

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

FEDERATED NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23

3-year and 3rd grade
Bibles
Commissioning of Bell
Choir

September 30

Heritage Sunday
5th Sunday Potluck

October 7

World Communion
Sunday

October 21

Children's Sabbath

October 28

Reformation Sunday
Fall Congregational
Meeting

November 4

Daylight Savings Ends

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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Church of Christ

Senior Pastor Report

Dear Federated Friends,

I had a conversation recently with someone who grew up in a Baptist tradition, in which “going to church” happened more often than Sunday mornings. What we call “Adult Education” here at Federated were called “Bible studies” and “fellowships” on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. These times that one would “go to church” were as expected as attendance at Sunday morning worship services. Adult members of the church both led and participated in both on the Sabbath and on weekdays.

The Christian tradition of learning from one another through faith testimonies and experiences goes back to the original house churches of ancient Palestine. Christians have learned the gospel from one another—not always from professors or priests or pastors—as is now common in many mainline Protestant churches like Federated.

We *also* carry on the ancient Christian tradition of church members learning from one another and growing in our faith by sharing our testimonies and journeys. Examples of this kind of learning and sharing include Circles, small groups, 2 x 4 dinners, and Bible studies led by church members over the years.

I’ve begun a new weekly Bible study at 8 o’ clock on Tuesday mornings, immediately following the Tuesday morning Christian book study group. All are welcome, and my intention is that it is a time of discussion, sharing, and learning. Most weeks we will look ahead to the Bible verses for the upcoming worship services.

Because we can so easily pick up a copy of the Bible, we can forget that this was not always the case. At the time of Martin Luther, most people could not read, and Bibles were rare. Rev. Richard Bucher shares this about the Bible in Martin Luther’s day on the church’s website www.trinitylutheranms.org/MartinLuther/LoveForTheBible:

Martin Luther’s last writing was a short message written on a slip of paper the day before he died. This note was found on a table next to his death bed. What was on the note? Words of praise for the Bible and an appeal to read it with a humble spirit (this note is recorded in Luther’s Works 54:476). Fitting last words for a man whose adult life was marked by an intense love for the Scriptures of God.

....But at the beginning of the 16th Century this was anything but typical. Far from our day in which the devotional reading of Scripture, available in hundreds of versions and editions, is roundly encouraged, in that day few had access to the Scriptures....What Scripture they knew had been heard in the liturgy and Scripture readings (in Latin!). Those who did have access to a Bible were not especially encouraged to read it. It was looked upon by many as a dark and obscure book, one that needed expert guidance to understand....[Luther claimed] that the first time he even saw a Bible was in a University library...when he was twenty years old...[and] read the story of Hannah in 1 Samuel.

....[Luther wrote:] “For some years now, I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant” (LW 54:165).

Throughout his adult life, even though he read it so many times, Martin Luther continued to have an incredible love for the Bible, never content with previous readings and insights, always wanting to better understand.

All are welcome to Bible studies and Adult Education to explore the “mighty tree” that is the Bible!



Federated Church Fall 2018



Refrigerator Flyer

**** post me where you can see me****

New for Fall 2018

– Begins Sept. 11

Weekly Bible Study

with Rev. Annika

Every Tuesday Morning at 8:00 a.m.

in Ed Center Room 8

All are welcome – invite a friend!

New Time for Sunday

Education Hour for Fall 2018

Sunday Adult Education at 9:00 a.m.

we'll have coffee in Ed Center Room 4/5!

September 23

Bible Study: The “Short Stories” of

Jesus

Did you know: there are Jewish Bible scholars who are experts in the New Testament? Come learn from this Bible study on DVD with Professor Amy-Jill Levine and discussion facilitated by Rev. Annika. Past Adult Education class participants have learned a lot from Dr. Levine's perspectives!

September 30

Dr. Marjie Heier

Marjie will catch us up on the latest mission and ministries of the Chifundo Clinic in Zambia

Heritage Sunday - 5th Sunday Potluck after worship

A New Logo!

At its General Synod in 2017, the United Church of Christ embraced a new logo. Federated's publications will be incorporating this logo in the coming months — you may have noticed it for the first time on the cover of this week's bulletin! Read more about the logo at www.ucc.org.



Thank you from the Membership & Growth Committee

The Membership and Growth Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted in any way with setting up, manning and tearing down the Federated Church Baby Diaper Changing Station for Columbus Days. The station was much appreciated by families that were able to take advantage of the privacy that was offered. Hope to see you all next year!

Just a reminder: the final 5th Potluck Sunday will be held on September 30, 2018 which just happens to be Heritage Sunday. Our committee and the Youth Ministry Committee are going to try to make this a very special day for a 50+ church members and we are inviting the entire congregation to join us in honoring them. Honorees are asked NOT to bring anything since they are the guests of honor. We have so much to be thankful for. Please plan on joining us...



The following are Volunteer Opportunities
for the Center:

- Donations/Food Sorter:

- *Process and organize clothing and other donation prior to clients accessing them.*

Office Maintenance/Landscaping Maintenance:

- Assist in minor maintenance issues or cleaning /organizing of the office
- Attending to lawn and yard upkeep

Adult Group Volunteer:

- Assist the Adult Advocate in facilitating group & encouraging conversation with participants. Group takes place on Monday evenings from 5:30 - 6:30pm (English & Spanish)

Children's Group Volunteer:

- Assist the Child Advocate in engaging children during children's group on Monday evenings from 5:30 - 6:30pm

Volunteer Coordinator: Traci Pillar

402-564-2155

volcoordinator@centerforsurvivors.net

For more information about how you can help, please contact:

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You can also find us on the following social media:

- Facebook
- Instagram @centerforsurvivors
- Twitter @CenterSurvivors

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:

September: Dog Toys,
Puppy Milk Replacer

October: Collars, Leashes



Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

9/14: John & Anita Hahn

10/12: Nila Novotny & Kathy Shemek

11/9: Marilyn & Ben Vrana

12/14: Pastor Edward & Confirmation Class



BACKPACK PROGRAM FOOD DRIVE

AUGUST 12, 2018

TO

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Items Requested:

Peanut Butter - 18 oz. plastic jars

Complete Pancake Mix - 32 oz.
box

Pancake Syrup - 24 oz. bottle

Please place donations
in marked container in the
Narthex.

Sponsored by the Social Concerns and
Missions Committee

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 9:00am Adult Bible Education 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Kick Off BBQ 11:00am Youth Ministries 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	17 12:00pm BIG PAL-S-Little Pals 6:45pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	18 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group 8:00am Bible Study with Rev. Annika 5:15pm Personnel Committee Meeting 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Property & Finance Committee Meeting 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Meeting/Rain Gutter Regatta	19 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting 1:00pm Circle 2 Meeting 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Ministry Practice 7:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service 7:00pm Scout Leader Training	21 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	22
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October 2018

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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

Aug.: No Meeting

Sept. 19: Hostess: Charlotte Lambert
Lesson: Kay Castner

Oct. 17: Hostess: Sue McClure
Lesson: Jean Royer

Nov. 14: Hostess: Sharon Kuncel
Lesson: Anita Hahn
(Please note, 2nd Weds.!!)

Dec. 19: Traditions: Charlotte Lambert
Lesson: Anita Hahn

Women's Fellowship Restructuring Committee

Sue McClure
Rogalyn Stevens
Joie Taylor
Linda Wheatley

Circle Meetings & Garage Sale Financials

The following meetings have been scheduled for

September 19th:

Circle 1 - 9:30am

Circle 2 - 1:00 pm

Circle 4 - 7:30 pm

September 20th at 1:30pm, there will be a special meeting in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss the dispersal of the Garage Sale Funds. All are welcome!! Coffee and brownies will be served.

Landscaping

A HUGE thank you to all of the congregants that are working so hard this year to keep the church grounds looking wonderful! You are doing an amazing job and your hard work is very appreciated!

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)

Cookies 'N More

A committee is forming to host the project "Cookies 'N More", which will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018. If you are interesting in helping with this project, a planning meeting will be held on **October 4, 2018 at 5:15pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

Tasks will be divided up so this project runs smoothly. Many hands helping and working together will promote fellowship and continuity. Questions can be addressed to *Paula Lange* or *Alison Wagner*. See you **October 4th at 5:15pm**.

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*



Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Jessica Leischner and Matthew McCulley on their August 3 wedding in Alexandria, VA. Jessica is the daughter of Kathy and Kenn Leischner.

Congratulations!!!

We join with the Lopour and Ternus families in giving thanks to God for the wedding of Lacey Lopour and Matt Ternus here at Federated Church on September 8. Lacey and her sister Klyn joined Federated last year and the Ternus' daughter Addilyn was baptized at Federated earlier this year.

Share Your Talents!

Chancel Choir begins a new year and we would love to have more singers! Rehearsal is 7:30 to 8:30 pm Wednesdays and sing most Sunday mornings through May (typically off the 3rd Sunday of the month when Bell Choir plays). If you love to sing, laugh, and touch others' lives, we have a place for you! Questions? Contact Bob Arp 402-750-6115 or any choir members.



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>

Platte County Food Pantry Director

The Platte County Board of Directors is searching for an Executive Director for the Food Pantry.

The Executive Director would work a minimum of 5 hours each week or 20 hours a month. They should be able to lift up to 40 pounds. May be required to use personal vehicle to haul light supplies.

Some of the primary duties of the director will be:

- Oversee a smooth operation of the pantry
- Make sure pantry is properly staffed during operating hours
- Order and purchase food to keep shelves supplied
- Attend and report at all Pantry Board meetings (quarterly)
- Attend United Way meetings when required
- Plan the annual Can-Care-A-Van event (June)
- Assist volunteers in a friendly and professional manner
- Main contact for United Way
- Participate in United Way fundraising activities
- Coordinate with the Food Bank For The Heartland regarding Feeding America and donation documentation
- Attend any meetings that relate to the Food Pantry when feasible and appropriate
- Perform other miscellaneous duties as necessary, such as facility maintenance coordination and training of employees

Should you know someone, any of the Board Members would be most please to speak with them. If you require any further information, or have someone in mind, you can contact **Cec Bartholomew at 402-564-0264.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Gene Depue	9/16
Matt Miller, Linda Walline	9/17
Rachel Grisham	9/22
Renee Bellum, Alexa Davis, Sunnie Yang	9/24
Lyle Whitney	9/25
Lloyd Castner	9/26
Kaitlin Dahlberg, David Fulton, Brinlee Klevemann	9/28
Lance Hahn	9/29
Josh Howe, Renee Norris	10/1
Bryton Hanks	10/3
Anna Speicher	10/4
Carolyn Bosn	10/5
Sue McClure, Don Schaufelberger	10/9
Ron Lambert, Steve McClure	10/11
Pat Anderson, Alex Garcia, Allie Gotschall	10/12
Judy Temme	10/13
Samantha Higgins	10/14

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 August 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 - August 2018

Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$17,687.67
Future Year Transfer	\$12,631.53
Miscellaneous Income (Garage Sale Ad)	\$27.00
Rent	\$250.00

Designated Funds (Savings):

Missions Funds	\$25.00
Doane College	\$25.00
Kamp Kaleo	\$20.00
Back Pack Program	\$25.00
Youth Fund	\$100.00

Interest Income:

Memorial	\$2.32
Checking	\$0.56
Savings	\$49.89

Expenses - August 2018

General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$34,806.06
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Designated Funds (Savings):

Mission Trip	\$503.26
VBS Expense	\$170.00
Building Maintenance	\$150.90
Helping Hand - Non-Member	\$200.00
Foundation Expense	\$8.51
Miscellaneous Expense (Garage Sale Ad)	\$27.00

Checking Account Balance Ending July 31, 2018: \$15,704.18

Savings Account Balance Ending July 31, 2018: \$107,328.88

Memorial Account Balance Ending July 31, 2018: \$31,762.02

Checking Account Balance Ending August 31, 2018: \$11,191.34

Savings Account Balance Ending August 31, 2018: \$93,967.99

Memorial Account Balance Ending August 31, 2018: \$32,094.34



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