# INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST **FEDERATED NEWS** Volume 52 Number 7 • July-August 2018 Newsletter

## From Our Senior Pastor

Dear Federated Friends,

What does it feel like to drastically change your mind? What happens if you embrace a new perspective, but your family — or your church — or your community — does not?

The film "Come Sunday" explores this question. In a review of the film in The Atlantic magazine, David Sims writes this: When the bishop Carlton Pearson (Chiwetel *Ejiofor) is declared a heretic by his peers in* the Pentecostal church. it's not because he has renounced the Bible, but because he has reevaluated it. His new interpretation is...a drastic shift: In the 90s, the real-life Pearson began preaching about universal reconciliation, doubting the existence of Hell and the idea that non-Christians were condemned to an afterlife of eternal suffering. ["Come Sunday"]...is about what happens when Pearson's desire to question established rules clashes with the rigidity of organized belief.

More people are willing these days to be honest about their doubts amid lives of faith. In a shifting and confusing world, are we also willing to embrace new perspective if that means hurting relationships, and/or leaving (or being left by) a community we've long been a part of?

Come explore these questions on **Thursday, July 26** at 7:30 p.m. (after Thursday worship service) when we view "Come Sunday" in the Fellowship Hall. There'll be popcorn, lemonade, and discussion facilitated by me, Hope to see you there!

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## 2018 Youth Mission Testimonies

Dear Federated Church, during the week of June 24th through 30th, I lead our youth summer mission trip to Chicago. We were blessed to have wonderful weather (i.e., not too hot nor humid). Our group of six youth and two adults were combined with two other church groups: one from Tulsa, Oklahoma and the other from St. Joseph, Michigan. There were six workgroups; each having a unique set of projects for the week. Below are two mission testimonies from our youth participants [if you are interested in hearing about this mission trip, please talk with me]. Thank you once again for your support with this life changing experience, Edward Yang.

#### <u>Reagan Gausman</u>

I had a great time on my mission trip. I spent two of my days at a food pantry serving the homeless and those in need. While there I was able to talk and interact



with a community I know little about, opening my eyes to all the misfortune and uncontrollable circumstances that lead to homelessness and poverty. My other two days I spent with a man named Pastor Tomas. He took us to a coffee shop where we talked about our faith and on our last day he told us a story about his brother. We worked on his house and a lot of his church. He was really reaching out to us the whole time telling us what we are really doing here and how we need God through every step of our trip. Being on this trip taught me a lot. I think God had three purposes for me on this trip. First was music and giving all the praise to him. I was so lucky to be asked by a counselor named Gabriella to play the piano while she sang and she taught me that we are making music to praise him and to just take it all in and feel him working through the music. This also applies to what my second purpose I believe God sent me on this trip, which is to listen and let him guide me as I apply and audition for all the colleges on my list this year. He has a plan that I need to listen to. I am excited to open my eyes and appreciate all I have and am given. I was so lucky to have my mom with me on this trip and it made me so thankful for my supportive family. I would like to thank the church and everyone who made this trip available for all of us kids. Trips like these are invaluable experiences.

## 2018 Youth Mission Testimonies (cont. from pg. 2)



Anjel Garcia Lopez

Monday – It was the first day of our mission trip. I was in a group called the "Untouchables" – 'cause you know we were untouchable. That was the first day we started our chicken coop project. We also went to Mrs. Laura's house to help paint her house. This first day was

a really awesome day.

Tuesday – We went back to finish the chicken coop – hoping to get the shelf and door done this day. I was really tired this day so I didn't really do much of helping. I mean, it was only the shelf and door, right. Then we went back to Mrs. Laura's house to finish off the living room and bedroom, hoping to get started in the kitchen.

Wednesday – We came back to the garden to finish the door. We finished it but took longer than expected. After that we moved dirt to plant boxes and planted flowers. Then we went to Mrs. Laura's to paint the kitchen and the upstairs.

Thursday – We went to the farm instead of the garden to pull weeds. We got to see turtles, ducks, goats and two ponies, all being herded by a man named "Goose." It was sad to leave the farm for the last day. We went to Mrs. Laura's to finish off painting. We finished everything except a

bathroom and a bedroom, yet we knew that the next group would do a good job finishing it.

In all I felt that God sent me here not just to learn about chickens but to show me something. I haven't really



figured it out yet, but I feel like I might have an idea. I feel like he sent me here to see all kinds of experiences that are out there in the world. There is something I need to figure out and find out what it is. I also feel that he sent me to have fun and make new friends. Thanks for our staff leaders telling their stories of their experiences that they had. I feel like God wants me to open up and let me be free to figure out what I want to do with my life.

# THANK YOU TEAMMATES VOLUNTEERS!!



TeamMates Mentoring Program would like to give a special thanks to Federated Church members Bob Arp, Wilma Arp, Robin Lehr, John McPhail, and Linda McPhail who volunteer with TeamMates. Find out how spending just one period each week can make a tremendous difference to a child in our community. To learn more about the rewards of mentoring, call (402) 564-8326 or visit www.teammates.org

# **Columbus Days Baby Changing Station**

The Federated Church will host the Baby Changing Station during the Columbus Days Activities August 17-August 19. Please check your calendars and save a few hours to volunteer. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex starting July 22. Thank you for volunteering to help.

## **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



# CENTER FOR

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:

- Zip locking 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 Fax: 402-563-1719 Web: www.centerforsurvivors.net You can also find us on the following social media: • Facebook • Instagram @centerforsurvivors

Twitter @CenterSurvivors

# **Columbus Days Float Station**

The M&G committee needs a volunteer to chair the Float volunteers for the Columbus Days Parade. The theme this year is "Go Big Red". <u>If no one is able to chair this</u> <u>committee, chances are there will be NO float in the</u>

**parade.** Our committee is ready to assist. Contact Wilma Arp at 402-910-4233 if you are interested. A decision must be made no later than July 22, 2018.

# **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: July: Cat Treats, Cat Toys August: Kitten Milk Replacer, Dog Treats

# Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

8/10: Kathy Leischner & Katie Claus 9/14: John & Anita Hahn

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Friday	20 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	27 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	
Thursday	19 9:00am Missoula Children's Theater Practice 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service 7:00pm Bridge Lesson	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service 7:00pm Bridge Lesson	
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	Sunday		<b>5</b> 9:30am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>12</b> 9:30am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship

# **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

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 Kuncl Lesson: Anita Hahn <b>(Please note, 2nd Weds.!)</b>
Dec. 19:	Traditions (Charlotte Lambert) Lesson: Anita Hahn

# Women's Fellowship Restructuring Committee

Sue McClure Rogalyn Stevens Joie Taylor Linda Wheatley

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# **Meals on Wheels**

Once again, a generous group of volunteers represented Federated Church as they delivered meals June 18 - 22. Thank you. New volunteers are welcome. It doesn't take much training and only an hour or so for delivery time. Our next week of delivery is August 27 - 31. Cec Bartholomew will coordinate (402-564-0264)

# **5th Sunday Potluck**

After service on July 29th at 11 am, the Potluck will be in the Fellowship Hall. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided. All members are asked to bring a meatless side dish, salad or dessert. Invite a friend to join us.

# **Cookies 'N More**

## Looking for Co-Chairs!!

We are looking for help to 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

# 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

# **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COOKIE DONATIONS**

Please deliver cookies to First United Methodist Church Outreach Center located at 3602 16<sup>th</sup> St. **Label cookies "THURSDAY BLOOD DRIVE"** – Deliver cookies between 10:00-11:30am July 5– Circle 1 July 12 – Circle 4 July 19 - Circle 2 July 26 - Rhombus



Church Garade Sale

is a wonderful thing, whether you are donating or buying!! *Here are a <u>few</u> ways we help!* 

1) *Helping our members* and neighbors by providing an opportunity to find new homes for stuff, that we no longer need. 2) Helping our environment by NOT putting all that 'stuff' in our landfills!





3) *Helping our community* by providing "low-cost good clothing and home goods, and use the money that we raise for projects that benefit our community." Here are some of the organizations we have helped in previous years:



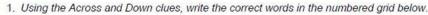
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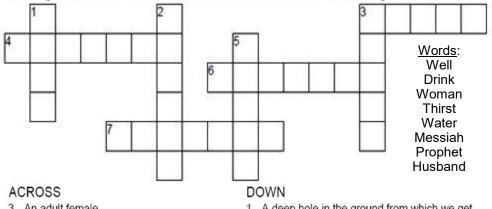
## The Woman at the Well

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 4:5-26 (NIV)





- 3. An adult female
- 4. The one expected to come and save the world
- 6. A person who tells what will happen in the future
- 7. The man to whom a woman is married
- 1. A deep hole in the ground from which we get water
- 2. The need or desire to drink something, especially water
- 3. A clear, colorless liquid which is necessary for life
- 5. To take in liquid through the mouth





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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	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
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
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## Federated Church Finance-at-a-Glance

## Recap of financial transactions for June 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 - June 2018

Contributions, Etc.:						
Current Year	\$18,034.67					
Future Year Transfer	\$8,542.10					
Miscellaneous Income	\$260.02					
Rent	\$0.00					
Designated Funds (Savings):						
Kamp Kaleo	\$50.00					
Camp Calvin Crest	\$60.00					
Habitat for Humanity	\$75.00					
Youth Mission Trip	\$295.00					
Vacation Bible School	\$784.04					
Alumni Mission Trip	\$100.00					
Love Gift - Ashli Porter	\$295.00					
Helping Hands-Member	\$50.00					
Interest Income:						
Memorial	\$2.04					
Checking	\$0.72					
Savings	\$62.67					
Expenses - June 2018						
General Expenditures (Annual Budget):						
Committee, Administration,	\$35,852.41					
Church Staff, Utilities/Facility						
Expenses						
Designated Funds (Savings):						
Youth Mission Trip	\$125.00					
Church/Bus Fun	\$15.16					
Building Mntc. EC Pipe Burst	\$1,460.00					
Love Gift - Ashli Porter	\$500.00					
BackPack Program	\$45.00					

Checking Account Balance Ending May 31, 2018: \$17,435.39 Savings Account Balance Ending May 31, 2018: \$134,518.19 Memorial Account Balance Ending May 31, 2018: \$30,902.86

Checking Account Balance Ending June 30, 2018: \$9,349.43 Savings Account Balance Ending June 30, 2018: \$120,903.50 Memorial Account Balance Ending June 30, 2018: \$31,074.90



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