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Youth Mission Report

Mission trips are wonderful opportunities to see lives changed. More than the people who are being ministered to, it is members of the mission team who experience God working in special ways. For this month's Federated Church newsletter, several of our youth group members who went on this summer's mission trip will share their testimony. Due to length constraints, excerpts of their experiences have been included here. Before reading what they have to share, the following is some basic information about our trip.

The Federated Youth Summer Mission Team 2017 was comprised of three adults (Brenda S., Edward Y. & Max P.) and nine youth (Anjel G.L., Coden P., Ethan Y., Jessica S., Kaitlynn M., Lucas M., Meera L., Mitchell N. & Reagan G.). We met in the early morning of June 19th to join other church groups for SMC (Summer Mission Camp) organized by CO-OP513. That Monday was spent mostly on the road (1.5 hours to Lincoln, NE and 10 hours to Estes Park, CO). Our week was spent mostly at the YMCA facilities in Estes Park. Our final day of the trip (June 24th) was once again spent on the road: from Estes Park to Lincoln to Columbus.

Hope you enjoy reading what our youth have to share.

Edward

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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Meera Lange

On Tuesday morning, we got up and they told us each group had different tasks to do. We were the first group to be dropped off at a work site. When we got there, we reported to two adults who told us what we needed to do. As we started to work with each other we started to talk and get to know each other more. We scraped, stained, and painted ten benches. We had a little extra time so we walked across the lake and talked about how God was with us that day... On Saturday, we headed home and reflected on our week spent with God and one another.

Anjel Garcia Lopez

Here's where I saw God at work with people in SMC. For our first work project we had to refinish outdoor benches. We all thought that we were done but when our worksite leader told us we had to varnish everything one more time everyone complained. But I told them if we quit complaining and work together, we would be done faster. They all agreed, and we finished before 2 pm... On Thursday we went to our last worksite, and I thought it was amazing because we were challenged to work altogether to finish. My group had a challenge for who can pick up the most trash. The winner would get a prize. When we finished, everybody looked at me because I won the challenge. I liked being at SMC this year. It was fun and I got to meet new kids and adults.

Kaitlynn Meyer

During our mission trip in Estes Park, Colorado, we did a variety of things. Our morning schedule consisted of a half hour with God by ourselves, then breakfast and a quick instructional meeting for the day. We packed our lunches and went to our worksites Tuesday and Thursday. Wednesday was the day we went to Boulder, Colorado and gave hygiene packs to people who were struggling. The afternoon schedule consisted of 2 hours free time at the YMCA, where we were staying. Then, we had dinner, an evening activity, worship, and small group time where we reflected on the day's activities and the evening sermon... Worship time was the time I enjoyed best and thought I grew closer to God from the most. It consisted of modern faith related songs (similar to a praise band), a sermon, and a different way of taking communion every night. The different ways of taking communion was related to our theme for the week which was: The Table.

Lucas Miller

The mission trip had many different adventures this year that made it a brand new experience. Even though it was in Colorado again, we were at the YMCA in Estes Park instead of a ranch in Colorado Springs. This led to a much more advanced and polished facility. We helped around the camp and in the surrounding area. My favorite work was when we moved the landscaping rocks around so that we could put a tarp to prevent weeds from growing on the ground.

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Lucas Miller (continued from pg. 2)

It also was beautiful everywhere you looked. All directions showed the beauty of God's creation and that was a wonderful experience. Overall, I would probably go on the mission trip next year, just to see that unrivaled beauty again.

Mitchell Norris

My experience with the summer mission trips are always pretty positive, and this year was no exception. This year's mission trip was full of fun, friends, hard work, and God. My favorite part of any mission trip is meeting the new people I'll be spending the week with. They are always nice, friendly, and fun to hang around with... Finally, the scenery of Colorado showed to me the Lord's beauty in the world. The Rocky Mountains was a fantastic place to stare at nature and feel at peace. In the mornings, we had thirty minutes to be alone and connect with God. Every morning I would sit on a bench and look at the mountains. So overall, my experience with the summer mission trip was another positive one, and I am excited to go on more in the future.

Jessica Sand

My mission trip experience is one that I will never forget. Yes, making super cool tie-dye shirts, putting together puzzles and just looking at scenery was awesome. But the work that we did to help people was my favorite. We did a different work project every day and one day free to get closer to God with rest in the morning and shopping in the afternoon... This mission trip helped me with my faith journey because it helped me realize why I believe. I grew up going to church and believing in God just because it was what we did. The first time I actually thought about what faith meant was during confirmation. I actually started to listen to what God wanted me to do. And this mission trip just gave me so much more confidence in my faith. The emotional worships, powerful sermons, work projects and the amazing people I got to spend my week with are the reasons that my experience was so amazing.

Ethan Yang

SMC 2017 was a very nice experience that I had with God. It was one of the most meaningful events in my life. I was able to find God in my life again and was able to talk to God. I also met kids that have the same personality as I do and made some new friends. They were very shy and afraid meeting new kids, but when we got to know each other, we became good friends. There were times when we got mad at each other, but we resolved the situation quickly and had fun together... In the morning when we first woke up, we were encouraged to do something called MySpace which was a one-on-one time with God as we spent time reading the Bible and praying. As the first thing we did each day, we could think about God all day long. I think that MySpace helped me to be filled with God's love and word.

2017 Alumni Mission Trip Report

The 2017 Alumni Trip to Cuba was an experience none of us will ever forget. With the help of this congregation, eight alumni were able to go on the trip: Garrett Hahn, Jana Lyon, Janae Graham, Parker, Emily, and Mia Grant, Nolan Rine, and Regan Rine. What a wonderful group of young adults to travel with! The sponsors were Julie Graham, Chris Warren, and Katie Claus, and we all appreciated the depth to which the students processed the trip.

We attended church and were overwhelmed by the friendliness of the congregation: we each got three kisses on one cheek and a hug! We learned about church being held in homes and why, and we visited three home churches. We helped with a handicapped ministry and visited in the home of a handicapped young man, allowing us to witness the staggering poverty and hopelessness of the people. We bought rice, beans, and oil and packaged them to give to the mothers at the handicapped ministry; we visited an orphanage and were moved to offer three electric fans for them, as they had only one and it was very hot and humid. Our leaders, after going to 5 stores, found only one. We worked on a pineapple farm planting coffee trees and guava trees. We went to Havana and noticed so many differences between the city and the places where we worked, the small villages.

We learned so much. We heard the people, who have so very little, praising God for what they had. We learned that people all over respond to smiles, hugs, and handshakes. We learned that the freedom we have should never be taken for granted, and always cherished. We were so thankful that God used us in Cuba, and we sincerely thank the congregation for its help and support. Investing in our young people is the best use of our money, I believe. You would all have been so proud of this group!

Katie Claus

Center For Survivors

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



July:

Peanut Butter
Jelly

Baby Food

August:

Canned Soup
Cereal
Canned Meat/Tuna

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:



July:

Cat Treats
Cat Toys

August:

Kitten Milk Replacer
Dog Treats

Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

7/14/2017 - Karen Paben & Beverly Fry

7/28/2017 - Julie Graham and Laura Porter

8/11 - Sue McClure, Sharon Kunch and Sue Jacobs

8/25 - Rosie Heinisch and Marilyn Peterson

August 2017

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

July 30	July 31	1 09:00 AM-Staff Meeting 05:30 PM--YM Teachers Meeting	2	3 06:15 PM-Boy Scouts Roundtable 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service 07:15 PM-Order of the Arrow	4 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	5 10:30 AM-Keller-Daniels Wedding
6 09:30 AM-Worship Service 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	7 05:15 PM-Order of St. Andrew 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212 07:00 PM Christian Ed Cmte Meeting	8 09:00 AM-Staff Meeting 11:30 AM-Personnel Cmte. Mtg.	9 01:00 PM-Needlecraft Ministry	10 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service	11 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	12
13 09:30 AM-Worship Service 11:30 AM-YMAC Committee 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	14 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212 07:00 PM-Membership&Growth Meeting	15	16 06:30 PM-Worship & Music Committee 07:30 PM-Circle 4 Meeting	17 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service	18 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	19

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 09:30 AM-Worship Service 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	10 08:00 AM-Garage Sale Prep 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	11 08:00 AM-Garage Sale Prep 09:00 AM-Staff Meeting	12 08:00 AM-Garage Sale Prep	13 08:00 AM-Garage Sale Prep 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service	14 08:00 AM-Garage Sale Prep 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	15 07:30 AM-WF Garage/Bake Sale 10:00 AM-Bridal Shower
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23 09:30 AM-Worship Service 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	24 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	25 09:00 AM-Staff Meeting	26	27 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service	28 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	29
30 09:30 AM-Worship Service 11:30 AM-Potluck Dinner 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	31 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5

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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

July: Circle 1: ***Not Scheduled***

July: Circle 2: ***Not Scheduled***

July: Circle 4: ***Not Scheduled***

July: ***No Fellowship Meeting Scheduled***

August: Circle 1: ***Not Scheduled***

August: Circle 2: ***Not Scheduled***

August: Circle 4: ***Not Scheduled***

August ***No Board or Fellowship Meetings Scheduled***

Women's Fellowship Dates to Remember

July: No July Fellowship Meeting

July 15: WF Garage/Rummage Sale

August: No Aug. Board or Fellowship Meetings,
Unless Called

B-I-N-G-O



July 26: Circles 4 and 1 with
Circle 4 providing prizes.

August 23: Circles 1 and 2 with
Circle 1 providing prizes.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FEDERATED:

Annual Garage Sale - July 15

Missoula Children's Theatre - July 17-20

5th Sunday Potluck - July 30th

BloodMobile Cookie Drive

Circles 1,2,4 and Rhombus 5 will need to deliver cookies to the **NEW** American Red Cross Blood Mobile location at **3602-16th Street** which was the former Rainbow Center/Highland Park Evangelical Church, now named the First United Methodist Church Outreach Center. **LABEL COOKIES "THURSDAY BLOOD DRIVE"** Delivery times are Thursdays 10:00-11:30 A.M. as follows: **July 6 - Circle 1, July 13 - Circle 4, July 20 - Circle 2, July 27 - Rhombus 5**

Summer Special Music Needed!

If you or someone you know can share special music this summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the choir room. What a great way to share your God given gift with others!

Funeral Committee Information

Committee 3: Co-Chairpersons: Cec Bartholomew, Renee & Terry Norris, Rogalyn & Harold Stevens, Nancy & Mark Hegi

Members: Bernard & Leile Anderson, Donna Augspurger, David & Jean Badje, Wayland & Brenda Berry, Loren & Sondra Burnett, John & Katie Claus, Gene & Nancy Depue, Rita Fuhr, Rae & Dave Fulton, Karen Grabowski, Alison Hast, Tom & Tammy Hempstead, Randy & Anita Kasper, Jon & Claudia Kiser, John & Linda McPhail, Bob & Gail Mead, James & Kathy Morris, Don & Robin Nyffeler, Pastor Irene Dare, Rick & Laura Porter, Tim & Val Rathje, Dave & Lori Rine, Paul & Barb Sanderson, Don & Norma Schaufelberger, Roberta Saalfeld, Mary Sharpe, Mike Slizoski & Melanie Knoepfle, Larry & Shirley Spence, Viola Suchan, Ben & Marilyn Vrana, Chuck & Karen Whitney, Sunnie Yang



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Mike Griffith	7/15
Lauretta Dixon	7/17
Carol Vollbracht, Drew Wolfe	7/18
Shirley Johnson, Kaitlynn Meyer, Nicholas Warren	7/19
Mark Garcia	7/20
Rodger Grisham, Lucas Miller	7/21
Jeane Miller	7/22
Janell Walters	7/23
Kate Rasby	7/24
Tyler Curry, Rae Fulton, Steve Heinisch, Codan Prokopec, Trystin Royer	7/26
Helen Gerber, Nancy Kiser	7/27
Mike Sand, John Tanner, Robert Trautwein	7/29
Amanda Winig	7/30
Annie Lange	8/2
Jonathan Henninger, Tom Whitney	8/6
Jeanette Churchill	8/8
Janet Curry, Kevin Meyer	8/9
George Greenawalt, Janet Lyon, Daniel Pohl	8/10
Nancy Depue, Kenneth Hinds	8/11
Doris Augspurger	8/13
Michael Blanchard, Cindy Canaday, Janice Jensen, Amber Purinton, Spencer Swierczek, Tim Warren	8/14
Paula Lange, Andrew McClure, Glynette Smith	8/15

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 June 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 - June 2017

Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$19,941.09
Memorials	\$45.00
Misc. Income	\$15.08

Designated Funds (Savings):

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$25.00
Kamp Kaleo	\$25.00
Calvin Crest	\$50.00
Pentecost	\$100.00
Mission Trip (Youth)	\$950.00
VBS	\$82.83
Youth Fund	\$40.00
Building Maintenance	\$30.00
Alumni Trip	\$25.00

Interest Income:

Memorial	\$2.20
Checking	\$3.23
Savings	\$14.28

Expenses - June 2017

General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$31,749.21
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Designated Funds (Savings):

Study Leave Pastoral Care	\$850.00
Youth Fund	\$24.25
VBS	\$308.38
Bus/Van Fund	\$34.10
Organ/Piano Fund	\$107.32
Alumni Mission	\$57.50
Pastor's Discretion	\$117.56
Helping Hands-Non-Members	\$400.00
Misc. Expense	\$40.08

Checking Account Balance Ending May 31, 2017: \$34,584.29

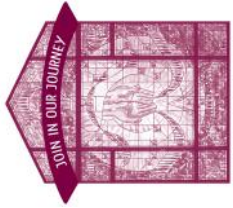
Savings Account Balance Ending May 31, 2017: \$109,537.19

Memorial Account Balance Ending May 31, 2017: \$33,371.60

Checking Account Balance Ending June 30, 2017: \$49,185.57

Savings Account Balance Ending June 30, 2017: \$82,634.35

Memorial Account Balance Ending June 30, 2017: \$33,418.80



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