

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

FEDERATED NEWS

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**WE WELCOME ALL
TO JOIN US ON
CHRISTMAS EVE
TO CELEBRATE
CHRIST'S BIRTH
IN STORY, SCRIPTURE AND
SONG!**

THURSDAY, DEC. 14TH

BLUE CHRISTMAS

CHILI SUPPER 5:30 PM

WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, DEC. 17TH

WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 am

WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

CAROLING 11:30 AM - 3 pm

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

SOUP SUPPER AND CAROL SING

FELLOWSHIP HALL, 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, DEC. 24TH

MORNING SERVICE WITH CAROLS

& CHOIR 9:30 am

FAMILY SERVICE 5 pm

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH

COMMUNION & CHOIR 7 pm

MONDAY, DEC. 25TH

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

DINNER 1 pm

RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RIDE TO DINNER

OR A MEAL DELIVERY,

PLEASE CALL 402-564-2812

BEFORE NOON ON DEC. 22ND.

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Jesus' beginning was humble and uneventful – while a lot of people might have seen the bright star over Bethlehem, that did not mean that there was a crowd at the manger. Jesus, like human leaders throughout all of time, had to have certain leadership traits, but people also needed time for trust in him to be built and time to experience his compassion and teaching.

There is a lot of disappoint in leadership today. Misconduct and rancor dwell beside just plain rudeness, which has somehow become acceptable, even from the highest civic offices in the land.


Churches and church leaders are not exempt from people's disappointment. Scandals in Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Evangelical churches have sad histories of leaders who disappointed people, too. People also have very mixed feelings about the influences between leadership in secular and religious spheres.

We expect that people achieve leadership positions by showing commitment, good character, and fortitude over the long haul. We sometimes say that someone is a "natural born leader," because she or he has inherent leadership traits, but time is also needed for trust to be built and experience to be gained.

The arrival of Jesus — *where* he arrived — and *how* he arrived — as an infant as vulnerable as any of us — was something of a disappointment. Most people who expected the Messiah to arrive in the pomp and circumstance of royalty, or the triumphant victory of a political or military conqueror.

Because of Jesus — his unique arrival and his even more unique life — Christians should expect things to be "shaken up." Ours is a faith of surprises – Mary was surprised by Gabriel, Joseph was surprised by life, the Apostle Paul was surprised on the road to Emmaus. The difference between Jesus' surprising life — and Mary's, and Joseph's and Paul's — was that they did not live for themselves. Their leadership, sometimes public (Jesus and Paul), sometimes private (Mary and Joseph), was not to build themselves up. It was to glorify God, and to be a part of building God's reign of justice, peace, and love.

At Christmas, we celebrate Jesus' birth, which was a unique kind of leadership of the world. It was humble leadership. It was vulnerable leadership. It showed people God's love. Let's look for that in one another — at Christmas — and always.



FEDERATED CYF

Children, Youth & Families

by Edward Yang



Preparing for Christmas

Advent is a season of waiting. The word “advent” refers to *arrival*. As we wait for Christ to arrive, we can do so in an active way. We have been reminded on numerous occasions of how blessed to receive from others. Whether it is the gift of life from our parents (as we celebrated Nov. & Dec. birthdays in our Children’s Ministry, pictured below left) or a delicious meal from Women’s Fellowship (as we enjoyed at our Wednesday After-School, pictured below right), we recognize that all good gifts ultimately come from God (James 1:17).

We are also blessed to share. Confirmants prepared and dropped off meals for 25 people at the Columbus Rescue Mission on December 8th (picture above). And our youth group is making preparations to serve in the next summer mission trip 2018.

I hope you can join in our active waiting - through receiving and sharing God’s blessings - particularly with our upcoming Christmas Pageant and All Church Christmas Caroling (details in sidebar).

Upcoming Events

December 17th
(Sun) 9:30am
Christmas Pageant during morning worship

December 17th
(Sun)
11:30am-3pm
All Church Christmas Caroling - We will stop by McD’s for lunch and then visit senior centers & homebound members to share Christmas joy! All are invited.



Sunday, December 17th
Children's Christmas Pageant
9:30 AM Sunday Worship Service
All Church Christmas Caroling
from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Soup Supper and Sing-a-long

The Worship and Music Committee will be hosting a soup supper and Carol Sing, in the Fellowship Hall, on **Thursday, December 21st, at 6:30 PM.**



Families are invited to come and have soup and sing, in place of the Thursday evening service. Please put this event on your calendar!



Christmas Eve Services

December 24th

**Morning Service with
Carols & Choir 9:30 AM**

Family Service 5 PM

**Candlelight Service with
Communion & Choir 7 PM**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 14 @ 6:30 PM

Blue Christmas

at Federated Church

Pastor Adam Lassen preaching

December 17

Christmas Pageant

9:30 AM Worship Service

Family Christmas Caroling

from 11:30 AM - 3 PM

December 21 @ 6:30 PM

Carol Sing & Soup Supper

Fellowship Hall

December 24

Christmas Eve

9:30 AM Morning Service with

Carols & Choir

5 PM Family Service

7 PM Candlelight Service with

Communion & Choir

January 7

Epiphany & Sunday School Resumes

January 14

Ordination & Installation of Officers

Chaplain Ted Speaking 10:45 AM

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion

"The Age of the Spirit" by Phyllis Tickle is the next book for the Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group. You are encouraged to join us at 7:00 AM for a light breakfast and a thought-provoking discussion in the Fellowship Hall. The book can be ordered online from Amazon.com for \$11.75. Contact Bob Trautwein (402 910 4341) for more information.

2018 All Church Book Read

2018 All Church Book Read has TWO options this year! One option is: 100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation by Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Wondering what you missed those many years ago in confirmation class? This accessible and thorough book can help! Another option is the book Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving. This book may challenge you, but it is worth it. Read one book or both — it's up to you. Both books will be on sale in December. Contact Rev. Annika if you have questions.

Annual Report Due Date

Committee Chairs, please remember reports for your committee are due in the Church office by Dec. 1st, unless other arrangements have already been made with the office staff. Thank you!!

Funeral Committee Information

Committee 4: Co-Chairpersons: **Sue & Steve McClure, D'Ete Haldiman, Brenda & Mike Sand, Judy & Bob Trautwein** **Members:** Don & Connie Anderson, Mike & Sharyn Beard, Rod & Georgia Behlen, Tom & Sue Bernstein, Ronald & Stacey Brooks, Fred & Renee Bellum, Mark & Deb Dahlberg, Dale & Jan Dannelly, Chris & Laurretta Dixon, Jane Ellefson, Donna Engquist, Sharon Faulkner, Julie Graham, Steve & Rosie Heinisch, Genene Hurt, Barb Jennings, Carol Kaspar, Dave & Waunetta Keeler, Sharon Kuncel, Crystal Maly, Steve & Jackie Marker, Dave & Sheri Melick, Bob & Janie Meyer, Matt & Nicole Miller, Michael Mohr, Ervin & Karen Paben, Dean & Julie Pearsoll, Kevin & Lisa Perrin, Scott & Pam Purinton, Darlyn Reeder, Eileen Rosekrans, Terry & Holly Schultz, Karen Sentfen, Roger & Connie Spohn, Bobbie Uhlmann, Diane Wall, Dave & Gay Whitman

Lost and Found



These jackets are in the 'lost and found'. There is a lightweight men's jacket and a girl's medium weight jacket. Please inform the office if you know who these belong to.



Center For Survivors

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in:



December: Mittens/Gloves,
Hats, Boots, Coats
January: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels,
Laundry Soap

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:



December:
Kodak #30 Ink Cartridges
Black & Color, Copy Paper
January:
Paper Towels
Laundry Soap

Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

12/22/2017 - Gail Wurdeman & Nila Novotny

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 08:00 AM- Church Office Closed	2 07:00 AM-Tues. Morning Book Group 06:00 PM- Consonaires Rehearsal 07:00 PM-Cub Scouts Troop 279	3 06:30 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 06:30 PM-Puppet Practice 07:30 PM-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 07:30 PM-Youth Club	4 06:15 PM-Boy Scouts Roundtable 06:30 PM- Thursday Worship Service	5 09:00 AM- MOPS Steering Meeting 06:00 PM- Latino Prayer Service	6
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December 2017

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Women's Fellowship Circles



Circle 1: Sue McClure - 402-563-1803

Circle 2: Cec Bartholomew - 402-564-0264

Circle 4: Louise Moran - 402-564-5745

Women's Fellowship

Co-Moderators:

Cec Bartholomew, Rogalyn
Stevens & Charlotte Griffith

Immediate Past Moderator: Joie Taylor

Dec. 13: Circle 1: 9:30AM Hostess: Anita Hahn
at Traditions

Dec. 20: Circle 2: 1:00PM No Hostess Luncheon

American Heart Association Project

The Needlecraft Prayer Ministry is supporting the American Heart Association by knitting or crocheting red baby hats to give to babies born during American Heart Month in February. Congenital heart defects is the most common type of birth defect in the country.

If you would like to help us in this project, please contact Louise Moran for further information. Hats must be completed by December 31st.

Centennial T-shirt Request

Donna Augspurger is looking for any shirts from Federated's 2014 Centennial. She would like to use them for an upcoming project. If you have one/some, please contact her at 402-564-8413 or raugspurger001@neb.rr.com. Any size will work!

2X4's Dinner Group Sign Up Information

It's time to sign up for 2x4's again! This is a group designed to allow members to get to know each other in small groups with a relaxing evening of food and fellowship. For more information, call Bob at 402-910-4341, or email at rjtraut@yahoo.com. Fill out your sign up sheet found in the bulletin today!

Happy 150th Birthday Nebraska!

It's a good time to read about our state. We have several new books by Nebraska authors or Nebraska settings in the Women's Fellowship section of the church library on the east side of the room.

When checking out books from the Women's Fellowship bookcase please remove the card inside the front cover of the book, write your name and the date the book is due back (in 3 weeks) and place the card inside the red notebook.

When returning the book, please replace the card into the front cover of the book and reshel the book where it was located. For ladies participating in the Presbyterian Women's reading program, check the list of suggested reading for 2017-2018 inside the red notebook in that bookshelf.

The public library will have some of the books available that may not be in our church library. Those reading for credit in the reading program, reading 4 or more of the books, please turn your reading reports in to Marilyn Vrana by December 31.

We all owe a big thanks to Joie Taylor who spent many hours and did a great job organizing the church library.

Marilyn Vrana, Federated Women's book chairperson.

NEW!! Home Health Care Resource

A resource has been created to support families who are providing home health care for loved ones. This information includes brochures from local companies as well as a list of individuals certified to provide companion care and/or aid in the home and is available in the church office.

Order of St. Andrew

Rescue Mission Meals Thank You

Thank you to all who provided meals for the Rescue Mission in 2017. The Social Concerns and Mission Committee, with the Governing Council's approval, are staffing only the second Friday in 2018 which volunteers have already filled the dates. With the grocery store bakery departments providing bread products and desserts, it is not necessary to include those items when you plan a meal for the Rescue Mission.

***A very Merry Christmas from the Clergy
and Staff at Federated!!!***

***And a Safe
And
Happy New
Year!!!***

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Annika

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Jim Rains

Rejoice



Thank You, Class of 2017!

Thank you to the members below for serving! You are most appreciated and we are very grateful for your service!

President: Rick Porter

Governing Council: Heidi Klevemann, Paul Sanderson, Chris Dixon, Nila Novotny

Christian Ed: Sharyn Beard, Janet Lyon

Endowment: John Novotny

Membership & Growth: Dana Brandt, Karen Grabowski

Nominating Committee: Jesse Abrego, Gene Hahn, Julie Graham, Sue Mares

Personnel: Kathy Morris

Stewardship: Deb Curry

Worship & Music: Barb Olson

Youth Ministries: Paula Lange, Peg Meyer

Congratulations to all the following members who have been elected to committees the Governing Council, and Order of St. Andrew for the Class of 2020!

President: Dave Melick

Vice President: Bill Royer

Governing Council: Julie Graham, Wilma Arp, Linda Wheatley, Doug Williams

Christian Ed: Cindy Hoadley, Jan Pickrel

Endowment: Rick Porter

Membership & Growth: Steve McClure, Josh Bates

Nominating Committee: Katie Claus, Elizabeth Grisham, Rod Wachter, Chris Warren, Marilyn Vrana

Order of St. Andrew: Laura Porter, Peg Rupprecht

Personnel: Kathy Morris

Property & Finance: Mike Beard, Terry Hoeman

Social Concerns & Missions: Sunnie Yang

Stewardship: Joie Taylor

Worship & Music: Marcia Grant, Val Rathje

Youth Ministries: Cola Hahn, Rebecca Timperley



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Ellen Doughty	12/16
Daniel Johnson, Deb Rasby, Jackson Winslow	12/17
Cindy Hoadley	12/19
Kathy Leischner, Marvin Zoucha	12/20
Margaret Nyffeler, Hadlie Overhue, Elyena Perrin	12/21
Shawna Thompson	12/22
Rosie Heinisch	12/23
Jacqueline Hinds	12/25
Abbie Leischner	12/26
Sally MacFarland	12/28
Elizabeth Miller, Barbara Olson	12/29
John S. Lohr	12/31
Jeffrey Gotschall	01/01
Doris Van Diest	01/04
Chris Dixon, Kevin Grisham, Cliff Jensen	01/05
Mary Rasmussen, Holly Schultz	01/06
Max Porter	01/07
Janae Chochon	01/08
Kelli Anne Osterloo	01/09
Shelby Hughes, Jared Kallweit, Gail Mead, Nila Novotny, Harold Stevens	01/10
Denise Kallweit Jessica Leischner, Riel Whitney	01/11
Robert Busler, Audrey Grant, Claudia Kiser, Robert Mead	01/12
Carol Bennett, David Hoadley, Twila Keener, Danielle Winslow	01/14
Celine Perrin, Regan Rine, Daryl Smith	01/15

Don't see your birthday in our list above? Find an error?

Federated Church Finance-at-a-Glance

Recap of financial transactions for November 2017

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 - November 2017

Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$33,299.64
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Designated Funds (Savings):

Memorials	\$295.00
Ghana Partnership UCC	\$50.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$1,023.00
Poinsettias	\$406.30
Future Year Pledge	\$5,500.00
Alumni Mission Trip	\$125.00
Anniversary Fund (History Book sold)	\$10.00
Tuesday Morning Book Discussion	\$63.00
Disaster Relief	\$50.00
Helping Hands - Members	\$611.50
Misc. Income (Cookies N More Postage)	\$34.56

Interest Income:

Memorial	\$1.60
Checking	\$1.52
Savings	\$12.45

Expenses - November 2017

General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$38,065.94
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Designated Funds (Savings):

Study Leave Activities	\$2,521.00
Youth Fund	\$35.22
Building Mntc.(LED lights, Stove Elements)	\$2,625.70
Pastor's Discretion (Couple's Bibles)	\$144.65
Helping Hands-Non-Members	\$200.00

Checking Account Balance Ending October 31, 2017: \$29,421.93

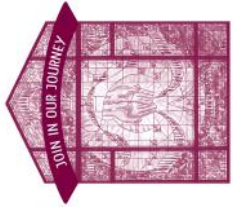
Savings Account Balance Ending October 31, 2017: \$75,161.46

Memorial Account Balance Ending October 31, 2017: \$24,506.01

Checking Account Balance Ending November 30, 2017: \$23,024.10

Savings Account Balance Ending November 30, 2017: \$83,419.36

Memorial Account Balance Ending November 30, 2017: \$24,439.27



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(details for events inside)

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