

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

FEDERATED NEWS

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From the Senior Pastor's Desk

The irises are blooming in my backyard, so that must mean two things: the anniversary of when I started at Federated (May 15, 2012), and Mother's Day.

Each year, Jeremy has taken a photo of me on Mother's Day, sitting in front of the marvelously blooming irises. Every year, our daughter is with me in the photos. Some years, our foster children have been in the photos, making us aware of the many circumstances that children, parents, and guardians are in on Mother's Day. There are a couple of years when my mother has been with us in the photos. Every year, no matter how many of us are in the photo, we all squint, because we're facing the sun!

Some things change, and some things stay the same. *"For everything there is a season...."* (Ecclesiastes 13:1.) This year, this season will have some things that change, and some things that stay the same.

On May 21, the congregation of Federated will commission me to a Study Leave on Sunday, May 21. A different kind of season will begin for the congregation and for me. Some things will change, as Federated hosts a variety of preachers throughout the summer. Some things will stay the same, as Pastor Edward and the congregation will have the opportunity to get to know one another even better.

I shared my Study Leave itinerary at the congregational meeting in February and in Adult Education in May. If you missed those dates, here is the timeline: I will be

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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on vacation May 22 – 28 and away Memorial Day holiday. The Study Leave is May 30th through August 29th. One week will be the Worship Planning week included in my terms of call. The final week of my time away will be vacation and the Labor Day holiday. I will be back in the church office on Tuesday, September 5th.

Throughout the 12 weeks of Study Leave, I will visit over a dozen congregations in seven states. I'll also explore local and national church archives. In mid-June, I will have the opportunity to attend an *Iftar*, which is the meal at the end of each day of Ramadan. The *Iftar* will be hosted by the Islamic Center of Minnesota, which in collaboration with the Minnesota Council of Churches, is inviting non-Muslims to participate in the meal and conversation. I will also participate in a Writer's Workshop at Princeton Seminary, and I'll do worship planning at the Benedictine Center in Schuyler.

Throughout the Study Leave, I will take time for spiritual disciplines that I let languish in the busyness of church life. I read a poem recently that is very timely for this season that Federated and I are about to begin. The poem is titled Praying, by Mary Oliver:

*It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.*

My prayer is that this Study Leave is an invitation to us as a congregation and to me as a minister to a *doorway into thanks, and a silence into which another voice may speak*.

In my visits to congregations, I will be in the silence of prayer, and I will also hear multiple voices in preaching. Over the summer, the congregation gathering at Federated each Sunday will be in the silence of prayer, and will also hear multiple voices in preaching.

Both silence and sound can be God, if we pay attention. Thanks be to God for each season.

Annika

Graduation Sunday - May 21st
Last Day of Sunday School - May 21st

2017 Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School this year is **June 5-9** at **First United Methodist Church**. First Methodist, Federated, and St. Luke's churches collaborate for this fun week of learning and serving! Children from age 3

through 4th grade are welcome! Registration forms are in the Narthex or the church office. Invite friends, neighbors, extended family!

Needed Items for VBS 2017:

Pint-sized Mason Jars with Rings, Paper Towel Tubes, Toilet Paper Tubes, 16oz Plastic Pop Bottles (clean with no lids); 3 Boxes Baking Soda; 2 Bottles Unscented Dish Soap; 1 Ball of String; Bag of Ice Cream Salt; Unopened Cans of Diet Soda; 5 Rolls Colored Duct Tape; 1 Pkg Multi-colored Pony Beads; 11 Regular Size Paper Plates; Colored SuperHero Comics; 1 Rolls of Masking Tape; Gift Card to SuperSaver, Hy_Vee, or WalMart; and, as always, we are always looking for Adult and Teen Volunteers to be Leaders and Helpers!!

Phil Wilson Scholarship Renewals

Federated Church Foundation Scholarship Renewal Applications were mailed this week. 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.

5th and 6th Grade Day Camp

5th and 6th Grade Day Camp is Thursday, June 1 from 9am to 4pm at Camp Luther with Pastor Edward and leaders from First Methodist. Cost is \$5. Friends of Federated and First Methodist students are welcome! What to expect: swimming, canoeing, bonfire lunch, Bible lesson, and loads of FUN! RSVP to (402) 564-8463 or sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com.

Habitat For Humanity

Mark your calendar for Federated's Habitat for Humanity build day on June 10th!

There are volunteers still needed, not only skilled laborers, but also for lunch that day. Sign up now to share your talents today!

Please contact Steve Heinisch for more information.



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

Center For Survivors

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



May:
Shampoo
Conditioner
Hair Brushes & Combs

June:
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Dental Floss

Platte County Food Pantry

"Food of the Month" for the Platte County Food Pantry:
We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in

May:
Boxed Mac & Cheese
Boxed Pizza

June:
Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce
Noodles

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:



May:
30 Gallon Trash Bags
Liquid Hand Soap

June:
Hand Sanitizer
Clumping Cat Litter

Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule


5/26/2017 - Chris & Nick Warren
6/9/2017 - Melanie Knoepfle & Marcia Dewald
6/23/2017 - Julie McClure & Deb Curry

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Alumni Mission Trip 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service	2 Alumni Mission Trip 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	3 Alumni Mission Trip 12:00 PM-Bridal Shower
4 09:30 AM-Worship Service 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	5 08:15 AM-Vacation Bible School 05:15 PM-Order of St. Andrew 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	6 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 08:15 AM-Vacation Bible School	7 08:15 AM-Vacation Bible School	8 08:15 AM-Vacation Bible School 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service	9 08:15 AM-Vacation Bible School 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	10 08:00 AM-Foster/ Adoptive Training 09:00 AM-Fantastic 4-H
11 09:00 AM-Fantastic 4- Hrs 09:30 AM-Worship Service 11:30 AM-YMCA Committee 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	12 08:00 AM-Financial Review 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	13 08:00 AM-Financial Review 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 11:30 AM-Personnel Cmte. Mtg. 07:30 PM-Christian Ed. Meeting	14 08:00 AM-Financial Review 01:00 PM-Needcraft Ministry	15 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service	16 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	17

May 2017

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14 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	15 12:00 PM-BIG PALS little pals 04:00 PM-Emerson Tutoring 06:30 PM-Property & Finance Cmte. 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212 07:00 PM-Membership&Growth Meeting	16 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 12:00 PM-Noon All Staff Meeting 06:00 PM-Consonaires Rehearsal 06:30 PM-BIG PALS - Little Pals	17 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 06:00 PM-Chancel Choir Dinner 06:30 PM-Worship & Music Committee 07:30 PM-Circle 4 Meeting 07:30 PM-Youth Club 07:30 PM-Chancel Choir Practice	18 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service	19 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	20
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28 08:00 AM-Alumni Mission Trip 09:30 AM-Worship Service 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	29 Alumni Mission Trip 08:00 AM-Church Office Closed 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	30 Alumni Mission Trip 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 06:00 PM-Consonaires Rehearsal	31 Alumni Mission Trip 07:30 PM-Youth Club 07:30 PM-Chancel Choir Practice			

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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

May 17: Circle 1: 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Jean Royer
Lesson: Linda McPhail

May 17: Circle 2: 1:00 p.m. Hostess: Margaret Nyffler
Lesson: Shared

May 17: Circle 4: 7:30 p.m. Hostess: Elsie Ita
Lesson: LaRene Busler

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

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

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

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

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May 24: Circles 1 and 2 with
Circle 1 providing prizes.

June 28: Circles 2 and 4 with
Circle 2 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

**Time to Start Thinking About Our
Annual Garage and Bake Sale!**

Mark the week of **July 10-15** on your calendar now for the **Annual Garage and Bake Sale**, then start gathering things to donate! Preparation at the church will be July 10-14 and **sale day is July 15th**. **Linda Wheatley** (402-564-8677), with support from the Rhombus group, has so graciously agreed to be the 2017 chair of this project! This sale is always well supported by our church members and greatly appreciated by the many community members who come to shop. As always, we will need lots of item donations, individuals to supervise the individual rooms, volunteers to sort and mark, and sale workers on the day of the sale. Make Linda's job easier by letting her know how you would like to help this year!!!

Needlecraft Ministry Request

The Needlecraft Ministry is again asking for men's or women's t-shirts, sizes large or larger and for colorful, good, used sheets to make hospital gowns. They may be left in the church office. Any questions, ask *Louise Moran* 402-564-5745.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Crystal Baldwin, Jeanette Dean, Connor Higgins	5/15
Madison Coutts	5/17
Heather Curry, Emily Tetzloff	5/19
Tammy Baldwin, Brenda Berry, Elizabeth Ostrowski, Kyle Royer	5/20
Elizabeth Sand	5/21
Katie Claus, Larry Mares	5/24
Nolan Rine	5/25
Jake Gotschall, Herman Lauterbach	5/28
Richard Fry	5/29
Matthew Ernst	5/30
Lee Augustin, Pam Phillips	5/31
Henry Moore	6/1
Kevin Kallweit	6/2
Andree Hoeman, Peggy Meyer, Shirley Spence	6/3
Noaha Macario	6/4
Nicole Miller, Kevin Perrin, Karen Whitney	6/5
Morgan Walters	6/6
Kelda Speicher	6/9
Ada Marsh	6/10
Victoria McKinney	6/11
Samuel Hickey, Pat Scheuneman, Brielle Wolfe	6/12
Jose Garcia	6/13
Dorothy Eschliman	6/14
Terry Hoeman	6/15

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 April 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 - April 2017

Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$29,819.12
Memorials	\$1,000.00
Rent	\$590.00

Designated Funds (Savings):

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$998.00
Calvin Crest	\$10.00
Pentecost	\$200.00
Mission Trip (Youth)	\$673.00
Seasonal Flowers	\$72.00
VBS	\$40.00
Youth Fund	\$10.00
Building Maintenance	\$298.00
Alumni Trip	\$1,371.00
Tuesday Morning	\$81.00

Interest Income:

Memorial	\$2.19
Checking	\$4.36
Savings	\$15.11

Expenses - April 2017

General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$30,820.26
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Designated Funds (Savings):

Study Leave Activities	\$379.00
Church Bus/Van Fund	\$9.58
Alumni Mission Trip	\$13,382.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$180.23

Checking Account Balance Ending March 31, 2017: \$72,819.69

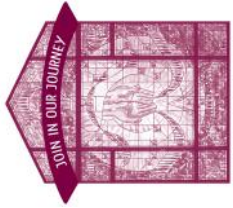
Savings Account Balance Ending March 31, 2017: \$95,070.03

Memorial Account Balance Ending March 31, 2017: \$32,342.15

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



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(details for events inside)

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

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