

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

# FEDERATED NEWS

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**DECEMBER 20 & 23**  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
WITH LESSONS AND CAROLS

**MONDAY, DEC. 24TH**  
5 PM FAMILY SERVICE  
8 PM CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE WITH  
COMMUNION & CHOIR

**TUESDAY, DEC. 25TH**  
COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS  
DINNER 1 pm

RESERVATIONS ARE NOT  
REQUIRED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RIDE OR A  
MEAL DELIVERY, PLEASE CALL  
402-564-2812  
BEFORE NOON ON DEC. 24TH.

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Thursday Worship  
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship  
at 10:00 AM

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Federated Church is a  
congregation of the Presbyterian  
Church (USA) and the United  
Church of Christ

## From the Pastor's Desk

**Dear Friends,**

Federated Church had the privilege this year to host both the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and the Blue Christmas Service. Both of these annual services are open to the community and are led by the clergy of Federated, First United Methodist, Grace Episcopal, and St. Luke's UCC churches.

If you have not had the opportunity to meet the clergy from First United Methodist, Grace Episcopal, and St. Luke's, I encourage you to do so. As you can see in the photo here, the smiles on my



and my colleagues' faces are genuine. We do sincerely enjoy one another's company — we laugh together and support each other in tough times.

**Rev. Cindi Stewart** (far left in photo), Senior Pastor of First United Methodist is a Nebraska native. Cindi worked in youth ministry for several years and attended seminary in Sioux Falls. **Pastor Joe Krepel** (far right in photo) of First United Methodist began his position at FUMC this past summer. He succeeds Rev. Seong, who took a call in Kansas. Pastor Joe worked in a Methodist church in Grand Island and grew up in Schuyler. **Rev. Jan With** (second to right in photo) is the priest at Grace Episcopal. Jan has had a long career in nursing, including tours in the military. She and Grace Episcopal are preparing for a visit from their bishop in March. Many of you know **Pastor Adam Lassen** (third from right in photo), who served as organist at St. Luke's for many years before being called to serve as a pastor.

Something that I very much appreciate about our ecumenical clergy group is the variety of ways that we have come to ministry.

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

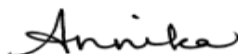
As it so happens, I am the only clergyperson in our group who followed a more-or-less traditional route to ordination as a minister ("traditional" meaning attending seminary within a few years of completing college). Pastor Adam, who has had a 20-year long career in nursing, and Pastor Joe, are both in lay ministry positions. Each of them is in a formation program of their denomination which supports them on their ministry journeys. As I mentioned above, Rev. Cindi worked in youth ministry. She attended seminary while also being married and raising her children. Rev. Jan was ordained in 2017, and has continued working in the nursing field while serving as Grace Episcopal's priest. Rev. Edward has much in common with our colleagues, as he worked for several years in youth ministry alongside his studies for a PhD. In a similar fashion to Rev. Cindi and Rev. Jan, Rev. Edward blended work in the church alongside his family life and studies before being ordained in 2016 to his call here at Federated.

I am grateful to the clergy who came before us, who set a precedent for collegiality and mutual understanding among each of our congregations. When clergy in a community know one another and have a commitment to work together, the whole community benefits. Though we each have our different traditions, we gather in services such as the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and the Blue Christmas Service in our common commitment to serve Christ and the larger community.

As we journey through the Advent season, I think ahead to the magi, who travelled from afar to bring a welcome and a greeting to Jesus and his family. They were, in a way, the first Christian ministers, because the magi responded to a call that they perhaps did not entirely understand, and they did not know where it might lead them.

As we dwell in a time in our country and in our world of stark divisions, misunderstanding, and when peace in our hearts and in our whole seems so hard to grasp, I find the joy of mutual forbearance, support, and Christian goodwill among my clergy colleagues from First United Methodist, Grace Episcopal, and St. Luke's UCC churches..

A very Merry Christmas to all and prayers for peace in God's world.



# FEDERATED CYF

## Children, Youth & Families

by Edward Yang



Photos from last year's Christmas activities; please join us this year!



### Upcoming Events

#### *Dec 16* **Christmas Pageant**

with children performing in Sunday worship. Event organized by Children's Ministry Staff & Christian Educ. Committee

#### *Dec 16 All* **Church Caroling**

- share the gift of joy and music with homebound members. Organized by Youth Ministry Committee

#### *Dec 24 5pm* **Christmas Eve Family Service**

- worship service geared for children & adults.



The following items  
are requested for the  
Center:

**Personal Care Items:**

- Deodorant
- Hair Brushes
- Toothbrushes/  
Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Feminine Products

**Children's Items:**

- Diapers
- Baby Lotion

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- Ziploc Bags
- Gift Cards (Wal-Mart,  
Supersaver, Hy-Vee,  
Walgreens, Gas cards, etc.)
- Batteries
- Aluminum Foil

For more information about how you can help, please contact:

Center for Survivors

3103 13th Street

P.O. Box 42

Columbus, NE 68602-0042

Phone: 402-564-2155

**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](http://federatedcolumbus.org/wp-content/uploads/Federated-Church-Nursery-Attendant-Job-Posting.pdf)



## Meals on Wheels

Thank you to the volunteers who delivered October 29 - November 2. Federated's next week of service is January 14 - 18, 2019.

Coordinator will be Renee Bellum 402-563-2441

## 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)  
Copier Paper

### **January:**

Paper Towels  
Laundry Soap

## New Book - Tuesday Morning Book Discussion

The book, "Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes" by E. Randolph Richards will be the next book to be reviewed at the Tuesday morning Christian Book Discussion. The author removes the cultural blinders of language, time and social mores to allow the reading of the Bible in fresh and unexpected ways.

Copies of this book are available at Amazon.com. Mark your calendars to meet with us at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, January 15th for breakfast and a stimulating discussion in Fellowship Hall. In preparation, read the introduction and first two chapters of the book.

## Annual Reports Due

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

## 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, Jeremy West, Doug & Randi Williams, Drew & Kristi Wolfe, Gail Wurdeman

# December 2018

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                                     | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| <b>9</b><br>9:00am Sunday School<br>9:00am Adult Bible Education<br>10:00am Worship Service / New Officer Installation<br>2:00pm New World Singers Holiday Concert<br>3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship | <b>10</b><br>5:15pm Special Olympics Basketball<br>7:00pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting<br>7:00pm Scouts Troop 212                 | <b>11</b><br>7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group<br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>11:30am OSA Prayer Chain Meeting<br>4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School<br>6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal<br>7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279   | <b>12</b><br>6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30pm Youth Club Choir Rehearsal                            | <b>13</b><br>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service | <b>14</b><br>8:30am MOPS Meeting<br>3:00pm Youth Activity - Rescue Mission Meal Prep<br>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service<br>7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Lock In | <b>15</b> |
| <b>16</b><br>9:00am Sunday School<br>9:00am Adult Bible Education<br>10:00am Worship Service / Christmas Pageant<br>3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship   | <b>17</b><br>9:30am Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew with Joie Taylor<br>5:15pm Special Olympics Basketball<br>7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 | <b>18</b><br>7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group<br>4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School<br>6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal<br>6:30pm Property & Finance Committee Meeting<br>7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Christmas Party | <b>19</b><br>9:30am Circle 1 Meeting<br>6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30pm Youth Club Choir Rehearsal | <b>20</b><br>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service | <b>21</b><br>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service  | <b>22</b> |
| <b>23</b><br>10:00am Worship Service<br>3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship   | <b>24</b><br>5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Worship Service<br>8:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service                               | <b>25</b><br>Church Office Closed  | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service | <b>28</b><br>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service  | <b>29</b> |
| <b>30</b><br>10:00am Worship Service<br>3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship   | <b>31</b>  |  |  |  |  |           |



## January 2019

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                                   | Saturday  |
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| <div> <div>More Articles on Next Page</div> <div>→</div> </div>   |   | <b>1</b><br>Church Office Closed   | <b>2</b><br>6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal                       | <b>3</b><br>6:13pm Order of the Arrow Roundtable<br>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service | <b>4</b><br>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b><br>9:00am Adult Bible Education<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship Service<br>3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship  | <b>7</b><br>5:15pm Special Olympics Basketball<br>7:00pm Scouts Troop 212<br>7:00pm CM Teachers Meeting | <b>8</b><br>7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group<br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>11:30am OSA Prayer Chain Meeting<br>4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School<br>6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal<br>6:30pm Christian Education and Youth Ministry Committee Meeting<br>7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting<br>7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 | <b>9</b><br>6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30pm Youth Club  | <b>10</b><br>5:30pm YM Teachers Meeting<br>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service          | <b>11</b><br>8:30am MOPS Meeting         | <b>12</b> |
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## **Thank You, Class of 2018!**

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

President: Dave Melick

Governing Council: Jeannie Jensen, Sharon Kunch, Rod Wachter

Christian Ed: Steve Heinisch, Lisa Perrin

Endowment: John Hahn, Gail Wurdeman

Membership & Growth: Marcia Dewald, Daryl Smith

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

Personnel: Dave Melick, John McPhail

Property & Finance: Pat Anderson, Sue McClure

Social Concerns & Missions: Sharon Kunch, Sue Mares

Stewardship: Ron Lambert

Worship & Music: Annette Griffith

Youth Ministry: Roland Augspurger

**Congratulations to all the following members who have been elected to committees, the Governing Council, and Order of St. Andrew for the Class of 2021!**

President: Bill Royer

Vice President: Marcia Grant

Governing Council: Gene Hahn, Judy Temme, Marv Zoucha

Christian Ed: Lori Rine, Marcene Wurdeman, Amanda Weeder

Endowment: Clark Grant, Gail Wurdeman

Membership & Growth: Annette Griffith, Nila Novotny

Nominating Committee: Deb Curry, Dave Melick, Peg Meyer, Mike Slizoski, Alison Wagner

Order of St. Andrew: Sharyn Beard, D'Ete Haldiman-Kluck, Sharon Kunch

Personnel: John McPhail

Property & Finance: Melanie Knoepfle, David Lange

Social Concerns & Missions: Lia Grant, Paula Lange, Ruth Erwin

Stewardship: Roland Augspurger, Anita Hahn

Worship & Music: Carol Bennett, Wayne McCormick, Roberta Saalfeld

Youth Ministry: Heidi Klevemann, Lisa Perrin, Hailey Rathje

## 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**

**Dec. 19:** Hostess: Charlotte Lambert  
Lesson: Anita Hahn

## Women's Fellowship Restructuring Committee

Sue McClure  
Rogalyn Stevens  
Joie Taylor  
Linda Wheatley

## 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*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Ellen Doughty   | 12/16 |
| Deb Rasby, Jackson Winslow  | 12/17 |
| Cindy Hoadley   | 12/19 |
| Kathy Leischner, Marvin Zoucha  | 12/20 |
| Margaret Nyffeler, Elyena Perrin  | 12/21 |
| Shawna Thompson   | 12/22 |
| Rosie Heinisch  | 12/23 |
| Sally MacFarland  | 12/28 |
| Elizabeth Miller, Barbara Olson   | 12/29 |
| Jeffrey Gotschall   | 01/01 |
| Chris Dixon, Kevin Grisham, Cliff Jensen                                  | 01/05 |
| Mary Rasmussen, Holly Schultz   | 01/06 |
| Max Porter  | 01/07 |
| Kelli Anne Osterloo   | 01/09 |
| Shelby Hughes, Jared Kallweit, Gail Mead,<br>Nila Novotny, Harold Stevens | 01/10 |
| Denise Kallweit, Jessica Leischner,<br>Riel Whitney                       | 01/11 |
| Audrey Grant, Claudia Kiser, Robert Mead                                  | 01/12 |
| Carol Bennett, David Hoadley,<br>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?  
Contact the church office and let us know!

## Federated Church Finance-at-a-Glance

### Recap of financial transactions for November 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 - November 2018

##### Contributions, Etc.:

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Current Year | \$22,749.87 |
|--------------|-------------|

##### Designated Funds (Savings):

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Memorials                       | \$50.00     |
| Christmas Joy                   | \$5.00      |
| Food Pantry                     | \$281.00    |
| Ghana Partnership               | \$80.00     |
| Habitat for Humanity            | \$200.00    |
| Youth Mission Trip              | \$680.00    |
| Poinsettias                     | \$261.00    |
| Operation Education             | \$530.00    |
| Building Maintenance            | \$200.00    |
| Future Year                     | \$26,500.00 |
| Tuesday Morning Book Discussion | \$21.00     |
| Helping Hands - Non-Members     | \$200.00    |

##### Interest Income:

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Memorial | \$3.71  |
| Checking | \$1.19  |
| Savings  | \$53.34 |

#### Expenses - November 2018

##### General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Committee, Administration,<br>Church Staff, Utilities/Facility<br>Expenses | \$33,770.92 |
|--|-------------|

##### Designated Funds (Savings):

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Helping Hands-Non-Members       | \$802.50 |
| Memorials - Music (Sheet Music) | \$352.05 |

**Checking Account Balance Ending October 31, 2018: \$29,118.04**

**Savings Account Balance Ending October 31, 2018: \$63,897.64**

**Memorial Account Balance Ending October 31, 2018: \$30,054.98**

**Checking Account Balance Ending November 30, 2018: \$6,716.75**

**Savings Account Balance Ending November 30, 2018: \$92,253.14**

**Memorial Account Balance Ending November 30, 2018: \$30,108.69**



FEDERATED FUN PAGE

God's Promises

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- HAPPINESS
- BLESSINGS
- JESUS
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- GODS WORD
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- COVERING
- HEALING
- PROVISION
- FINANCES

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

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

*Annika*  
*John*  
*John*  
*John*  
*John*



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