



FEDERATED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Worship Services:

Thursdays at 6:30PM

Sundays at 10 AM

Education Hour

(will resume in the Fall)

**PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR FOR
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS!**

See inside for upcoming activities
in June and July at Federated!

From the Pastor's Desk

It has been about three months since I have been serving as a solo pastor at Federated Church. Thus, this newsletter article feels like a quarterly report for my current role.

Three months ago, we had historic flooding in Nebraska and neighboring states. Our church was ready and willing to serve as an overflow shelter to the East Central Health Department. That help was not needed as the fifty cots from the Red Cross went unused. It seemed like much of our town was minimally affected by the flood. Yet I am reminded of the devastation to nearby farms and ranches along with two fatalities in our surrounding communities. At a recent FEMA meeting that was held in our Fellowship Hall, I learned that there is a long road ahead for recovery from the flood.

March marked the beginning of Lent in our church calendar. We shared in the Lenten Lunches with our local ecumenical partners: First United Methodist, Grace Episcopal and St. Luke's UCC Churches. Mid-March was also the start of weekly preaching for me at Federated. I have done weekly preaching before but it was within the contexts of youth group and children's ministry worship services. While weekly preaching has been a challenge, I feel that God has prepared me for this responsibility and privilege. At the same time, there is much room for me to learn and grow in relation to preaching.

We had a lot going on in April. There was our third annual Children's Sunday Celebration on April 14th (which was also Palm/Passion Sunday) with activities and treats for the children in our care. Then we had Holy Week with a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae and Easter Sunday services. As much as Thursday evening felt somber and dim, Easter morning was joyful and radiant with God's goodness. It was amazing to have the choir, bells and brass lead us during worship, especially with the opening hymn. I was reminded that I am not alone in the work of our church; I am thankful for our staff, elders, committee members and other leaders as we work together in serving God's church. In addition, I would like to thank UCC pastors Kevin Wagner and Linda Mohr for filling in when I have been away.

From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

The month of May felt just as full as the preceding months. Each weekend was either a church celebration or civic holiday. We had Confirmation Sunday (May 5th) with four youth confirmed: Annie Lange, Macyn Norris, Mark Garcia Lopez and Riley Gausman. On Mother's Day (May 12th), we had our final youth mission team fundraiser with a flower sale. Previously, we had a book sale (Jan-Feb), pizza sale (March 10th) and Taste of Federated banquet (March 31st). It is always encouraging to see how supportive and generous our church members are toward youth missions. May 19th was Graduation Sunday with seven high school graduates: Coden Prokopec, Jessica Sand, Jovinci Villeda, Kaitlynn Meyer, Lucas Miller, Mitchell Norris and Reagan Gausman. It is exciting to see how God is leading our young people. Last but not least, May 26th was part of Memorial Day weekend where we remembered those who have given their life in service to our country.

This year's June includes the start of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. It is when the whirlwind schedule of Lent and Easter season subsides, which I am very thankful for. While the weekends are less hectic, the weekdays in June have been fuller with Vacation Bible Camp (June 3rd - 7th) and Youth Summer Mission Camp (June 9th - 14th), along with Presbyterian Youth Triennium next month (July 16th - 19th).

I am not fond of using the word "busy" to describe my schedule; it sounds too self-important. I prefer to say the past three months have been "full." More than a sense of fullness in my schedule, I have become aware of a fullness with God's active presence. Days after Easter, I spent a week in Richmond, Virginia for CREDO (a pastors' conference sponsored by the PCUSA Board of Pensions). Getting to Virginia took longer than expected. Instead of a layover in Chicago, I had a stop in Denver – oddly, going west before flying to the east coast. The extra hours of travel gave me time to reflect on my new role in ministry. To be honest, I felt tired and somewhat worn out. However, I also felt a strong sense that God wants me where I am now. In other words, it was clear that God was calling me (and my family) at Federated Church during this transitional period. There has been a fuller sense of that calling, which makes the work meaningful.

Grace and peace,

Edward

Newsletter Changes

This month, the newsletter will include the last half of June and FULL month of July, events, birthdays and calendars. The May financials are on page 19.

With the new printing schedule for the newsletter, the following is what you will find in the rest of the year's publications:

- August newsletter: will be printed at the end of July; June financials included, August birthdays and events. Deadline: Wednesday, July 24th.
- September newsletter: will be printed at the end of August; July financials included, September birthdays and event. Deadline: Friday, August 23rd.
- October newsletter: will be printed at the end of September; August financials included, October birthdays and event. Deadline: Monday, September 23rd.
- November newsletter: will be printed at the end of October; September financials included, November birthdays and event. Deadline: Friday, October 25th.
- December newsletter: will be printed at the end of November; October financials included, December birthdays and event. Deadline: Friday, November 22nd.

Any articles received after the deadline will be printed in the next newsletter.

Annual Garage & Bake Sale

The Annual Garage & Bake Sale, this year, will be on Saturday, July 13th, from 7:30am to 3pm. Volunteers will be needed for the prior week, Monday, July 8th through Friday the 12th, to help with set up.



Donated items are currently being taken and stored in the Northwest classrooms, EC 4 & 5, during Church office hours. (Church office hours are Monday through Friday 8am through 4:30pm)

Bob Trautwein (402-910-4341) is chairing the sale this year, and will answer any questions you may have. He has also offered to pick up large items from your house. In the past our church members have supported this project in donations and their time which the community really appreciates.

Garage Sale volunteers are needed!
Sign up today!

Why help by volunteering and donating items??

Here are some ways you are helping others by volunteering to help with this event:

- 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."



Helping Hands Non-Member Funds

A very gracious 'thank you' to the families who have donated to our Helping Hands - Non-Member fund! Your contributions have helped three people with fuel, and five people with food!

Although the donations have been generous, our fund is still at an all time low. If you would like to help with assisting our fellow Columbusites who are down on their luck, send a check to the church with Helping Hands Non-Members in the memo (or HHNM for short).

Cheng Benefit Concert Results

Kevin & Heidi Cheng, the married piano/violin duet, had scheduled a concert on May 16th at Federated. This concert had brought a number of people from the community and raised \$610.00. The money received has been sent to a Federated family who was struck hard by the flood in March of this year.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you Church family for showering me on my birthday with your cards and sentiment. You helped make this birthday very special, and I am so appreciative.

Blessings, Donna Augspurger

Upcoming Funerals/Memorials

As there are a couple of Memorial services coming up, included in this newsletter are the current funeral committee and the next funeral committee's members.

Robert Busler Memorial service will be Saturday, June 29th - Funeral Committee #2 (this will be your last one; last year, there were very few luncheons)
John Ellefson Memorial service will be Friday, August 31st.

Funeral Committee 2 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, Doug & Randi Williams, Drew & Kristi Wolfe, Gail Wurdeman

Funeral Committee 3 Information

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

Members: Donna Augspurger, Dave & Jean Badje, Wayland & Brenda Berry, Loren & Sondra Burnett, John & Katie Claus, Dave & Rae Fulton, Karen Grabowski, Alison Hast, Tom & Tammi Hempstead, Randy & Anita Kasper, John & Linda McPhail, Bob & Gail Mead, James & Kathy Morris, Jerry & Irene Dare, Rick & Laura Porter, Jan Pickrel, Tim & Val Rathje, Dave & Lori Rine, Paul & Barb Sanderson, Don & Norma Schaufelberger, Mary Sharpe, Roberta Saalfeld, Mike Slizoski & Melanie Knoepfle, Ben & Marilyn Vrana, Chuck & Karen Whitney, Sunnie Yang

Center for Survivors

We are reaching out to our amazing community and asking for donations of NEW simple clothing for children in crisis situations. Following is a list of what we need:

Boys and Girls new clothing: plain t-shirts, plain sweatshirts, leggings/sweatpants, shorts, underwear

Sizes for both boys and girls will include: 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T, 6T, 7, 8, 9, 10-12

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, Cat Litter

July: Cat Treats, Cat Toys



1/2 June

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 10:00am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	10 6:45pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting	11 11:30am Open Prayer Time	12 7:30pm Youth Summer Club	13 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	14 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	15
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July 2019

1st 1/2 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Committee Meeting	2 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Afternoon Summer Bible Study 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	3 5:30pm Evening Summer Bible Study	4 6:15pm Scouts Roundtable 6:15pm Order of the Arrow 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	5 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	6
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July 2019

2nd 1/2 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 10:00am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	22	23 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Afternoon Summer Bible Study 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting	24 5:30pm Evening Summer Bible Study	25 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	26 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	27 10:00am Nebraska Lions Foundation Meeting
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2019 Summer Music

Summer special music needed. The choir takes the summer off. If you or someone you know would be willing to provide some type of special music this summer, please sign up on the schedule located in the church office. Contact Bob Arp with any questions. What a great way to share a God given gift with others!

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 24th. Late applications are subject to a reduction penalty.

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*

Nursery Attendant Needed

Church Nursery Attendant Needed to care for children ages 0-3 on Sunday mornings. Please contact Rev. Edward, 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>

MOPs Meetings This Fall

Federated MOPS 2019-20 year starts this September the 13th. We are looking for Mommas with young kids who are looking for building relationships with an uplifting group of women. Motherhood is complicated, let us be there for you!



Contact Lynsey Kime- ljkime@gmail.com

We are also looking for volunteers to watch the young kids during the meetings. We meet once a month on a Friday morning. The meetings run from 8:30-11:00am. Please consider helping us support our community moms by providing reliable childcare during our meetings.

Contact: Melissa Kroenke-mkroenke16@gmail.com

Erin Settles- erin_lynn@hotmail.com



Partners in building better futures

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 2019

Our congregation is partnering with Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent in a Faith Build to help a local family in need of safe and affordable housing. Help us raise walls, funds and prayers to make a difference in Columbus. We invite you to grab a blue house-shaped coin bank or a house on the board in the narthex of the church! The banks can be used for collecting funds while thinking about how grateful you are for your own home and conveniences of our lives.

If you would like to be part of the Federated build day on **July 27th**, you can volunteer to help build or provide snacks, drinks, and/or lunch for the volunteers.

Senior Pastor Search Update

To the congregation of Federated Church

As there have been several inquiries regarding the status of Pastoral search following the dissolution of call by Rev. Annika in February 2019 the Governing Council would like to provide an update.

As you may remember, Annika's last date for pastoral duties was March 15th.

At our congregational meeting in February we voted on a severance proposal for Rev. Annika.

This proposal specified that she was to receive four months of pay plus benefits.

Essentially this means that she is being paid through July of this year

In the meantime, Rev. Edward has been taking on more of the workload that was previously the responsibility of our former Senior Pastor. Recently an addition to his title had been made granting him status as "Acting Head of Staff".

We, as governing council, have and will be attending both Presbytery and UCC conferences with the express purpose of making the appropriate contacts in order to procure an Interim pastor.

Additionally, there have been contacts made with other organizations and individuals who may be able to assist us as a congregation in our efforts to better manage expectations and conflicts which may arise within our Church.

As further developments occur we will do our best to keep you informed, If there are specific questions that may arise please feel free to voice them to the council, Rev. Edward or myself.

Bill Royer
2019 President

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COOKIE DONATIONS

Please deliver cookies to First
United Methodist Church
Outreach Center located at 3602
16th St.

**Label cookies “THURSDAY
BLOOD DRIVE”**

Deliver cookies
between 11:00-11:30am

July 3– Circle 1
July 11 – Circle 2
July 18- Circle 4
July 25 - Rhombus





Terry Hoeman	6/15
Bronwyn Prokopec	6/18
Emily Critser, Marilyn Vrana, David Whitman	6/20
Taytum Miller, Hailey Rathje	6/21
Giana Boyle, Mia Grant, Emily Grant, Parker Grant	6/24
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
Janae Graham	6/30

***Don't see your birthday in our list? Find an error?
Contact the church office and let us know!***

Happy Birthday

Brendon Rathje	7/1
Thomas Hempstead	7/2
Ethan Yang	7/3
Eliot Yang	7/4
Peggy Speicher	7/5
Ruth Elwood, Ruth Schlobohm	7/6
Terry Millard, Sam Scheidegger	7/7
Parker Hughes	7/11
Gracyn Schrier	7/12
Kathy Senior	7/13
Byron Meyer, Tessa Miller, Barb Sanderson, Benjamin Heinisch	7/14
Mike Griffith	7/15
Lauretta Dixon	7/17
Carol Vollbracht, Drew Wolfe	7/18
Shirley Johnson, Kaitlynn Meyer, Nicholas Warren	7/19
Mark Garcia Lopez	7/20
Rodger Grisham, Lucas Miller	7/21
Jeane Miller	7/22
Janell Walters	7/23
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

Federated Church Finance-at-a-Glance

Recap of financial transactions for May 2019

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 2019		Expenses - May 2019	
Contributions, Etc.		Annual Budget Expenses:	
Current Year	\$32,749.00	Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Facility Expenses	\$31,197.84
Rent (August Wedding)	\$150.00		
Memorials	\$315.00	Utilities	\$2,332.81
Designated Funds (Savings):		Designated Funds (Savings):	
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$145.00	Youth Mission Trip	\$146.00
Camp Calvin Crest	\$100.00	Easter Flowers	\$327.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$11.65	Multimedia (STFF Project)	\$34.01
Pentecost	\$100.00	Helping Hands - Members	\$58.84
Youth Mission Trip	\$972.00	Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$479.97
Vacation Bible Camp	\$65.00	Future Year Transfer	\$24,847.35
Youth Fund	\$25.00	Memorial Fund:	
Building Maintenance	\$600.00	Unrestricted (Coffee)	\$76.80
Tuesday Morning Book Discussion	\$30.00		
Disaster Relief (Concert)	\$610.00		
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$500.00		
Interest Income:			
Memorial	\$5.04		
Checking	\$0.57		
Savings	\$93.07		

Send F & P financials before printing

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