

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

FEDERATED NEWS

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Dear Federated Friends,

As you read in this newsletter in May, my Study Leave theme was "*intentional ecumenical communities*." The word "ecumenical" describes any group made up of more than one Christian tradition.

I visited communities that, like Federated Church, have made a commitment to be made up of more than one Christian denomination (and sometimes more than one religious faith).

Intentional ecumenical communities are not typical, but those of us from Federated Church are used to being ecumenical. We do not think being ecumenical is strange, but it could be easy, in this day and age, to feel that intentional ecumenical communities are *radical*.

Why do I say this? I say this because it seems to be more and more rare to find people talking about what we as human beings have in common. We are quicker to name what makes us different from one another. Think about what you read about in the news these days:

- Muslims verses Christians and Jews
- Immigrants verses Citizens
- Police verses African-Americans
- Democrats verses Republicans
- Cities verses Rural Areas
- Environment verses Business

Within our own congregation of Federated Church, disagreements and disputes in the past have found folks

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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congregation of the Presbyterian
Church (USA) and the United
Church of Christ

continues on page 2 —> taking “sides” using our two denominations, Congregational/United Church of Christ “verses” Presbyterian.

The time is now for Christians to be very, very careful to not let ourselves forget our commonalities. When I recall the life of Jesus — amid all of the easy ways it is to pick a side in the many X verses Y issues of our day — it is Jesus’ life that makes me more careful AND keeps me mindful of what all God’s creatures have in common.

I recently watched a video made by two African-American police officers who have formed a board for ethical police behavior. It made me think about how Jesus and the Roman centurion talked to one another in the Gospel according to Matthew chapter 8. Jesus was an ethnic minority, and the centurion was militarized police of the Roman empire, but they found common ground.

In June, I was welcomed to a Muslim Ramadan meal that was organized by the Minnesota Council of Churches. At the meal, and since then, I have thought about Jesus talking with the Syro-phoenecian woman in the Gospel according to Mark chapter 7. At first, Jesus called her a dog, but then she showed her compassion, and he reflected her compassion back to her.

Prior to becoming a minister, nearly all of my professional work was in jobs that required me to be bilingual in Spanish and to work with Hispanic immigrants. I think of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as refugees in Egypt — in other words, Jesus was taken “illegally” to a foreign country as an infant — and how do we hope the Egyptians treated him and his parents? What about immigrant families today?

I grew up in a small city in a mostly rural state, then I lived in a couple of big cities in mostly rural states, and now I live in a big town of a mostly rural state. I think of Jesus in rural areas, and then he went into small towns, and then into the big city of Jerusalem. He went into Samaria in the Gospel according to John chapter 4, which was an area where traditional Jews didn’t go because of differences in Samaritan Jewish and traditional Jewish practices. Whether Jesus was in a rural area, a town, or a city, everyone in all places had struggles within themselves and struggles with one another.

Federated is a special church because of its combined ecumenical heritage in both the Congregational/UCC and Presbyterian traditions. Our two traditions are like fraternal twins — we have the same parentage, with unique characteristics. This is true throughout all of God’s creation and all of God’s creatures. Let us not forget our commonalities. As Christians, we have our differences and our commonalities to celebrate. See you in church,

Annika

UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT FEDERATED:

Sept. 17 - Youth Ushers & Acolytes Commissioned

After worship - Education Hour for all ages!

Pre-K through high school are welcome to
Christian formation and fellowship

All adults are welcome to the Sanctuary
at 10:45 a.m. to hear from Dr. Marjie Heier about
her medical mission work in Zambia.

September 24 - 3-year olds & 3rd Grade students receive Bibles

Looking Ahead to October

October 1 - World Communion Sunday Celebrate communion the same
day as congregations all around the world.

October 15 - Dialogue Sermon with Rev. Annika and Adult Education
Hour with Lia Grant, Executive Director of the Center for Survivors of
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

October 24 - Children's Sabbath with Rev. Edward preaching

Women's Fellowship in Transition

Submitted by Linda Wheatley

Women's Fellowship has been around for a long time. But maybe it's time for that to end. The official "mission" of Women's Fellowship has been to foster and encourage Christian fellowship and spiritual growth among the women of the church, to support the church and to provide outreach to those in need locally and around the world.

So what does that look like? Christian fellowship and spiritual growth happens through small groups (Circles, Needlepoint Ministry) and larger groups events—although those larger groups events—meetings, programs and dinners—aren't very large because attendance has declined in recent years. Providing outreach includes fund raising which is done through the annual all church garage and bake sale, "Cookies 'N More", and circle donations and then distributing the funds raised to local, national and international charities.

Support for the church includes organizing the funeral committees who prepare and serve funeral meals; monitoring the kitchen to keep supplies (such as coffee, paper products, etc.) available and conducting an annual kitchen clean-up day, and maintaining the church library and reading program.

Community outreach projects include delivering Meals on Wheels, donating cookies for the Bloodmobile, assisting with Bingo at skilled care centers and helping serve Lenten Lunches.

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Women's Fellowship in Transition (cont. from pg 3)

The problem with Women's Fellowship is finding people to step up and assume leadership roles. The women who have been serving in those leadership roles have done it for a very long time. For various reasons they have indicated they will not continue in 2018.

What would our church look like if all those things described above just disappeared? So, what will happen? The current structure of Women's Fellowship could change. The current leadership board could be reduced in size and function. People who have not been active before could decide to participate. Maybe it's all of those things. Maybe it's none. Maybe it's time for Women's Fellowship to disband. Maybe you have some ideas about that. Share your ideas. Talk to Cec Bartholomew, Sue Mares, Rogalyn Stevens, Sue McClure, Alison Wagner, or me, Linda Wheatley.

Monday Bible Study

A Monday morning Bible Study of the Book of Acts will begin October 2, 10am. We will meet in room EC8 weekly to view a DVD that is a word for word dramatization of the Book of Acts. All are welcome, even if you can only come occasionally.

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

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier Saints)

Annual Fall Celebration for OWLS will be Sept. 25-26 at Calvin Crest Camp. This event is for anyone 50 or older. Rev. David Paul will be the keynote speaker. Join us for food, fun and fellowship! Brochures are available on church bulletin boards.

BackPack Program - A Place at the Table

The Social Concerns and Mission Committee will have a box out by the office area for donations to the Place at the Table/ Backpack project thru the end of September. Needed are: 18 oz size of peanut butter (in plastic containers, not glass), 32 oz COMPLETE Pancake Mix and 15 oz LITE sliced peaches. Thank you for supporting this Mission Community Project!

Center For Survivors

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



September: Kid's Pajamas, Socks, Diapers & Wipes

October: Coffee Makers, Toasters, Spatulas, etc.

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:

September:

Dog Toys
Puppy Milk Replacer

October:

Collars
Leashes



Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

9/22/2017 - Linda McPhail, Gail Mead & Kay Castner

10/13/2017 - Kathy Senior & D'Ete Kluck

10/27/2017 - Jane Ellefson & Peg Rupprecht

11/10/2017 - Marilyn & Ben Vrana, Mike & Sharyn Beard

October 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| 1 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship | 2 10:00 AM-Monday Morn. Bible Study 05:15 PM-Order of St. Andrew 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212 07:00 PM-CM Teachers Meeting | 3 07:00 AM-Tues. Morning Book Group 05:30 PM-VM Teachers Meeting 06:00 PM-Consonaires Rehearsal 06:30 PM-Nominating Committee | 4 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 04:30 PM-WF Board Meeting 05:30 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 06:00 PM-Womens Fellowship Meeting 06:30 PM-Puppet Practice 07:30 PM-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 07:30 PM-Youth Club | 5 06:15 PM-Boy Scouts Roundtable 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service 07:15 PM-Order of the Arrow | 6 08:30 AM-MOPS Meeting 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service 06:00 PM-Wedding Rehearsal | 7 04:00 PM-Kaspar-Micek Wedding |
| 8 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 11:30 AM-VMAC Committee 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship 06:00 PM-Confirmation Class | 9 10:00 AM-Support Group 10:00 AM-Monday Morn. Bible Study 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212 | 10 07:00 AM-Tues. Morning Book Group 11:30 AM-Personnel Cnte. Mtg. 06:00 PM-Consonaires Rehearsal 06:30 PM-Nominating Committee 07:30 PM-Christian Ed. Meeting | 11 01:00 PM-Needlecraft Ministry 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 05:30 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 06:30 PM-Puppet Practice 07:30 PM-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 07:30 PM-Youth Club | 12 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service | 13 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service | 14 |
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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

Sept 20: Circle 1: 9:30AM Hostess: Charlotte Lambert

Lesson: Kay Castner

Oct. 18: Circle 1: 9:30AM Hostess: Linda McPhail

Lesson: Anita Hahn

Sept 20: Circle 2: 1:00PM Hostess: Donna Augspurger

Oct 18: Circle 2: 1:00PM Hostess: Sherry Miller

Sept 20: Circle 4: 7:30PM Co Hostesses: Karen Paben &
LaRene Busler

Lesson: Louise Moran

Oct. 18: Circle 4: 7:30PM Co Hostesses: Joie Taylor
& Ellen Doughty

Lesson: Joie Taylor

Women's Fellowship Dates to Remember

Sept. 30: Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in
Fremont

Oct 4: WF Board Meeting 4:30 pm

Oct 4: Wednesday Fellowship Meeting 6 pm
Hostess Group: Circle 4
Devotions: Circle 4
Program: Needlecraft Ministries
Reservations: Call Cec (number above)

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September 27: Circles 2 and 4
with Circle 2 providing prizes.

October 25: Circles 4 and 1 with
Circle 4 providing prizes.

Reading Opportunities

Have you checked out the church library lately? Everyone is welcome to check out books. There is a good selection for different ages and interests. All borrowed books should be returned within three weeks so others can enjoy them.

Books on the west side shelves are property of the church. In recent years, Federated Women provided the new bookshelves on the east side of the room. Books there are property of Federated Women and contain selections from the suggested reading lists of Presbyterian Women in the Homestead Presbytery. Federated Women participating in the reading program (reading four or more from the current or recent year's suggested list) will be particularly interested in the new books recently added. Because it is the 150th birthday for Nebraska statehood, most of the new additions are books by Nebraska authors or of people or settings in Nebraska.

Nebraska Selections include:

More Than Winning – Tom Osborne & John Roberts

A Warrior of the People – Joe Starita

The Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come to Our Town – Mary Pipher

A Lantern in Her Hand – Beth Streeter Aldrich

O Pioneers! – Willa Cather

The Meaning of Names: A Novel – Karen Gettert Shoemaker

The Gypsy in My Soul – Christine Harris

Goodnight Nebraska – Tom McNeal

When checking out a book from the Women's Fellowship section, please remove the card inside the front cover of the book, write your name and date the book is due (3 weeks) and place the card in the red notebook found on a lower shelf on the east side. When returning books, please put the card back inside the envelope on the inside of the book and place the book back to the same location on the bookshelf.

Thank you for helping to keep our books in order and enjoy reading. You will be blessed.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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| Gene Depue | 9/16 |
| Matt Miller, Leticia Purinton, Linda Walline | 9/17 |
| Taryn Molt, Duane Munson | 9/19 |
| Kelley Drinnin | 9/20 |
| Rachel Grisham | 9/22 |
| Renee Bellum, Alexa Davis, Greg Rasby, Corinne Waldman | 9/24 |
| Lyle Whitney | 9/25 |
| Lloyd Castner | 9/26 |
| Leigh McLean | 9/27 |
| Kaitlin Dahlberg, David Fulton, Brinlee Klevemann, Sam Scheidegger | 9/28 |
| Lance Hahn | 9/29 |
| Carolyn Irby, Bob MacFarland, Judianne Purinton | 9/30 |
| Josh Howe, Renee Norris | 10/1 |
| Gary Houska | 10/2 |
| Bryton Hanks | 10/3 |
| Anna Speicher | 10/4 |
| Carolyn Bosn, Berkley Reeder | 10/5 |
| Wendy Pohl | 10/6 |
| Sue McClure, Don Schaufelberger | 10/9 |
| Andrew Behlen | 10/10 |
| Ron Lambert, Steve McClure | 10/11 |
| Pat Anderson, Alex Garcia, Allie Gotschall | 10/12 |
| Jill Morris, 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 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 - August 2017

Contributions, Etc.:

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|--------------|-------------|
| Current Year | \$18,916.96 |
| Memorials | \$25.00 |

Designated Funds (Savings):

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| Doane College | \$50.00 |
| Habitat for Humanity | \$25.00 |
| Bldg Mntc. | \$100.00 |
| Alumni Misison | \$665.00 |
| Misc. Income (Color Printing, WF Garage Sale Ad, Reimburse for Worship/Music)) | \$90.94 |

Interest Income:

| | |
|----------|---------|
| | \$2.23 |
| Memorial | \$2.31 |
| Checking | \$12.83 |
| Savings | |

Expenses - August 2017

General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

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|--|-------------|
| Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses | \$33,666.92 |
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Designated Funds (Savings):

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Study Leave Pastoral Care | \$656.62 |
| Youth Fund | \$18.05 |
| Mission Trip (Youth) | \$89.27 |
| Bldg. Mntc. | \$2,812.50 |
| Helping Hands-Members | \$200.00 |
| Helping Hands-Non-Members | \$468.37 |
| Rent (Wedding-Staff fee) | \$100.00 |
| Misc. Exp. (WF Garage Sale Ad) | \$28.95 |

Checking Account Balance Ending July 30, 2017: \$37,663.59

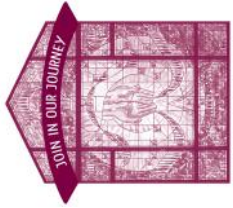
Savings Account Balance Ending July 30, 2017: \$83,029.74

Memorial Account Balance Ending July 30, 2017: \$33,037.52

Checking Account Balance Ending August 31, 2017: \$31,112.07

Savings Account Balance Ending August 31, 2017: \$76,685.99

Memorial Account Balance Ending August 31, 2017: \$32,844.95



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