



# FEDERATED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## Worship Services:

*Thursdays at 6:30PM*

*Sundays at 10 AM*

## Education Hour

(Sunday School, Adult Education and  
Confirmation Classes):

*Sundays at 9AM*

**PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR FOR OTHER  
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS!**

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**See inside for upcoming activities  
in April and May at Federated!**

## From the Pastor's Desk

[based on homily shared at final 2019 Lenten Lunch]

"Are we there yet?" If you have ever been on a road trip with children, it is something you would have heard repeated countless times. It can get downright annoying. But if we can get past the repetitiveness, then maybe we can recognize a longing for something more than knowing how near the destination is.

In Hebrews 11:8-16, Abraham, Sarah and others are presented as exemplars of the faith who are seeking a destination. In Genesis 12:1, God instructed Abram (before his name change) to "Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you." Abraham obeyed: "He went out without knowing where he was going." (Hebrews 11:8)

It takes courage to leave what is familiar and enter the unknown. My family came to the U.S. from South Korea when my brother and I were very young – I was six years old while my brother was close to his fourth birthday. I did not appreciate what my parents went through until the tail end of my teenage years. After years of complaining about not getting what I wanted, I realized how much my parents had given up for the sake of my brother and me. They came to a new country without knowing the language or culture. Yet, they worked hard to start a new life here. They did things that I am not sure if I would have been able to do. For example, as recent immigrants, they owned and operated a diner in a rough part of downtown Los Angeles. Along with a high level of crime in the area, my parents faced the challenges of doing things they were not familiar with. My dad worked in the front of the diner as waiter taking orders with his broken English while my mom worked in the back as cook making American diner dishes.

## From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

It is hard to imagine how they managed, especially since my mom does not eat meat and would not have known what even a hamburger is supposed to taste like. When I asked her how she cooked American food, my mom said she had to learn quickly because it had to be done. I am sure there are many stories within our congregation of ancestors who immigrated to the U.S. and worked hard to start a new life for their family.

"Are we there yet?" Abraham was not content with settling in the land that God promised (Hebrews 11:9). He lived as a nomad with his descendants. Abraham was longing for a home that is not of this world (verse 10). Similarly, there are two allegorical tales that have been formative in my spiritual life. As a young Christian, I read John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. This classic novel describes the winding journey of the main character, Christian, in overcoming numerous trials and temptations to reach his destination – the Celestial City.

The other story is Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy*, which I read for a doctoral seminar. In this epic poem, Dante (as the main character) travels through many levels of hell and purgatory before ascending to Paradise.

The two stories provide insights to our spiritual journey. In *Pilgrim's Progress*, Christian and his companion, Hopeful, arrive close to their final destination. In order to reach the Celestial City, they need to cross the River of Death. The depth of the river changes based on the level of one's faith in Christ. When Christian initially steps in, he sinks and is afraid that he will drown. Yet, Hopeful reminds him of God's promises, specifically that when we pass through the waters, God will be with us (Isaiah 43:2). From that point, Christian is able to get his head above the water and reach shore. They reach their final destination. Like Abraham, our true home is not "the country we had left" but rather "the heavenly country" (Hebrews 11:15-16).

In the *Divine Comedy*, Dante experiences a beatific vision as he reaches the gates of Paradise. It is the love of his earthly life, Beatrice, who welcomes him into heaven. This is a reminder that God has blessed us with many joys and loves in this world, which are a foretaste of the great joy and love we will experience for eternity.

## From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

Likewise, Sarah and Abraham received God's promise – specifically of having children (Hebrews 11:11). While the promise was fulfilled on earth, there was a complete fulfillment in heaven.

The starting point of our spiritual journeys are varied. Some of you might be cradle Christians, attending church from time you were in your mother's womb. Other, like myself, came to know Christ as a young person after some years of wandering. And there might be even some who came to Christ as an older adult. For each of these, we can give God thanks because we are seeking the same destination. We are “looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God” (Hebrews 11:10). With that sense of longing, I will ask one more time, “Are We There Yet?”

Thanks be to God!

*Edward*

Hebrews 11:8-16 (Common English Bible)

**8** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. **10** He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **11** By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. **12** So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. **13** All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. **14** People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. **15** If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. **16** But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.

## *Holy Week Services:*

**Maundy Thursday, April 18,  
6:30pm**

Worship Service  
with Communion and Choir

**Good Friday, April 19, Noon**

Reflection upon the  
Stations of the Cross  
at Grace Episcopal

**Easter Sunday, April 21, 10:00am**

Easter Service  
with Choir, Bells and Brass

## Walk to Jerusalem

**A quick reminder:** Walk to Jerusalem ends on Easter. Make sure you are sending in your miles/minutes weekly! As of 10 am on the 11th, we only have 2,990 miles to get to Jerusalem. Let's finish strong! Remember, 2000 steps or 20 minutes of activity is equal to one mile!

## Easter Flower Delivery

OSA will be delivering the left over Easter flowers to retirement communities on the Tuesday after Easter, April 23rd. Please make sure you take your flowers with you after service on Easter Sunday if you want them. They will not have stickers on them, so try to remember what you ordered.

## Meals on Wheels

Thank you Cec Bartholomew and the many generous volunteers who delivered March 25th - 29th. Federated's next week of service will be June 3rd - 7th. Coordinator will be Charlotte Lambert 402-910-6640 or 402-564-5834.

*Health issues have taken a toll on some of our faithful deliverers, so we are in need of new ones. It can be one day, a week or more. I usually takes an hour or less. Please call Renee at 402-563-2441 for more information.*

## Center for Survivors

The following items are requested at the Center:

Deodorant, Hair Brushes, Toothbrushes/Toothpaste, Lotion, Toilet Paper, Shampoo/Conditioner, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Feminine Products, Diapers, Baby Lotion, Ziploc Bags, Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Supersaver, Hy-Vee, Walgreens, Gas cards, etc.), Batteries, Aluminum Foil

## Platte County Food Pantry

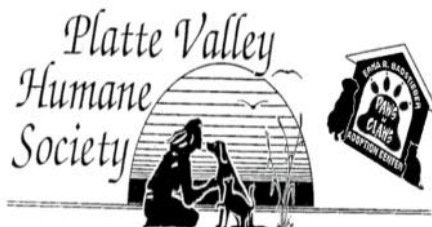
We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in the following items: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, All Soups, Spaghetti Sauce, Jell-O, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Pancake Mixes, Bar Soap, Applesauce, Canned Pasta, Diced Tomatoes, Dry Pasta, Canned Fruit,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

## Platte Valley Humane Society

The Platte Valley Humane Society is privileged to have a donation receptacle in the northwest entrance of the Federated Church. Requested items are:

**April:** Dish Soap, Trash Bags

**May:** 30 Gallon Trash Bags, Liquid Hand Soap



## Married Duo Performs in Columbus

Married couple, Kevin and Heidi Cheng are bringing their musical talents to Columbus this Spring. They will be performing their piano/violin duet at the First United Methodist Church on Friday April 12th and at Federated Church on May 16th after our Thursday night service. Previously, they also held a performance at Meridian Gardens.

They contacted us after hearing about the historic floods in our area. These performances will be free-will donation to help flood victims who are suffering from devastating losses.

## Registration for Camps

It's getting close to the end of the school year, and all of us parents know what that means! SUMMER CAMP! Make sure to get all your info about Kamp Kaleo and Camp Calvin Crest, including up-to-date camp dates, registration materials and any other information you require, on their websites: [www.kampkaleo.com](http://www.kampkaleo.com) and [calvincrest.org](http://calvincrest.org)

Also, there is an awesome financial resource that has been underused in recent years. You can ask the Office Staff or anyone from the Endowment Committee about the Flossie Watson Fund, which helps with registration fees to either of these camps!

## 2019 Vacation Bible School

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School at First United Methodist this summer, June 3rd through the 7th. To find more information, please go to FUMC's website: [www.columbusfumc.com](http://www.columbusfumc.com) or contact the church's office at 402-564-8463.



# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>14</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	<b>16</b> 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Church Yard Cleanup 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Ministry Practice 7:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	<b>19</b> 12:00pm Church Office Closes at Noon 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:00am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	<b>23</b> 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Ministry Practice 7:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	<b>26</b> 9:00am MOPS Leadership Meeting 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	<b>27</b> 10:00am Bridal Shower for Aaron Scheffler's Bride (Sam Kinney)
<b>28</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>29</b> 10:00am PEO - Lee Augustin 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	<b>30</b> 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Governing Council Meeting				



# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>6</b> 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Committee Meeting 6:30pm CM Teachers Meeting 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	<b>7</b> 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group 11:00am All Staff Luncheon Meeting 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School 5:30pm YM Teachers Meeting 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279	<b>1</b> 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Ministry Practice 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Youth Club	<b>2</b> 6:15pm Order of the Arrow Roundtable 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	<b>4</b>
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# FEDERATED CYF

## Children, Youth & Families



Photos from Taste of Federated  
(March 31, 2019)



### Upcoming Events

*May 5*

**Confirmation  
Sunday** - join the  
celebration of  
youth confirming  
their baptism and  
becoming  
members of our  
church

*May 12* **Mother's  
Day Flower Sale** -  
youth summer  
mission team will  
be selling long  
stem roses as a  
fundraiser

*May 19*

**Graduation  
Sunday** - we will  
rejoice with our  
high school  
seniors as they  
enter their next  
phase of life

## **Nursery Attendant Needed**

Church Nursery Attendant Needed to care for children ages 0-3 on Sunday mornings. Please contact Rev. Edward, [edward@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:edward@federatedcolumbus.org)/(402) 564-2812, with questions and send resumes Attn: Rev. Edward to Federated's P.O. Box 564, Columbus, NE 68602 More information on the church webpage: <http://federatedcolumbus.org/wp-content/uploads/Federated-Church-Nursery-Attendant-Job-Posting.pdf>

## **Recycling Help Requested**

While we explore various options for recycling, the Church Office needs your help! If you recycle at home and would be willing to take some of the church's paper and/or cardboard to include with your curbside recycling, please stop by the church office. If you are aware of a community resource for cardboard and/or paper recycling, please call the church office (402) 564-2812 and speak with Jim Rains. Thank you!

## **Tuesday Morning Book Discussion**

The book, "A Glad Obedience, Why and What we Sing" by Walter Brueggemann, will be the next book to be reviewed at the Tuesday morning Christian Book Discussion. The author examines 15 popular hymns and explores the reasons they recast the world in which we live.

Copies of this book are available at Amazon.com. We meet every Tuesday morning at 7 AM in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to join us!

## B-I-N-G-O

**Ladies:** We are seeking names of who would like to be called IF and WHEN additional help is needed on 4th Wednesdays (2:00 - 3:00) Bingo. It would not be an every month call, but a 'just in case'. Prizes are always provided by the circles. The sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary. *Thanks for your help, PW Women*

### Women's Fellowship Restructuring Committee

Sue McClure  
Rogalyn Stevens  
Joie Taylor  
Linda Wheatley

### Garage Sale Co-Chairs

Federated Church is seeking volunteers to Co-Chair this years garage sale, July 8th starts prep, the sale is on July 13th. Please contact Linda Wheatley if you are interested 402-276-0215 or lwheatley@neb.rr.com

## Funeral Committee Information

**Funeral Committee 2:** Co-Chairpersons: John & Deb Curry, Steve & Marcia Dewald, Larry & Sue Mares, Guy & Linda Wheatley

**Members:** Diane Barbarglia, Liz Boettcher, Gary & Dana Brandt, Jane Crister, JoAnn Dowd, Mimi Ernst, Jose & Trinidad Garcia, Jeff & Tami Gotschall, Gene & Cola Hahn, Fonda Hanks, Whit Hanner, Cindy Hoadley, Terry & Andree Hoeman, Leroy & Brenda Kallweit, Ron & Charlotte Lambert, Herman & Beryldean Lauterbach, Ruth Lind, John Lohr, John & Julie McClure, Kevin & Mary Meyer, Bryon & Peg Meyer, Diane Scheffler, Donna Shreve, Kim Swierczek, Clark & Lori Smith, Joe & Marilyn Srb, Paula & Rebecca Timperley, Doug & Randi Williams, Drew & Kristi Wolfe, Gail Wurdeman

## Cen7ter Volunteers

This Spring we have two 19 year olds volunteering from ESU7's Cen7ter Department. This department is designed to assist students with developmental disabilities to gain life skills, social skills and work training.

Our first volunteer is Katie. Katie lives in Albion with her parents and older sister. Her favorite things to do are taking care of her cats, Coco and Ponyo, and playing music on her recorder. She is a huge fan of the Disney Princesses!



Our second volunteer is Ty. Ty is the oldest of three siblings who live with their parents in Shelby. He enjoys watching videos on iPads and his family also owns a cat.

So, if you see these two around, make sure you say hi and wave, and let them know their help is appreciated! We are truly blessed to have such wonderful helpers this Spring!



Norma Schaufelberger	4/15
Garrett Hahn	4/16
Marcia Grant	4/17
Danielle Frieze, Elizabeth Johnson	4/18
Sid Gaeth	4/19
Guy Wheatley	4/20
Mitchell Griffith	4/21
Evan Dewald	4/22
Adam Claus, Anjel Garcia, Margo Hammans, Jacob Johnson, Ronald Novak	4/23
Grace Walters	4/26
Alyse Wolfe	4/27
Libby Hammans	4/29
Donna Augspurger	5/1
Fred Bellum	5/3
Jan Dannelly, Kristen Gausman	5/5
Tammi Hempstead, Joie Taylor	5/6
Shaylynn Meyer	5/7
Gail Mead, Stacey Miller	5/10
Tammi Gotschall	5/11
Dale Dannelly, Doug Williams	5/14
Crystal Baldwin	5/15
Happy belated birthday to Josh Bates!	3/29

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 2019

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 2019

##### Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$23,337.17
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##### Designated Funds (Savings):

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$245.00
Easter Flowers	\$167.00
Love Gift	\$2690.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$1,178.00
Youth Fund	\$25.00
Building Mntc.	\$5,750.00
Tuesday Morning Book	\$38.00
Disaster Relief	\$175.00

##### Interest Income:

Memorial	\$5.12
Checking	\$2.00
Savings	\$127.21

#### Expenses - March 2019

##### Annual Budget Expenses:

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$37,980.82
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##### Savings Expenses:

Youth Fund (Triennium)	\$2,630.00
Food Pantry (Souper Bowl Sunday)	\$170.00
Youth Mission Trip-Pizza Supplies	\$256.50
Love Gift ( Annika)	\$2,516.00
Sanctuary Project	\$6,925.00
Helping Hands - Non-Member	\$100.00

**Checking Account Balance Ending February 28, 2019: \$14,763.11**

**Savings Account Balance Ending February 28, 2019: \$104,113.58**

**Memorial Account Balance Ending February 28, 2019: \$30,050.18**

**Checking Account Balance Ending March 31, 2019: \$5,413.50**

**Savings Account Balance Ending March 31, 2019: \$106,852.27**

**Memorial Account Balance Ending March 31, 2019: \$30,225.30**

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