

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

# FEDERATED NEWS

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## "How Does Federated Church Taste?"

Our middle child used to make an interesting comment after eating delicious food. He would often say it "tastes beautiful." That was an odd description since "beautiful" is not normally used in relation to the sense of taste. Rather it most often describes something that one sees - and possibly what one hears.

Yet, I have also been struck by what seems like peculiar uses of the verb "taste." One of our youth members, Reagan Gausman wonderfully sang "I Shall Not Want" (written by Audrey Assad & Bryan Brown) in worship a couple Sundays ago. Within the song were these words: "When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want." This is a reference to Bible verses that speak of tasting that God is good (for example, 1 Peter 2:3).

What does it mean to "taste" God? It seems like an odd action word in relation to God. As Protestants, we tend to think of hearing or listening to God - whether through Scripture, sermons or songs. While we focus on the auditory sense, other Christian traditions emphasize sight by seeing God through the visual arts. Of course, the sense of taste has a role in the Christian practice of celebrating the Lord's Supper. However, it does not appear that the psalmist had this sacrament in mind when writing "O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8).

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Thursday Worship  
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship  
at 9:30 AM

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## **“How Does Federated Church Taste?”**

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Once again, what does it mean to “taste” God? I would surmise that tasting in this context has to do with experiencing the world at a fundamental level. We begin to taste food from infancy. Studies even show that a baby’s sense of taste is more sensitive than an adults - with a greater distribution of taste buds. What we eat during our early years affects what we like to eat in our older years. My wife and I are noticing how each of our three kids have distinct palates; there are certain foods that one likes while the others clearly dislike. It is interesting to observe how their food preferences are changing. For example, our older kids are developing an appetite for spicy foods. And, while there are certain vegetables that they still do not like, they are trying more varieties.

Thinking about developing taste buds, I wonder about the children in Federated Church and how they “taste” (in other words, experience) God, church, faith... Are they experiencing worship in ways that will lead to positive cravings for church as they grow up? Or, will they have an aversion to things that resemble what they know of church from their childhood?

While we cannot control what our kids will like - or dislike - to eat, we can make an impact by providing nutritious foods prepared deliciously. Similarly, our Children’s Ministry teachers, music staff and I have tried to do provide enriching experiences throughout the past year with Bible lessons, songs and crafts. Last week, we had Vacation Bible School with First United Methodist Church and St. Luke’s United Church of Christ. The weeklong VBS can be thought of as a spiritual smorgasbord for children with various activities. Through both the weekly and occasional feasts, my hope is that all the children of Federated Church would say that our church “tastes beautiful!”

Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D.  
Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families

## Thank You to All The VBS Volunteers!!



A HUGE thank you to all the Leaders and Helpers at VBS!!! What a wonderful year we have had yet again this year!

## Phil Wilson Scholarship Renewals

Federated Church Foundation Scholarship Renewal Applications were mailed out. Please contact Jim in the church office if you do not receive yours.

Applications are due back to the church office with an official transcript (or copy) **no later than June 23**.

Late applications are subject to a reduction penalty.

## Lost and Found Items

Missing your umbrella? What about that coat that you can't find at home? Where did that scarf go??

If you think you may have lost it here at the church, check our Lost and Found box in the Narthex Coat Hall!! You never know what you will find that you may have lost!

**\*\* All remaining items will be sold at the Garage Sale July 15th\*\***

## 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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FEDERATED:

**Annual Kitchen Clean-Up - June 20**

**Youth Mission Trip - June 19-24**

**Scholarship Renewal due Date - June 23**

**Annual Garage Sale - July 15**

**Missoula Children's Theatre - July 17-20**

## 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, Mary Sharpe, Roberta Saalfeld, Mike Slizoski & Melanie Knoepfle, Larry & Shirley Spence, Viola Suchan, Ben & Marilyn Vrana, Chuck & Karen Whitney, Sunnie Yang

## Habitat For Humanity Success

Without wonderful people who take their own personal time to help out others who are in need, Habitat for Humanity would not be the success that we are today!!



Thank you all who helped out June 10th! We thank you, and the family that was helped thanks you as well!



## Center For Survivors

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



### June:

Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Dental Floss

### July:

Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Baby Food

## 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:



### June:

Hand Sanitizer  
Clumping Cat Litter

### July:

Cat Treats  
Cat Toys

## Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

6/23/2017 - Julie McClure & Deb Curry

7/14/2017 - Karen Paben & Beverly Fry

7/28/2017 - Julie Graham and Laura Porter

## Meals on Wheels

Thank you to the generous volunteer drivers & deliverers who accommodated our trade of week in April.

The July/Dec. schedule is not out but the regular rotation of the 10 churches that participate would have us delivering July 3 - 7. Usually there is no delivery on holidays.

Charlotte Lambert will be coordinator. 402-564-5834

Thanks ~ Renee Bellum

# July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 09:30 AM-Worship Service - Rev. Connie Stone Preaching 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	3 05:15 PM-Order of St. Andrew 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	4 08:00 AM-Church Office Closed	5 02:30 PM-WF Board Meeting	6 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service - Rev. Edward Yang Preaching	7 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	8
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<b>11</b> 09:30 AM-Worship Service 11:30 AM-VMAC Committee 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>12</b> 08:00 AM-Financial Review 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	<b>13</b> 08:00 AM-Financial Review 09:00 AM-Staff Meeting 11:30 AM-Personnel Cmte. Mtg. 07:30 PM-Christian Ed. Meeting	<b>14</b> 08:00 AM-Financial Review 01:00 PM-Needlecraft Ministry	<b>15</b> 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service - Pastor Seung Lee Preaching	<b>16</b> 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	<b>17</b>
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<b>25</b> 09:30 AM-Worship Service - Rev. Linda Mohr Preaching 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>26</b> 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	<b>27</b> 09:00 AM-Staff Meeting 07:00 PM-Governing Council Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service - Pastor Adam Lassen Preaching	<b>30</b> 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	<div>           More Articles            on Next Page  </div>

## 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

**June 21:** Circle 1: ***Not Scheduled***

**June 21:** Circle 2: ***No Hostess Brunch***

**June 21:** Circle 4: ***FUN TIME!***

## Red Cross Blood Drive Cookie Donations Schedule

**July 6** Circle 1

**July 13** Circle 4

**July 20** Circle 2

**July 27** Rombus

**Please deliver cookies to First United Methodist Church**

**Outreach Center located at 3602 16th St. between**

**10a.m. and 11:30a.m.**

**Label cookies "Thursday Blood Drive".**

## Women's Fellowship Dates to Remember

**June:** No June Board or Fellowship Meetings, Unless Called

**June 20:** Annual Kitchen Clean-Up, 9a.m.

**July 15:** WF Garage/Rummage Sale

## B-I-N-G-O



**June 28:** Circles 2 and 4 with  
Circle 2 providing prizes.

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



## **Annual Kitchen Clean-Up**

**June 20th Beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

Annual Clean-Up Day is a day for cleaning shelves, appliances, table tops, and sometimes walls!!! It is a day for inventorying kitchen items, and identifying things that may need to be replaced. It is also a day of fellowship and laughter. Please do come and join in this project. All who benefit from having the beautiful kitchen that we do are welcome. (I think that's all of us!) We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until the work is done. Come for all, or whatever part of the day works for you. The time required will depend on how many show up, so afternoon workers might want to check with the church office to see if there is still work to be done before coming!

## **Women's Fellowship Annual Garage & Bake Sale**

The date for this year's garage sale is July 15, but you may start bringing your donations now. Drop off items during regular church office hours. Put them in the EC 5. Please do NOT bring TVs, computer monitors, baby cribs or car seats. Items which are clean and in good condition usually sell well. So if you are cleaning out stuff this summer, you don't have to wait until garage sale week to bring it to church. Items that sell well include clothes, dishes, toys, small appliances (cleaned please), home décor items, gently used bedding and furniture.

Callers will be calling to schedule workers for the week of the sale. We will work from 10a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday, plus Friday evening, getting things organized for the sale. On Saturday, workers will be needed from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. with clean-up helpers beginning at 3 p.m.

Bake sale items can be brought Friday evening or early Saturday morning.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



	
Terry Hoeman	6/15
Jennifer Curry	6/16
Bronwyn Prokopec	6/18
Emily Crister, Marilyn Vrana, David Whitman	6/20
Neil Churchill, Taytum Miller, Hailey Rathje	6/21
Ali Van Heusen	6/22
Giana Boyle, Mia Grant, Emily Grant, Parker Grant	6/24
Kenneth Esslinger, Elyssa Hahn, Ben Vrana, Gene Watson	6/25
John Novotny	6/26
John McPhail	6/27
Elizabeth Boettcher, Catherine Hare, Caleb Hast, Marcene Wurdeman	6/28
Debbie Church, Janae Graham	6/30
Brendon Rathje	7/1
Thomas Hempstead	7/2
Ethan Yang	7/3
Kylee Study, Eliot Yang	7/4
Peggy Speicher	7/5
Jayda Arps, Ruth Elwood, Ruth Schlobohm	7/6
Terry Millard, Sam Scheidegger	7/7
Becky Miller	7/8
Parker Hughes	7/11
Gracyn Schrier	7/12
Byron Meyer, Tessa Miller, Barb Sanderson, Kathy Senior, Benjamin Heinisch	7/14
Mike Griffith	7/15
	

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 May 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 - May 2017

##### Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$28,171.67
Memorials	\$25.00
Rent	\$100.00
Misc. Income	\$86.00

##### Designated Funds (Savings):

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$269.83
Calvin Crest	\$75.00
Pentecost	\$25.00
Mission Trip (Youth)	\$2,733.45
VBS	\$175.00
Building Maintenance	\$1,033.00
Alumni Trip	\$950.00
Tuesday Morning	\$67.00
Study Leave Activities (Transfer)	\$3,000.00
Study Leave Pastoral Care (Transfer)	\$3,000.00

##### Interest Income:

Memorial	\$2.26
Checking	\$2.98
Savings	\$18.44

#### Expenses - May 2017

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

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$39,876.33
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##### Designated Funds (Savings):

Study Leave Pastoral Care	\$100.00
Mission Trip (Youth)	\$4,499.79
Seasonal Flowers	\$306.00
Building Maintenance	\$49.00
Alumni Mission Trip	\$7,719.26
Pastor's Discretion	\$28.71
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$402.45
Misc. Expense	\$42.00

**Checking Account Balance Ending April 30, 2017: \$66,430.85**

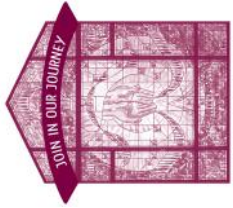
**Savings Account Balance Ending April 30, 2017: \$97,642.91**

**Memorial Account Balance Ending April 30, 2017: \$33,344.34**

**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**



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## **JUNE/JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER**

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Worship Broadcast on Cable Channel 99

Monday – 12:00 Noon, Saturday – 12:00 Noon, Sunday – 8:00 P.M.

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