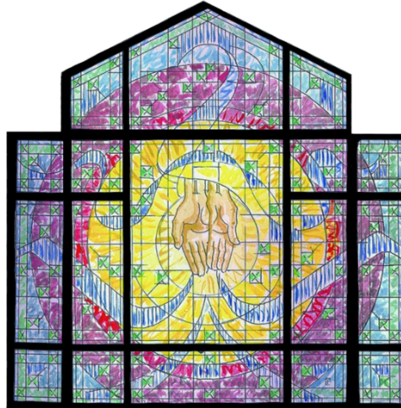




FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



Thursday, July 13 and Sunday, July 16, 2017

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

If you are new to Federated, please tell us on a “Visitors Card” & in a red Friendship Folder.

Children are welcome in worship at Federated. Children’s Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. The Library/“Cry Room” is child friendly. Child care is available Sundays in the Nursery.

Ushers are here to help you! Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are available.

Head Usher is Dennis Vollbracht. Ushers this week: Rick Porter (Thurs.), Anita Hahn, John Hahn, Kathy Leischner and Judy Temme.

We are called Federated because on July 2, 1914, Columbus’ Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined to serve as one congregation.

The Order of St. Andrew serves as Federated’s deacons. Prayer requests can be shared on **Prayers Cards** in the pew pockets or **Prayer Chain** requests to the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call the Order of St. Andrew. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org for videos of worship and bulletins, or on Channel 99 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings at 8pm.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Edward Yang (cell: 402-302-2812).

Governing Council 2017 - Federated Church Elders

Rick Porter, *President* • Dave Melick, *Vice President*
Louise Moran, *Secretary* • Terry Norris, *Treasurer*

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Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia
El Buen Pastor Fellowship

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please observe this time in silent meditation.

PRELUDE

Variations on Old Hundredth
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

ARR. WILLAN/YOUNG

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ***Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.***

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The breath of God stirs life within us and calls us to praise.

All: Filled with the life that flows from God we join our voices in praise.

One: We were created, redeemed and enlivened to join the chorus of life.

All: May praise flow from our hearts, our minds and our lives.

* OPENING HYMN NO. 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: Most wondrous Creator, your Spirit has breathed life into us and we reflect the glory of your creating power. Yet, we are never fully aware of the fullness of grace that surrounds us and fills us. In our narrow vision we stumble in the insistence of the moment rather than the joy of freedom of grace. Renew us, O God, and let our eyes focus on the beauty of our creation and redemption. Let the Spirit's breath fill us with new life moment by moment. We pray for forgiveness and renewal in the name of Jesus who claims us and through the Spirit renews us. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)

Already Home
The Consonaires

ARR. ALTHOUSE

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.) *All children are invited to come forward for a special message.*

After the Children's Sermon, children will be led to the Education Center for an optional time of music and crafts for the remainder of worship.

Children should be picked up from Room EC8 at the completion of Sunday worship.

Families can choose to have their children stay with them in the sanctuary.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Charlotte Griffith, Liturgist (SUN.)

SCRIPTURE READING

(Thurs.) Matthew 13: 1 - 23

(Pew Bible New Testament, pages 13-14)

(Sun.) Romans 8: 1 - 11

(Pew Bible New Testament, pages 157-158)

SERMON (Thurs.)

Seeds of Reality

Pastor Linda Mohr

(Sun.)

Dream, Live and Be Grace

Rev. Roddy Dunkerson

****As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.***

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 85 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Irish Blessing

KELLEY

* DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 591)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giver of life, we do not want the cares of the world and the lure of wealth to choke your word among us. As the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully, so we long to participate in your seeding of the world. Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us until we yield and grow in grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who came out of love for the world. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 408 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Sortie in F

HATTMANN

After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday Fellowship time with refreshments, hosted this week by Anjel Garcia.

Our guest pastor Thursday is Linda Mohr from the New England Congregational UCC in Stanton, NE. Linda was authorized by the Living Waters Association (Nebraska Conference, United Church of Christ) and duly installed as their pastor in November 2013. Linda is the daughter of Don and Norma Schaufelberger; she grew up attending Federated Church. After teaching German for a number of years, Linda went through the ELM program for educating lay ministers, graduating in 2009. Prior to serving New England Congregational, she served as the pastor at Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA, in Columbus. Linda has three grown children and five grandchildren.

The Consonaires are providing the special music Sunday during the service. The group, which is a women's 3-part harmony singing group, has a number of Federated Church members in it. By singing for you and sharing our talents, it is our way of thanking Federated Church and it's congregation for allowing us to use the choir room for our practices in the fall and spring. We hope you enjoy our music today!

The Rev. Roddy C. Dunkerson is Conference Minister of the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ. As Conference Minister Roddy travels across Nebraska supporting and encouraging the work of the churches of the Conference. Before beginning to serve as a Conference Minister, Roddy served congregations in Nebraska and Ohio. In Nebraska, he served in the far west at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Lyman and in the south central part of the state at the Federated Church (a dual aligned congregation of the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ) in Sutton. In Ohio, Roddy served near Toledo at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Oak Harbor. Preparing for ministry, Roddy studied Psychology at the University of Arizona in Tucson where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree. His Master of Divinity (the basic degree for ministry in several denominations) was obtained at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Before studying for his undergraduate degree, Roddy spent six years in the United States Navy serving at Okinawa, Japan and London, England. His Navy training took place in San Diego and San Francisco, California and St. Antonio, Texas. Roddy was born and raised in Bisbee, Arizona.

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please keep Laura Porter and family in your prayers. Her mother, Benita Lambert, passed away on July 11th.
- ◆ Please pray for Sarah Williams, mother of Rebecca Timperley, who is battling stage 4 breast cancer.
- ◆ Please hold John Novotny in your prayers as he rehabs from knee surgery.
- ◆ Please hold Katie Claus in your prayers as she recovers from gall bladder surgery.
- ◆ Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Thurston congregation (with Rev. Charity Potter). May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, July 16

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, July 17

- 9:00am MCT Tryouts/Practice, Gym
- 12:00pm BIG PALS-LITTLE PALS, EC 8
- 7:00pm Membership & Growth Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 18

- 9:00am MCT Practice, Gym, Fellowship Hall
- 9:00am Staff Meeting, AD 1
- 6:30pm Property & Finance Meeting, EC 8

Wednesday, July 19

- 9:00am MCT Practice, Gym
- 11:30 am Col. Christian Women Mtg., Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 20

- 9:00am MCT Practice, Gym, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, July 21

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, July 22

No events scheduled

Sunday, July 23

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org, or contact the church office (402)564-2812.

This Week at Federated

Youth Summer Mission report will be during worship services on Thursday, July 20 and Sunday, July 23.

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!

Caring & Fellowship

Family Fishing Fellowship, July 23 following Sunday morning worship. Bring your own lunch. Persons 16 & over must have fishing license.

Fifth Sunday Potluck on July 30th!

Upcoming Preachers & Pastoral On-call

Rev. Edward and Pulpit Supply preachers will lead worship while Rev. Annika is on Study Leave.

Thurs, July 20 & Sunday, July 23: Rev. Edward

Thursday, July 27: Pastor Linda Mohr

Sunday, July 30: Rev. Doc Wyatt

Thurs, August 3 & Sunday, August 6: Rev. Edward

Please contact Rev. Edward for pastoral care during the summer.

Mission & Outreach

Rev. Steve Niles will be installed as the minister at New Zion Presbyterian Church, Clarkson, Nebraska, on Sunday, July 30th. This service is scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

The TeamMates Mentoring Program would like to give a special thanks to Federated church members Bob Arp, Wilma Arp, Robin Lehr, John McPhail, and Linda McPhail who volunteer with TeamMates. Find out how spending just one class or lunch period each week can make a huge difference to a child. The one-to-one mentoring takes place at the school and can include a variety of fun activities such as scrapbooking, shooting hoops, playing games, or just talking. To learn more about the rewards of mentoring, call 402-564-8326 or visit www.teammates.org. TeamMates is currently looking for additional mentors for the upcoming school year.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COOKIE DONATIONS

Please deliver cookies to First United Methodist Church Outreach Center located at 3602 16th Street.
Label cookies "THURSDAY BLOOD DRIVE" – Deliver cookies between 10:00-11:30am

July 13 – Circle 4

July 20 - Circle 2

July 27 - Rhombus