

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

Wauconda, Illinois

A community church affiliated with the
United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Church

***Our Mission Statement: "Sharing God's Love through
Jesus Christ."***

**January 19, 2020
Geri's Retirement Celebration**



**Thank you Geri for your 67 years of Wonderful Music Ministry!
May God Bless you!**

Gathering God's People

Words of Welcome

Announcements

(Please sign the attendance sheets)

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Tatiana Migliaccio

****Call to Worship***

Leader: We gather together as the people of God,

People: With hopes, dreams, and visions.

Leader: As the Body of Christ, we honor the gifts of all,

People: Guided by the Spirit we minister together – young and old alike.

Leader: Let us worship and give our thanks to God for all of our people, especially Geri Meyer who is a gift from God and is retiring today!

People: Thanks be to God for Geri. Amen.

****Opening Hymns***

(Geri's favorites)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

"Grace Alone"

No. 64

No. 2162

Children's Message

Louise Bundy

****The Lord's Prayer***

No. 895

****Passing of the Peace***

Choir Anthem

"In His Love"

Mark Patterson

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Special Music

Mary Ann Beatty

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

A Brief Message from Pastor Soon Sun

Time of Sharing

You are invited to share a story or anecdote

Recognition of Geri's Years of Service

Staff Parish Committee

Video Presentation

Media Team

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Special Music

**Doxology*

**Offertory Prayer*

Beth Cameron

No. 95

**Closing Hymn*

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 159

**Benediction*

**Musical Benediction*

Lyle Haerle

Mary Ann Beatty

Postlude – Please be seated until conclusion.

** Please stand if you are able*

Today’s Worship Participants:

Acolytes: Isabella Dewar, Gabriella Stephens

Director of Music/Organist: Geri Meyer

Ushers: Bonnie DeBoer, Dave Fehlman, Heidi Leo, Mindy Taylor

Worship Assistant: Linda Vrabec

Thank you for coming to worship God with us and also to celebrate Geri’s retirement today. We invite you all to continue to honor her as we move on to the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon and reception (upstairs).

There will be a basket for cards and notes for Geri. Thank you!

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

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Soon Sun Lee

Youth Pastor: Rev. Crystal Calhoun-Johnson

OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8am-12pm

Pastor Soon Sun’s Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 10am-5pm

Pastor Crystal’s Office Hours: Tuesday 9a-5p & Thursday 9a-3:30p

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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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! ² Serve the Lord with celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy!³ Know that the Lord is God— he made us; we belong to him.^[a] We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.⁴ Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name! ⁵ Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE GERI MEYER'S RETIREMENT AFTER WORSHIP!

Come honor and celebrate Geri's retirement as our Music Director and organist. For more than six decades, Geri has been leading the choir, putting on programs and playing the music heard at Sunday service for our Church. Today is the last time Geri leads the congregation in song. Let us honor and celebrate with her for her many years of service. There will be a lunch/reception following the worship service to continue the celebration.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar and pedestal today are given by the FOCW in thanksgiving and celebration of Geri Meyer for her many years of dedicated service enhancing our worship with her talent.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 20

The church office will be closed on Monday January 20 in observance of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is in session on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, but it's not too late to join! This term we will be studying the book of **Revelation**. Please see Pastor Soon Sun for more information.

WAUCONDA CARE COMMUNION SERVICE – JANUARY 22

A Wauconda Care Communion Service with sing-along is held on the 4th 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 bulletins, songbooks and greet the residents. Join us as we bring communion and songs to the people at Wauconda Care. We will meet next on January 22.

BEACON DEADLINE

The deadline for the February issue of the Beacon will be January 21. Please turn in your articles before the deadline. You can email them to Mary Steffen at marstef50@aol.com

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE – Jan. 26

Our Annual Church Conference will be Sunday, January 26 right after the worship service. It is a time to reflect on our church ministries and missions of 2019 and to share our plans, visions, and dreams on our future ministries of 2020. All Board members and committee chairs should attend.

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Linda Wicker, Olga Lincoln, Kristin Garlock, Heidi Leo, Judy Wennerberg, Joe's grandson Teddy, Mike (friend of Louise), Don Meyer, Donald Wright, Laura P's friend Sandy, Colleen Dioso, Dave Hexby, Ron Zinkel, Jan Hironimus, Mary Steffen's sister Diane, Brian Zinkel, Melissa Pearson, Heidi's friend Deb, Cheryl F.'s mom, Aiden Lucius, Mitch & Joann Beinkowski, Teddy Sta.Rosa, Geri Meyer, Angie Humphrey, Bob Reardon, Lilah Mae Stangeland, Larry Bock, Leonor Braund, Florence Burton, Mickie Kisselburg, Scott Matthews, Billy Meyer, Laura Peroutka, Brian Swanson

Note: Please contact the church office with any necessary updates.

BREAKFAST WITH FRIENDS

Start your week off right with a time of fellowship with friends from the church. We meet every week on Monday at 8:00am. Restaurants vary, so please check with Pastor Soon Sun. Join us for coffee, breakfast or just good conversation.

PRAYER MEETINGS

We have two prayer meeting times – Thursday mornings at 10:30am and Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Our meetings are a time to gather with other believers to lift our needs and our praises to God.

PRAYER PARTNER EMAILS

If you would like to receive the Joys and Concerns Prayer Partner emails or if you have a concern please email Nancy Swanson at nraswanson@gmail.com or call her at 847-533-1766. Joys and Concerns from each Sunday's service are emailed each week.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 2

The first Sunday of each month we've set aside for Food Pantry donations, but contributions to the baskets are welcome **anytime** and we encourage your participation whenever you can!

PLAN FOR LENT

Look ahead in spiritual anticipation to this special season of the Christian year which begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26th** with a Soup and bread Supper at **6:00 pm** followed by the service at **7:00pm**. It includes scripture, prayer, silence, confession, and the imposition of ashes on one's forehead in the sign of the cross. This time of reflection acknowledges our human weaknesses and sin, while turning toward God for mercy and renewal. Please invite your friends to the church for this service! There will be "**Ashes to Go**" in the church parking lot at 8 am.

There will be a **Sermon on The Mount Lenten Series** starting on Ash Wednesday. This series for Lent takes you through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and relates them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the process, the services will powerfully reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to have flowers on the Altar in memory or honor of a loved one, a friend, or a special occasion, contact Ann Petersen at 847-526-9005 or the church office at 847-526-8471. The cost of an arrangement is \$12.50.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thank you to our congregation for your continuing support of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. It is a precious gift to be able to offer help to those in need. Please help if you can.

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – Jan. 19-26		
TODAY: Jan. 19	11:00 am	Celebrating Geri Meyer
MON: Jan. 20		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
		Church Office Closed
	8:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
	9:00 am	Senior Exercise
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
TUE: Jan. 21		BEACON Deadline
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
WED: Jan. 22	3:00 pm	Wauconda Care Center Service
	6:00 pm	T.O.P.S.
THURS: Jan. 23	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon
FRI: Jan. 24		
SAT: Jan. 25		
SUN: Jan. 26	11:00 am	Annual Meeting

LAY MINISTRIES: Next Sunday – January 26, 2020

Worship Assistant.....Cheryl Ficht
 Ushers.....Ann Peterson, Tony Rake, Ruby Thacker
 Acolytes.....Cody Lucius, Hero Lucius