



Federated Church

A Place to Belong

September

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Ham Dinner

Summer is quickly coming to a close, which means that we're gearing up for Fall activities here at the church. Here are several that I would like to highlight.

PIE SALE: We are once again preparing to set up our tent and sell whole pies and slices at the Mount Markham Optimist Soccer Tournament September 6th & 7th. This is not just a fundraiser for us, but also a chance to raise awareness of who we are and how we can connect with our community. You can read more about the pie sale later on in this newsletter.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY: This special service on September 15th will be as visitor-friendly as we can make it. Invitations have been printed and are available in the gathering space. Let's all take a moment and extend at least one invitation to a friend, neighbor, co-worker or even a family member.

HAM DINNER: September 21st is almost here. Plans are being finalized for this annual event. Make plans to join us for dinner that evening, and be sure to invite someone to come with you.

FALL BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY: Plans are in the works for a video-series Bible study beginning in mid-October. More on that next month!

Please be in prayer for our congregation as we seek new opportunities for witness and service to our community.

Pastor Ken

Applying Bible Principles

Mention the word “discipline” and some folks get nervous. Why? Because generally, ours is an undisciplined age. With some rare and noticeable exceptions, society as a whole has become accustomed to not adhering to a disciplined lifestyle.

And that’s true in the spiritual realm as well. For many, spiritual discipline means legalism and putting ourselves back under the Law with all kinds of rules and regulations. But as R. Kent Hughes points out,

...nothing could be further from the truth if you understand what discipline and legalism are. The difference is one of motivation: legalism is self-centered; discipline is God-centered. The legalistic heart says, “I will do this thing to gain merit with God.” The disciplined heart says, “I will do this thing because I love God and want to please God.” There is an infinite difference between the motivation of legalism and discipline. Paul knew this implicitly and fought the legalists bare-knuckled all the way across Asia Minor, never giving an inch. And now he shouts to us, “Train [discipline] yourself to be godly!” If we confuse legalism and discipline, we do so to our soul’s peril.

One of the areas in which we need spiritual discipline is in our work and service in the kingdom of God, including here at The Federated Church. It’s far easier to quit than to continue to serve. It’s far easier never to serve at all than to respond positively when opportunities for Christian service are presented to us. It’s far easier not to get involved than to be actively ministering in Christ’s name to others. It’s far easier to do nothing than to do something.

But God didn’t call Christians to lives of ease, comfort and pleasure. He called us to take up our cross, to deny ourselves, to sacrifice, to be disciplined for the sake of the Gospel. There’s nothing wrong with enjoying life to the fullest extent possible. There’s nothing wrong with taking time off now and then. Even Jesus admonished his disciples in Mark 6:31 to come aside and rest for a while.

But the greater need for this day and hour is people who will stay at the task, serving the Lord, faithful in their work and service. Will you be one of those?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee hour Communion	2	3 9:30 am Coffee, Clergy & Conv. 5:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts	4	5	6 4:30 – 7:00 pm Pie Sale	7 4:00 – 7:00 Pie Sale
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**Coffee,
Clergy,
&
Conversation**
Tuesdays
9:30 – 11:00 AM
Join Us!



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452 E. MAIN, WEST WINFIELD, NY

The Federated Church Fall Rummage Sale

October 3rd, 5:30-7:00PM
October 4th, 9:30AM-5:30PM
October 5th, 9:30AM-Noon

Donation drop-off begins Sept. 25th.



Federated Church's Annual Fall Rummage Sale will be from Thursday October 3rd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, Friday October 4th from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM and ending on Saturday October 5th from 9:30 AM to noon with a \$3.00 bag sale.

Donations for the sale can be brought to the church starting on Wednesday September 25th THROUGH NOON on Wednesday October 2nd. **As it takes a lot of time to sort, place and price the items, we will not accept any items after NOON on Wednesday October 2nd.** All items should be placed in the Fellowship Hall at the rear of the church. As always we appreciate all the donations brought to the church and ask that they be items of fall/winter clothing and household items in good condition. If you bring items that are damaged or stained, we cannot put them out for sale and we end up overloading the dumpster and paying additional monies for their disposal. If you have plastic bags and cardboard boxes please bring your items in those and let us reuse the boxes for sending the items home with their new owners.

As always, we will need volunteers, beginning on Monday September 30th to sort, arrange and price items for sale. We will start at approximately 9:30 each morning and work till early afternoon each day prior to the sale starting on Thursday. We also need additional help on Saturday for clean-up and need cashiers for each of the days and evenings we are open. We will be placing calls to those who have helped in the past but please feel free to contact us before if you know you will be available to help.

Not only is this a great fund raiser for the Federated Church but meets a large need in our community for those who come to shop at it each Fall and Spring.

With everyone's help we can make this the huge success again this Fall that is has always been.

Sandy Smith – 315-822-6418



Federated Church Pie Sale



Pie Sale to occur in conjunction with the Mount Markham Optimist Soccer Tournament.

September 6th and 7th at Mount Markham High School.

Please consider baking pies, donating paper products, and donating your time to help with sales.

Pies will be sold whole and by the slice.

This soccer tournament is a 2-day event with games Friday night at 4:30 and 7:00pm and the Championship games on Saturday at 4:00 and 7:00pm.

Please check the sign up sheet in the gathering area for more details and how you can help make this a successful fund-raising event.



COMING SOON



NATIONAL
BACK TO CHURCH[®]
SUNDAY

September 15th
9:30 AM



Here are the dates for our upcoming distributions:

September 21st

October 19th

November 16th

December 21st





**Coming Soon!
The Ham Dinner!
September 21st!**

SERVING 4:30 PM UNTIL GONE

MENU

Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Vegetables

Applesauce

Dinner Rolls

Dessert Beverage

Adults \$14.00 – Children 6-12 \$6.00 – 5 and under free

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