

FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday,
April 27, 2017**



**Sunday,
April 30, 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: Rick Porter (Thurs.); Clark Grant, David Lange, John McPhail, Brielle Wolfe (youth), and Dennis Vollbracht (Sun.).

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available.

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 case of an emergency, the pastors’ cell phone numbers are:

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WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts
Great is the Lord
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

TRADITIONAL SHAKER MELODY
ARR. SCHRADER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS ***Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 121

One: We lift our eyes to the hills, from where will our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: The Lord is our keeper. The Lord is the shade at our right hand

All: The Lord will keep us from all evil and keep our life. Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN NO. 293 ***This Is My Father's World***

Gunnar Wolfe, Acolyte (Sun.)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

LYNNAE KEELEY

Dear God, you are a great and awesome God.

Today we come to you in a prayer of confession.

We are sorry for the many things that we have done wrong in your eyes.

We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but we didn't do.

We are asking now for forgiveness for these things.

Please forgive us.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

MATTHEW 18 : 3, 4

One: Amen. Christ tells us that unless we become like children, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

All: Grant us humble hearts as we receive your forgiveness. Alleluia! Amen.

* 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.

All children are invited forward for a special presentation

PUPPET MINISTRY (SUN.)

I Will Follow Him

Julie Graham, Cindy Hoadley & Katie Claus, Directors

Lucas Miller, Enyssa Arps, Jayda Arps, Anjel Garcia, Beatriz Garcia,

Mark Garcia, Alex Garcia, Riley Gausman & Meera Lange, Puppeteers

* SONG OF PRAISE #2193 ***Sing the Faith Songbook Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sung twice)***

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR (SUN.)

10,000 Reasons

J. MYRIN, M. REDMAN

Stuart Gausman, Director

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mimi Ernst, Liturgist (Sun.)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Gospel According to Luke 24: 13 - 16, 27 - 35

(pew Bible New Testament page 90)

SERMON WITH CHILDREN

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*** SONG OF PRAISE #2193 Sing the Faith Songbook (Sun.) Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sung twice)**

BLESSING OF CHILDREN (SUN.) All parents, grandparents, and friends of children are invited forward for laying on of hands and prayer.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace. Amen.

RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

Jesus Loves Me
Bob Arp, Director

ARR. BOCK

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Children of the Heavenly Father

TRAD. SWEDISH MELODY

*** 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**

CAROL PENNER

Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, now and always. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN NO. 304**

Jesus Loves Me

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

Children's Day March

LARSON

After Passing the Peace and praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to the 5th Sunday Potluck, which will begin at 11:30 a.m. (after Education Hour) in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Sunday

TODAY 10:30am—12noon : Games / Activities

12noon-1:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm-2:00pm: Games / Activities

Special time for Children in
Sunday Worship (9:30am)
followed by bounce houses,
fun games & yummy food
for children and families.
All activities and food are free.

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

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please hold in your prayers the family and friends of Linda Miller. Linda died April 23. Memorial service will be Friday, April 28 here at Federated Church at 11a.m.
- ◆ Please hold Janet Lyon in your prayers. She had knee surgery at Columbus Hospital April 24 and is recuperating there.
- ◆ Please hold Rev. Kenn & Kathy Leischner in your prayers. Kenn was at the Med Center and will be transferred to Columbus Hospital for rehab tomorrow.
- ◆ Please hold Pastor Adam Lassen in your prayers as he recuperates from neck surgery.
- ◆ Please pray for Marilyn Vrana who is receiving ongoing cancer treatment and recently had an infection.
- ◆ Congratulations to Federated's Hands In Spirit "HIS" Puppeteers who received second place last weekend in Omaha!
- ◆ From Paula Timperley & Rebecca Williams: "With great joy we invite you to share in our happiness as we exchange marriage vows May 13 at 4 p.m. at the Oak Ballroom in Schuyler. Please RSVP to attend the reception to sherlockdogtraining@gmail.com."

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, April 30 *Children's Sunday*

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Children's Sunday, Gym
- 10:45am Adult Education, Sanctuary
- 11:30am 5th Sunday Potluck, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, May 1

- 4:00pm Emerson Tutoring, Emerson School
- 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew, Library
- 7:00pm CM Teachers Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 2

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm YM Teachers Meeting, AD 1
- 6:00pm Consonaires Practice, Choir Room

Wednesday, May 3

- 3:00pm Wed. Youth after School, Fellowship Hall/Gym
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Puppet Practice, EC 3/8
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Gym, Upper Room
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, May 4

- 9:30am Personnel Committee Meeting, EC 8
- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, May 5

- 9:00am MOPS Playgroup, Gym
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, May 6

- 11:00am WF Brunch Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 7 *Confirmation Sunday*

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Education Center
- 10:45am Adult Education, Sanctuary
- 11:30am YMAC Committee Meeting, AD 1
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Upcoming Special Sundays

May 7 - Confirmation Sunday

May 14 - Cuba Mission Trip Commissioning

May 21 - Graduation Sunday

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 found posted on the bulletin board in the choir room. What a great way to share your God given gift with others!

Mission and Outreach

Women's Fellowship's annual **Birthday Offering** will be received in the "Birthday Jar" in the Narthex on April 20, 23, 27 & 30. Thank you for supporting this church wide mission! ~ Social Concerns & Missions

May 4 from 7 - 9pm at the American Legion, learn how to make sushi. Tickets are \$50. RSVP for the May 4 event to Julie or Sheri (402) 606-4410.

Mark your calendar for Federated's **Habitat for Humanity** build day: **June 10**. More info to come!

Bible Studies & Christian Education

Adult Education This Week - meeting in the Sanctuary "*Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture*" by Old Testament Scholar Walter Brueggemann.

May 7: Director of Calvin Crest Camp, Craig Huffman, will share with us what is new at Calvin Crest. Parents, guardians, and grandparents encouraged to attend!

Caring and Fellowship

"Puppets and Puppetry" with Julie Graham May 6, 11:00 a.m. in the **Fellowship Hall!** Phone Brunch reservations to Cec Bartholomew at 402-564-0264.

Can you help us out? We are looking for donations of cash or gift cards towards VBS supplies. It would very much be appreciated! The funds will be put towards crafts, snacks, and decorations.

Thank you, Kristi Wolf

Vacation Bible School is June 5-9 at First United Methodist Church.

Federated, First Methodist, 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. Invite friends, neighbors, extended family!

