

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

FEDERATED NEWS

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On Easter — though it might not seem like it — on Easter it is okay to not have it all figured out. If you are not in church a lot, but you're here on Easter, I'm sure going to take this opportunity to tell you this: you are loved.

You are loved no matter what you think you know and in spite of what you think you know. You are loved when you understand and you are loved when you struggle and struggle but just can't understand. I think that's how everyone on the planet feels in the year 2018.

It seems that even Jesus' disciples did a lot of not knowing and not understanding. So wherever you land today, here at church, it's okay to land there. You are loved.

You can be befuddled by the Easter story, you can be amazed by the Easter story, you can be inspired by the Easter story.....all of the above — you are loved.

~ Excerpt from Rev. Annika's
2018 Easter Sermon

Rev. Annika will be in Israel & Palestine
April 30 - May 12.

Rev. Edward will be at the
Company of New Pastors in
Wisconsin April 30 - May 2.

Rev. Kenn Leischner will be
on call April 30 - May 2.

For pastoral emergencies,
Rev. Kenn can be reached by cell phone
(402) 942-3920.

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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FEDERATED CYF

Children, Youth & Families

by Edward Yang



Faith Like a Child

Speaking to his disciples, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” One way we have understood this teaching is by upholding the wonderfully inquisitive and uninhibited faith of young people. Children are receptive to love and in most cases, quick to respond.

It was wonderful to lead children in Easter Worship with our reverse egg hunt (photo above). Activities like this have worked well in our congregation because the children in our care have been receptive and willing to try different things.

As a celebration of the children that God has placed in our care, we will celebrate Children’s Sunday on April 29th (photos from last year below). Our Sunday school teachers and Christian Education Committee have been hard at work in preparing for that day (please pray that we would have good weather for an outdoor celebration). We will have bounce houses, fun games, hot dogs and prizes. We also want to share this event with children in our neighborhood and families. Please invite

children
you know,
and maybe
we can
learn from
them of
what Jesus
calls us to



Upcoming Events

April 22 **Bake Sale for Youth Summer Mission**

April 29 **Children’s Sunday** with blessing of children, games, bounce houses, and food: You are welcome to invite children from your family and neighborhood.



2018 Vacation Bible School

Please join us June 18-22 for Shipwrecked VBS at Federated Church! We all deal with feeling shipwrecked in our lives, but we can all be rescued by Jesus! Volunteers are also needed even if you can only help a couple hours or days that week. Registration forms and volunteer sign up cards are available in the church office and Narthex. Registrations and volunteer cards can be returned to the church office or Kristi Wolfe. Please contact Kristi for more information or with any questions: wolfejackne@gmail.com or 402-910-1667

Jenny Overhue Tour De Platte

You're invited to join the Fantastic 4-H'ers of Columbus for a family fun bike ride around Lake North and Lake Babcock along the Loup Canal. Check in is at 1:30pm May 6, 2018. Cost: \$20.00 per rider. Online registration opens April 25 www.GetMeRegistered.com/JennyOverhueTourdePlatte . Register in person at the Platte Co. Extension Office, 2610 14th Street. For more information call 402-563-4901

This ride is for fun, it is not a race. Snacks provided en route.

Funeral Committee Information

Funeral Committee 6: Co-Chairpersons: Chris & Tim Warren, Jeannie & Roland Johnson, Jean & Bill Royer, Shirley Johnson

Members: Bob & Wilma Arp, Roland & Doris Augspurger, Lee Augustin, Lloyd & Kay Castner, Jon & Andrea Frey, Richard & Beverly Fry, Charlotte Griffith, John & Anita Hahn, Dorsie & Pat Ivy, Gary & Sue Jacobs, Neil & Janice Jensen, Cliff & Jeannie Kiser Jensen, Coley & Nancy Kiser, Clark & Robin Lehr, Cindy Lisko, Janet Lyon, Terry & Beth Millard, Louise Moran, Mary Norton, John & Nila Novotny, John & Marilyn Petersen, Carrie Prokopec, Andrew & Elizabeth Purinton, Doug & Deb Rasby, Gary Robertson, Peg Rupprecht, Sam & Deanna Scheidegger, Chuck & Pat Scheuneman, Calvin & Alison Wagner, Brenda & John Wardman, Ardell & Marcene Wurdeman

Membership & Growth Update

By Wilma Arp, Membership & Growth Committee

The Membership & Growth Committee would like to share the most recent membership numbers pertaining to changes that have taken place since January 2018 to the ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS of the Federated Church.

A subcommittee was formed in January to address the inaccuracies of our Active Membership Roll that is reported to on an annual basis to calculate our Presbyterian per capita and Living Waters Association payments. When the subcommittee began the process in January there were multiple "lists" that needed to be researched, contacts that had to be made by mail, phone and emails and time for a response from individuals that were in question. The sub-committee made every effort to communicate with individuals and explain the task that was before us and the need to start shifting some individuals from ACTIVE, to RESERVE (old "inactive" roll) and to move other individuals from RESERVE (old "inactive" roll) to DROPPED (non-member). It should be noted that those individuals that agreed to be moved to the Reserve Roll understood that the Church Constitution defines the process that the committee was using. All Reserve Roll members will be tracked for three years and notified again in three years of their current status. At that time those individuals will be informed they are in jeopardy of being dropped due to continued inactivity - lack of attendance, donations or lack of church volunteerism in any capacity.

As of March 2018, 106 individuals have been moved from the Active Roll to the Reserve Roll and 97 Reserve Roll individuals have been dropped to Non-Member status. That brings our current Active Membership Roll count to 333 as of 03/31/2018.

These two lists are available in the church office. The Membership and Growth Committee is developing new procedures that will be adopted by the Governing Council that will include a section to include the duty of reviewing both the Active Membership Roll and the Reserve Member Roll each October in order to provide the most accurate membership numbers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the sub-committee: Wilma Arp, Steve McClure, Bob Trautwein and Pastor Edward Yang.

Meals on Wheels

Thank you to the volunteers who worked around a busy week Jan. 29 - Feb. 2. Our next week of service will be **April 9 - 13**. Watch the Sunday Bulletins for more info! - Thanks! Renee

Cookies 'N More

Looking for Co-Chairs!!

We are looking for people to help co-chair the annual Cookies 'N More on November 15, 2018. Anyone who is interested should contact Rogalyn Stevens. rogalynrr@gmail.com 402-563-2332

Center For Survivors

Please call ahead if you have questions 402-563-1719

Household Items: Garbage bags, cleaning supplies, dish towels/wash cloths, paper plates and plastic-ware.

Personal Care Items: Toilet paper, toothbrushes/toothpaste, paper towels, tissues, feminine hygiene products.

Children's Items: Diapers, wipes, baby lotions.

Platte County Food Pantry

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in the following items: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, All Soups, Spaghetti Sauce, Jell-O, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Pancake Mixes, Bar Soap, Applesauce, Canned Pasta, Diced Tomatoes, Dry Pasta, Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Pudding, Saltine Crackers, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pancake Syrup, Toilet Paper

Platte Valley Humane Society



The Platte Valley Humane Society has a donation receptacle in the northwest entrance of the Federated Church. Requested items are: **April:** Dish Soap, 13 Gallon Trash Bags
May: 30 Gallon Trash Bags, Liquid Hand Soap

Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

4/13: Brian & Heidi Klevemann 5/11: Judy Temme & Ruth Schlobohm 6/8: Karen Paben 7/13: Deb Curry & Julie McClure

May 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | 1 7:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group 10:15am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 | 2 3:00pm Wed Youth After School 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 3 5:30pm YM Teachers Meeting 6:15pm Boy Scouts Roundtable 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service | 4 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service | 5 |
| 6 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Adult Bible Education 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship 6:00pm Confirmation Class | 7 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Committee Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212 7:00pm CM Teachers Meeting | 8 7:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group 10:15am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 | 9 1:00pm Needlecraft Prayer Ministry 3:00pm Wed Youth After School 6:30pm H.I.S Puppet Ministry Practice 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 10 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service | 11 8:30am MOPS Meeting 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service | 12 9:00am Fantastic 4-Hrs |
| 13 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Adult Bible Education 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship | 14 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212 | 15 7:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group 10:15am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Property & Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 | 16 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting 3:00pm Wed Youth After School 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting | 17 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service | 18 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service | 19 |

April 2018

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| 15 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Adult Bible Education 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship | 16 12:00pm BIG PALS-Little Pals 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212 | 17 7:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group 10:15am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Property & Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 | 18 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting 3:00pm Wed Youth After School 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Youth Club | 19 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service | 20 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service | 21 |
| 22 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Adult Bible Education 12:00pm Bridal Shower 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship 6:00pm Confirmation Class | 23 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212 | 24 7:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group 10:15am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 | 25 8:30am VBS Planning Meeting 3:00pm Wed Youth After School 6:30pm H.I.S Puppet Ministry Practice 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 26 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service | 27 9:00am MOPS Steering Meeting 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service | 28 |
| 29 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Adult Bible Education 11:30am Potluck Dinner 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship | 30 10:00am PEO 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212 | | | | | <div>More Articles on Next Page</div> |

Upcoming Sundays

April 29

Children's Sunday and
5th Sunday Potluck

May 13

Youth Flower Sale in Narthex
after Worship Service

May 20

Graduation Sunday
& Choir Recognition

2018 Address Directories

2018 Address Directories are still in production. Please inform Chrissy of any input for these directories you may have - cford@federatedcolumbus.org or (402) 564-2812.

Nairobi, Kenya Mission

Julie Graham and Katie Claus are going to Nairobi, Kenya to facilitate setting up a mission site there. This is not an alumni trip, they are going at their own expense. Would you like to help? They would appreciate pencils, markers, color books, crayons, jump ropes, etc. to take to the children. Anything light weight would be much appreciated! They are leaving April 30th.

Tuesday Morning Discussion Group

Beginning May 1st, the group will read 12 RULES FOR LIFE by Jordan B Peterson. The author promises to transform and ennoble the mind and spirit of the readers. The Discussion Group meets Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM. in Fellowship Hall. Light breakfast is served. You are invited to visit a time or two to learn if this is the kind of group interaction you would enjoy. Contact Bob Trautwein 402 910 4341 for information.

Women's Fellowship Circles



Circle 1: Co-leaders:

Sharyn Beard 402-606-4244

Jean Royer 402-564-8012

Circle 1 9:30 A.M. Meetings for 2018

Mar. 21: Hostess: Pat Scheuneman
Lesson: Linda McPhail

Apr. 18: Hostess: Kay Castner
Lesson: Sue McClure

May 16: Hostess: Jean Royer
Lesson: Sharyn Beard

June: No Meeting

July: No Meeting

Aug.: No Meeting

Sept. 19: Hostess: Charlotte Lambert
Lesson: Kay Castner

Oct. 17: Hostess: Sue McClure
Lesson: Jean Royer

Nov. 14: Hostess: Sharon Kuncel
Lesson: Anita Hahn
(Please note, 2nd Weds.!)

Dec. 19: Traditions (Charlotte Lambert)
Lesson: Anita Hahn

Women's Fellowship Restructuring Committee

Sue McClure
Rogalyn Stevens
Joie Taylor
Linda Wheatley



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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|---|------|
| Elena Purinton, Norma Schaufelberger | 4/15 |
| Garrett Hahn | 4/16 |
| Marcia Grant | 4/17 |
| Danielle Frieze, Elizabeth Johnson, Sarah Wurdeman | 4/18 |
| Sid Gaeth | 4/19 |
| Mitchell Wachter, Guy Wheatley | 4/20 |
| Mitchell Griffith | 4/21 |
| Evan Dewald | 4/22 |
| Adam Claus, David Garcia, Margo Hammans, Jacob Johnson, Ronald Novak | 4/23 |
| Roger Churchill | 4/24 |
| Grace Walters | 4/26 |
| Alyse Wolfe | 4/27 |
| Nolan Arps | 4/28 |
| Libby Hammans | 4/29 |
| Donna Augspurger | 5/1 |
| Nick Whitney | 5/2 |
| Fred Bellum | 5/3 |
| Tylea Molt | 5/4 |
| Jan Dannelly, Kristen Gausman | 5/5 |
| Bonnie Brown, Tammi Hempstead, Joie Taylor | 5/6 |
| Shaylynn Meyer | 5/7 |
| Gabrielle Karmann, Gail Mead, Stacey Miller | 5/10 |
| Tammi Gotschall | 5/11 |
| Dale Dannelly, Doug Williams | 5/14 |
| Crystal Baldwin, Connor Higgins | 5/15 |

Don't see your birthday in our list above? Find an error?
Contact the church office and let us know!

Federated Church Finance-at-a-Glance

Recap of financial transactions for March 2018

The following information is a brief description of transactions for the previously completed month. Complete records are available in the church office upon request.

Income - March 2018

Contributions, Etc.:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Current Year | \$24,534.12 |
| Future Year Transfer | \$8,542.10 |
| Memorials | \$1,830.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$2.00 |
| Sale of Books | \$10.00 |

Designated Funds (Savings):

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| One Great Hour of Sharing | \$681.83 |
| Hastings College | \$100.00 |
| Mission Trip | \$874.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$463.00 |
| Youth Fund | \$588.01 |
| Alumni Mission Trip | \$25.00 |

Interest Income:

| | |
|----------|---------|
| Memorial | \$2.02 |
| Checking | \$0.44 |
| Savings | \$29.53 |

Expenses - March 2018

General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

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|--|-------------|
| Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses | \$38,552.40 |
|--|-------------|

Designated Funds (Savings):

| | |
|---|------------|
| Youth Fund | \$706.66 |
| Mission Trip | \$464.53 |
| Building Maintenance (EC Nov '17 Flood) | \$4,180.00 |
| Tuesday Morning Book Discussion | \$337.04 |
| Helping Hands-Non-Members | \$322.00 |

Checking Account Balance Ending February 28, 2018: \$9,885.15

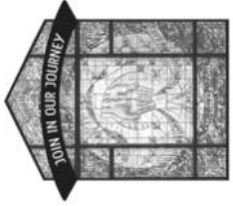
Savings Account Balance Ending February 28, 2018: \$151,043.97

Memorial Account Balance Ending February 28, 2018: \$28,546.72

Checking Account Balance Ending March 31, 2018: \$3,504.22

Savings Account Balance Ending March 31, 2018: \$139,100.02

Memorial Account Balance Ending March 31, 2018: \$30,378.74



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