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and Melissa Pearson who had time to meet me while I was visiting the church. I felt very welcomed and can feel the hospitable spirit surrounding this church. Thank you so much!

Welcome

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ATTENDANCE

June 10 – 55

June 17 – 46

June 24 – 61

July 1 – 62

July 8 – 54

July 15 – 61

MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Worship – August 1 @ 6pm

Trustees – August 8 @7pm

Federated Board – August 20 @7pm

Outreach – August 12 @10:45am

Education -August 26 @10:45am

FOCW- August 27 @7pm

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 SOON SUN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Soon Sun's office hours are **Tuesday through Friday 9am - 2 pm**. She will be in the office at this time unless called away due to pastoral visits or ministry. Her **pastoral visits hours will be Tuesday through Friday 3 pm – 5 pm** (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.

PASTOR SOON SUN'S CELL PHONE

Pastor Soon Sun's cell phone 815-861-2415 goes straight to voice mail between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am. If you need to talk to her between these hours, please call twice and her phone will ring.



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 Soon Sun, please let her know.



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.

THE JOYS OF SUMMER AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget to come to worship the Lord on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM!



August 5th –Communion Sunday with the Celebration of Appointment and Outdoor Picnic

Scripture lessons: Jeremiah 1:4-10,

Sermon Title: God's Call in My Life

August 12th – Rally Day and A Blessing of Backpacks

Children and youth can bring their back for a blessing! _

Scripture Lessons: Psalms121, Mark 1:35

Sermon Title: A Time with God

August 19th –13th Sunday After Pentecost and A

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 128, Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Title: Investing in our Relationship

August 26th –14th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 11:1-2, 10, Mark 2:1-12

Sermon Title: Vision of the Church



CHURCH PICNIC AND PASTOR SOON SUN WELCOME

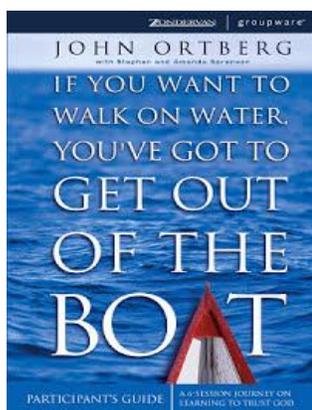
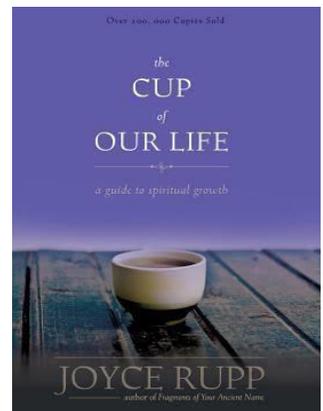
On August 5th, the Federated Church of Wauconda will welcome Pastor Soon Sun Lee as our senior pastor. She will be installed as our Pastor during the worship service that morning. Our annual church picnic will follow directly after the service. It will be a time to welcome her and introduce yourself as well as an opportunity for fellowship and fun. The Outreach/Fellowship Commission will sponsor the event and will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and turkey burgers as well as coffee and water. There will be games and a bouncy house. So, bring your friends and neighbors! We'll pray for good weather and look forward to the fun. Mark your calendar for August 5th immediately following 9:30 worship.



FALL BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

We will offer two Bible Study Classes on Tuesday mornings 10 am-11:30 am and Tuesday nights 6 -7:30 pm. The books we will study are **“The Cup of Our Life”** for morning and **“If You Want to Walk on the Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat”** for evening.

For 6 weeks on Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30am, we 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.



For 6 weeks on Tuesday from 6-7:30pm, we 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!

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. We look forward to hearing from you!

THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETINGS



Regular prayer meetings are held on the first three Thursdays of the month: **August 2, 9 and 16.** Join us if you have personal requests or if you want to be in prayer on behalf of our church family, friends, or our community. We meet in the sanctuary at 7pm. Bring scriptures if you want to share them. See Minister of Prayer Cathy Mate for more information.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

You can help collect money for our church. Save your aluminum cans and bring them to the church to be recycled. There is a recycling bin outside behind the annex for you to drop off your cans.



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 Nancy Swanson or email her at nraswanson@gmail.com. Joys and Concerns from each Sunday's service are emailed each week to all who have signed up.

A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The Federated Church of Wauconda has been blessed to have a choir for as far back as I can remember. We have had many choir directors over the years and at this time I have held that position for the past 27 years.

I am a little concerned this year as we are losing three of our members – two bases and one tenor. We have had a great balance in each section of the choir so here is my plea...I need to add some male voices and I know there are some very capable men out there. Soprano and altos are welcome as well.



Prayerfully consider joining us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. Our first rehearsal will begin on Tuesday, September 4. I am still working to get that number up to 25 voices. Please help me do that!

For further questions or information call me at 847-526-8191.

Thank you,
Geri Meyer

PLUG IN AND RECHARGE

Are you depleted physically, emotionally or spiritually? Many of us are and we find ourselves drifting away rather than gravitating toward the One who can recharge us. While the Worship team does not profess to have all the answers as to how to re-energize our congregation, we would like to start by feeding you. The Worship Commission will be sponsoring a series of Recharging Sessions. We will feed you, provide childcare and listen to your thoughts and ideas as well as engage in a conversation about who we want to be as a church. Help us recapture the worshipful, inviting, inclusive, restorative and relevant power of our church community through a stronger relationship with God. Look for your invitation over the next several months.



Recharging Update: Nearly 30 members have attended a “Recharge Session.” Invitations have been issued to all the members of the Federated Church: regular attenders, infrequent attenders, members who no longer attend and members who may have moved on. We have 2 more sessions scheduled and hope to include those who wish to join us in those remaining sessions. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, we would love to include you. Your input is valuable to us and we would enjoy the opportunity for an evening/afternoon of fun and fellowship. Please contact Mary at marstef50@aol.com or Pastor Crystal at ccrystal_@hotmail.com.

FROM THE FAMILY PASTOR’S PEN



Something Brand New!

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun!" (Isaiah 43:19, NLT)

Can you see the “brand new thing” God is doing in your life? Sometimes it’s easy to see the hand of God moving, and sometimes the storms of life can cloud our vision. But no matter where you are in life today, meditate on this truth that God is working even when you can’t see Him. Like a seed buried deep in the ground, it may seem dark and lonely and there may be dirt all around, but that is the place where life springs forth. Trust that God is doing a new thing! You can trust Him because He is faithful! His plan for you today is a blessing. His plan is to give you a future and a hope. His plan is to do a new thing in your life. Let go of the thoughts of the past and open your heart to what God is doing today. Ask Him to show you what He’s doing. Ask Him to reveal it to your heart. Seek Him and you will find Him and see the brand-new thing He’s doing in you!

Pastor Crystal Calhoun-Johnson

FAMILY MINISTRY PRACTICES

5 Christian Practices for children

Be Available for your Children. Children regard parents presence as a sign of caring and connectedness. Be available to talk with them, help them, attend their events, and cheer them on in their various pursuits. Children crave their parent's presence.

Build healthy morals and values. The decisions that children make today will often affect them for the rest of their lives. Study the culture so you can understand what cultural influences currently pose a danger to your children spiritually. Pray for God's help to teach biblical values and morals to your children in ways they can best learn.



Communicate well. Positive communication is the language of love for children. Make a habit of listening carefully to your children whenever they share their thoughts and feelings with you.

Express affirmation, warmth, and encouragement Give your children confidence by letting them know that you believe in them, value them, and enjoy them. Say "I love you" to them often and give them plenty of physical affection like hugs.



Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed

Federated Church of Wauconda Youth Ministry is currently in need of some awesome volunteers. We need your help in the following areas of youth ministry from September 2018-May 2019.

- Sunday School Teacher (serve once/twice a month)
- Confirmation teachers
- Individuals with music, dance or drama experience (assist with 5th Sundays, Easter, or Christmas Programs.
- Nursery Volunteers (once a month) Friday Night Chaperones (Inside our Church/8th -12th graders only)

If you are interested in volunteering, please do the following:

Step One- Pray about it

Step Two- Contact Pastor Crystal by email/call

Step Three- Prepare to be blessed by some awesome children



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

FOOD, FUN, FILM

MOVIE NIGHT

AUGUST 31, 2018

6:30PM FOR PIZZA, 7:15PM FOR MOVIE

FEDERATED CHURCH OF WAUCONDA

200 BARRINGTON ROAD, WAUCONDA, IL 60084

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, food and film as we kick off the Labor Day weekend with pizza and a movie. We will be announcing the family friendly movie after a congregation vote, so look for another email announcing the movie of the night. You can vote for your choice by using the enclosed ballot and placing in the ballot basket found in the Narthex. The evening is at no cost to you and is sponsored by the Trustees. Hope to see you there.

For more information contact: Trustees @ tfctrustees@gmail.com

RETURN THIS BOTTOM PORTION

Movie choices for August 31 movie night:

- * Despicable Me
- * Book of Life
- * How to Train Your Dragon

Circle your choice and return to the Movie Ballot Basket in the Narthex on August 19 or 26.

Hope to see you there!

FOCW "Memories" Book

We are still collecting stories for our book of memories. We're looking for any event that had special meaning in your life - funny, out of the ordinary, inspirational. Below is a list of items that might trigger such a memory. The deadline is Labor Day, so please send in your stories soon. If you'd like someone to sit down with you and help you get your thoughts together, contact Sylvia.



Easter morning

A special teacher

Christmas pageant

Gift of Giving

Thanksgiving

Memorial Day Parade

Church camp

Build-a-bed

Sunday school

Rummage Sale

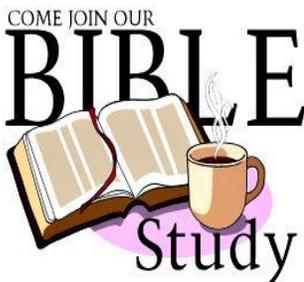
Christmas Bazaar

Mission Trip or activity

"Bad Girls" follow up

We had a good time studying the bible through the "Bad Girls" study. The study helped each of us dig a little deeper, get to know God a little better and see ourselves more clearly through the characters in the stories, and understand God's ways a little better. We learned about greed, obedience, choosing God, second chances, and God's steadfast love. We also learned that although Rahab was not a Hebrew, God saved her because of her faith in Him.

Have you trusted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of your life?



Jesus tells us that, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord Jesus will be saved. Romans 10:13. So then just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him. Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6, 7

I'm working on coming up with another short bible study that will open to men and women. Let me know if you have any suggestions. It may be a longer study broken into 2-3 parts.

All scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

In Christ's Love, Minister Cathy Mate

AUGUST 2018
USHERS & ACOLYTES

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTES
Greeter for August – Lisa Morrison		
Aug. 5	Jim Hill	Hero Lucius
	Joyce Hill	Madison Lucius
	John Mate	
	Mary Taylor	
Aug. 12	Dick Bode	Angela Batson
	Bonnie DeBoer	Gabriella Stephens
	Heidi Leo	
	Mindy Taylor	
Aug. 19	Louise Bundy	Hero Lucius
	Ann Petersen	Madison Lucius
	Tony Rake	
	Ruby Thacker	
Aug. 26	Raj Bhatt	Angela Batson
	Rose Bhatt	Gabriella Stephens
	Tom Martin	
	Peggy Martin	

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Aug. 5	Pastor Crystal
Aug. 12	Mary Steffen
Aug. 19	Peggy Martin
Aug. 26	Ruby Thacker



SEPTEMBER 2018
USHERS & ACOLYTES

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTES
Greeter for September – John & Cathy Mate		
Sept. 2	Jutta Culbertson	Hero Lucius
	Laurel DeBoer	Madison Lucius
	Dave Fehlman	
	Ted Tremont	
Sept. 9	Jim Hill	Angela Batson
	Joyce Hill	Gabriella Stephens
	John Mate	
	Mary Taylor	
Sept. 16	Dick Bode	Hero Lucius
	Bonnie DeBoer	Madison Lucius
	Heidi Leo	
	Mindy Taylor	
Sept. 23	Louise Bundy	Angela Batson
	Ann Petersen	Gabriella Stephens
	Tony Rake	
	Ruby Thacker	
Sept. 30	Raj Bhatt	Hero Lucius
	Rose Bhatt	Madison Lucius
	Tom Martin	
	Peggy Martin	

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sept. 2	Pastor Crystal
Sept. 9	Linda Vrabec
Sept. 16	Lou Ann Kozderka
Sept. 23	Fred Berchtold
Sept. 30	Louise Bundy





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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01	Laurel DeBoer
02	Kathie Carr
05	Ron Vaughan Jr.
09	Julie Fiscus
17	Cheryl Ficht
20	Josh Jensen
21	Lynn Buschick
30	Cody Lucius

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

	None

**YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS
AND PRAYERS**

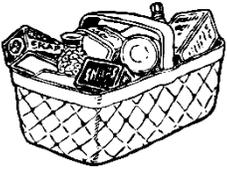
Fred Berchtold, Bernice Block, Florence Burton, Paul Deinlein, Donna Gallmeyer-Dixon, Joyce Hill, Howard Ficht, Mickie Kisselburg, Scott Matthews, Laura Peroutka, Dolores Prusinski, Martha Stanger, Mike Striker, Dorothy Wheelock, Lisa Wineski, Brian Zinkel

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02	Pam Wilson
04	Christopher Matthews
12	Linda Vrabec
18	Bonnie DeBoer
18	Nancy Lucius
19	Fred Berchtold
22	Charles Lucius
25	John Mate
27	Michelle Riechers
28	Tabitha Lucius
29	JoAnn Freeman

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04	Robert & Krysy Leo
07	Curt & Bonnie DeBoer
20	Jeff & Dori Cacioppo
24	Linwood & Pastor Crystal Johnson
25	Neville & Kathie Carr



FOCW Luncheon “A Tisket A Tasket”



Please bring a lady's personal care item to fill the basket and receive a raffle ticket for door prizes (limit 2 tickets).
Items will go to Lake County Haven for Women.

Fashion show by Sheryl Ringel of New Life Resale.
You will be able to buy Tops, T's and Jewelry. All proceeds will support New Life Resale – Informed Choices Pregnancy and Parenting Services.



*Where: Beelow's Steakhouse
Lake Zurich*

When: Saturday, August 25

Time: 12noon

Cost: \$25.00

You will be given a choice of Chicken Marsala, Salmon or Beef Stroganoff.

Please sign up by July 31

Payment is needed by August 12

Federated Church of Wauconda

Committed to God through Christ to enrich the world through worship, mission, witness, and service.

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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 donation.

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

☺ 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.