Federated Church

Into Our New Century in the Spirit of Christ

Thursday, October 17, and Sunday, October 20, 2019

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

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 — please ask them if you need hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals — ushering this week are Rod Wachter (Thurs.), Riley Gausman, Clark Grant, Mark Hegi, and Peg Rupprecht.

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.

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, and on TV at Noon on Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays and Sunday at 8pm.

In case of an emergency, the pastor's cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2019 - Federated Church Elders

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JOYS & CONCERNS

♦ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office staff or pastor.

♦ From Homestead Presbytery: "Federated Church would appreciate prayers for the following: wise discernment and unity through our transition, vision for the future, peace and harmony among members & joy in our time of change as we work together. "

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, October 20
9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center, Upper Room
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, October 21
12:00pm BIG PALS ~ LITTLE PALS, EC 8
5:30pm YM Teachers Meeting, AD 2
7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 22
7:00am Tues. Morning Book Group, Fellowship Hall
2pm-9pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions, EC 3/8
6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC 5

Wednesday, October 23
10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
2pm-9pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions, EC 3/8
4:30pm Lectionary Evening Bible Study, AD 2
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, Gym
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, October 24
2pm-9pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions, EC 3/8
5:15pm Cookies N' More Meeting, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 25
9:00am MOPS Steering Meeting/Playdate, B 23/Gym
2pm-9pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions, EC 3/8
6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, October 26
2pm-9pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions, EC 3/8

Sunday, October 27
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am 104th Fall Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary
4:00PM Trunk or Treat

GREAT NEWS! OPERATION EDUCATION NAIROBI is now a non-profit organization. Please make donations out to "Operation Education Nairobi". Your contribution is tax-deductible. THANK YOU!

GREETERS WANTED! Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex provided by the Membership & Growth Committee! Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder — Sunday Education Hour
At 9:00 a.m.
Children go directly to their Education Center rooms
Youth to the Upstairs Rooms
Adult Education in Education Center Room 4/5

LET GOD LEAD "IN SERVICE" is this weeks Stewardship message in our bulletins. Our congregation responds to this aspect whole heartedly not only for our church, but also for the community and beyond. A couple of weeks ago our elementary students were commissioned as acolytes and ushers to serve our church. Our youth experience what it is like to serve others as they embark on mission trips. It does not stop there as several adults have listened to God's lead in serving others further away. *~ Stewardship Committee*

This month, **Governing Council** has approved the use of the facilities for the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance volunteers** this next Spring. The volunteers will be helping with the damages from this previous Spring's flood. The **P.D.A.** has offered, in exchange for the building usage, a number of amenities that will be disclosed in greater detail at a later date.

Meals On Wheels - Federated will have our week of service October 21 - 25. Coordinator will be Charlotte Lambert (402-564-5834).

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, a time of prayer that is open to all, is held in our **sanctuary** from **11:30AM -12:30PM.** Whether you are new to prayer or have practiced for years, you are welcome here. If you have questions or prayer requests please contact:
Church office – 402-564-2812
Email - fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org or
Barb Sanderson – 402-910-3586
Email - bjs.sanderson@gmail.com

Share Your Talents

"COOKIES 'N MORE": Project preparation meetings will be held on **October 24th**, and **November 7th** and **14th** at **5:15 P.M.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. If you are interested in helping with this project or if you have already agreed to help, please attend a couple of these meetings. It is never too late to join in the fun. Questions can be addressed to Paula Lange or Alison Wagner. See you on these meeting dates!

NEEDED: Story Tellers for Children's Sermon
The Christian Education Committee is asking for volunteers for the Children's Sermons to help Pastor Edward with the church service when he is preaching on Sundays. Please talk with Brenda Sand.

We Gather To Worship God

Thursday, October 17 and Sunday, October 20, 2019

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

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

Prelude — *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* — arr. Schrader
Simple Gifts — arr. Wolves
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

Welcome & Announcements — ***(Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.)***

Moment for Mission - Cookies N'More — Paula Lange (Thurs.), Katie Claus (Sun.)

***Call to Worship** — Children's Defense Fund

One: We gather on this Children's Sabbath to worship God who loves each and every child;
All: in the name of Christ who welcomed the children when others would keep them away;
One: moved by the Holy Spirit to seek justice and create community.
All: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn No. 326** ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Unison Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, you have heard our prayers in the silence of our hearts and you hear us now. We confess that we have dulled our ears to the cries of children who are hungry. We confess that we have hardened our hearts to the plight of millions of children living in poverty and millions of parents struggling to make ends meet. We confess that we have dimmed our hopes for a more just nation and world and our ability to make a difference. Sharpen our ears, we pray, to hear the voices of children and your call to us. Soften our hearts to show compassion to families who are struggling. Raise our hopes for how we can help unite our hearts and voices to work for the justice you intend.

Moment for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

One: Listen! I have something to say! God sent God's own child Jesus
All: that we might know ourselves to be loved and forgiven children of God.
One: Hear and believe the good news:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Bells of Joy (Sun.) — *This is My Father's World* — Arr. Helman
Stuart Gausman, Director

***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.

Children's Moment (Sun.) Children's Bells — *God is So Good, I've Got the Joy*

Presentation for Operation Education Nairobi — *Katie Claus and Julie Graham*

We Listen for God's Word

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
READING OF SCRIPTURE — Marcia Grant, Liturgist (Sun.)

Genesis 32 : 22 - 31 *(pew Bible Old Testament page 30)*
Gospel According to Luke 18 : 1 - 8 *(pew Bible New Testament page 81)*
One: This is the Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON — **"PERSISTENT PRAYER"** — Edward Yang, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH —**"A PRAYER TO A LISTENING GOD" BY JOHN MCCULLOUGH BADE

O God, we labor in the heat of the day, and so often the labor feels hopeless, unproductive, useless...
And yet, you hear our silent cries.
You give us one another to speak that which we in our pain cannot speak.
You give us your Word that utters those things we cannot find the words to say.
And not only do you give us the words to speak, but you also turn your ear to us and hear us,
even when all we have strength to whisper is, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."
For you have promised to hear us.
You have promised to turn your face to shine upon us.
You have promised to be our shade when the heat of the day saps our strength and the well of hope runs dry.
And you have promised, even in the silence, to give us the sweet sound of peace. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN STF 2200** ***O Lord, Hear My Prayer (sung three times)***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY — *What Friend We Have in Jesus* — ARR. GESCHKE
*** DOXOLOGY ‡** — ROGER C. LYNN

Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; Whose love reveals our sacred worth;
Whose Spirit forms one family; Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, you have proclaimed through the prophets your care for children and concern for those who are oppressed and impoverished. Unite the hearts and voices of your Church to seek justice for children and end poverty, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN NO. 383** ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***
* BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE — *A Festal Postlude* — BLAIR

After praising God with the Postlude, all are welcome to the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats and puppet presentation, hosted this week by the Christian Education Committee.

**** As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.*** ‡ *tune on page 592 of hymnal*

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In Service
Let God Lead

Now there are varieties in gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
~1 Corinthians 12:4 - 6, NRSV

"In all honesty, the social service approach to missions work (at a community center in Northern Ireland) has often been difficult for me. My relationship with God has been transforming my life, and my instinct is to make sharing that experience the focus of my time as a volunteer. Yet I am reminded that while Christ taught people about the kingdom of heaven, he also fed, healed, and listened to them, developing relationships and taking time to rejoice and grieve with them.

"On my better days I realize that my work as a volunteer allows me to live out the calling to be the hands and feet of Christ by serving people and sharing in their lives. Even in carrying out the mostly administrative aspects of my job, I am developing relationships with people that give me the opportunity to show them the love of God.

"Making the decision to serve is not an easy one these days—there are college loans to be paid back, careers to develop, families to start. But in putting aside our own agendas and making other people the priority, we will find that God works in incredible ways."

—Sara Cook, Ballysally Youth and Community Centre, Coleraine, Northern Ireland

Prayer: Lead me, God, to serve as one who has heard your call, received your love, and witnessed your generosity. Amen.

Cookies 'N More
-A Very Sweet Event

It's that time of year again! Please mark your calendars for Federated's 13th Annual Cookies 'N More to be held Thursday, November 21st, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping with this project, the remaining planning meetings will be held on October 24th, November 7th, and November 14th at 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tasks will be divided up so this project runs smoothly.

You will be receiving a phone call in the next few weeks asking you to donate several dozen homemade cookies, bars, or candy to support this event. Please check the weekly bulletins, the November newsletter, and signs around the church for further announcements and details.

Many hands helping and working together will promote fellowship and continuity. Questions can be addressed to Alison Wagner or Paula Lange.

Lifetouch Photo Session appointments for the week of October 22-26th are still available!
Reserve your appointment time after worship today. Or contact Brenda Sand at 402.276.2080.

If you would like to have your photo taken for the directory, but are unavailable October 22-26th, call Lifetouch at 866-756-0281 to see if there are other options available. (Highland Park Church Nov 5th)

If you would like to submit a photo of your own, please email a .jpeg or .pdf to brendajsand@gmail.com. A horizontal image is preferred. A hard copy can also be submitted to the church office. Please include the name of each person in the photograph.

Photo Session Host/Hostess needed!!!
Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
Check in families as they arrive.
Confirm contact information
Provide coffee/water.

Trunk-or-Treat
Sunday, October 27th 4-6 pm
Federated Church South Parking Lot
Help the Membership and Growth Committee provide a safe and fun Halloween for children in our community by joining our Trunk-or-Treat! Donate candy (or other treat), decorate your trunk, maybe even wear a costume and greet families as they Trick-or-Treat in our parking lot.

The Sunday Lunch Bunch's will meet:
1. Runza at 11:30
2. People's Choice Group- Ask Bill Royer or Marilyn Vrana
3. ABC Group - (10/20) St John's Lutheran Octoberfest - ask Barb Olson.

All are invited even if you didn't sign up.

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The Runza Lunch Bunch meets every Sunday. There is no need to sign up, just show up! For information talk to Max and Ashli Porter or Tim and Val Rathje.

Federated's Future, Your important opportunity for input!

Our church is in transition and it is important for the members of the Governing Council to hear from you. There will be four opportunities in November to meet in small groups with GC members after church services on **Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings (Sundays Nov 3rd and 10th, Thursdays Nov 7th and 14th).** These small groups will discuss Interim pastor staffing options available and will gather thoughts on long-term pastoral leadership models.

Your input and guidance to the Governing Council is important. All of the group meetings will follow the same format and will use the same agenda to keep on topic. Group sizes will be kept to about 12 people in order to allow everyone to participate.

The strength of Federated Church has always been the fellowship of its members. Please plan to attend one of the small group meetings.

Let's unite our hearts and voices to end child poverty!

God did not create two classes of children. As people of faith, we have a moral obligation to ensure all of God's children have enough—enough nutritious food, stable shelter, quality health care and other basic necessities.

Ask your members of Congress to advance proven policies to help millions of today's children escape poverty. To learn more and send a message, visit www.childrensdefense.org/ending-child-poverty-now/.

children's defense fund
Leave No Child Behind®

Ending Child Poverty Now: Poverty is Too Costly for Our Children and Nation

"We slept in the car. We had to, because we had no home. I slept in the back seat. My sister laid in the front. My mom laid in the front. Her head was back. My sister's head was on the side. I laid flat…We went to IHOP and we only got one pancake and we shared it. That was our breakfast."

– Jasmine, age 7

No child should have to worry whether she will have a place to sleep at night or enough food to eat in the wealthiest nation on earth. Yet more than 12.8 million children in America—nearly 1 in 5—live in poverty and face these harsh realities every day.

When we let millions of children grow up poor without basic necessities like food, housing and health care, we deny them equal opportunities to succeed and rob our nation of their potential. Poverty stacks the odds against children and stalks them down every avenue of their lives. Starting in infancy and continuing through to adulthood, poverty can haunt and harm children at every stage of life.

Poverty denies opportunities and deprives children in ways beyond material well-being.

- **Poverty creates gaps in cognitive skills in babies.** Income-related gaps in cognitive skills can be observed in babies as early as 9 months and often worsen with age.
- **Poverty leaves children without food they need to survive and thrive.** In 2017, more than 43 percent of poor children lived in homes where not everyone had enough to eat.
- **Poverty robs children of safe, stable housing.** Nearly 1.4 million homeless children were enrolled in public schools in 2016-2017.
- **Poverty jeopardizes children's health.** Poor children are less likely to be in good health and more likely to suffer adverse childhood experiences like the death or incarceration of a parent.
- **Poverty threatens children's academic potential.** Poor children are less likely to enter school ready to learn and less likely to graduate from high school.
- **Poverty increases children's chances of becoming a poor adult.** People who experienced poverty during childhood are more than three times as likely to be poor at age 30 than those who never experienced poverty.

Child poverty has huge economic, social and moral costs for all of us.

Beyond its individual human costs, child poverty takes a heavy toll on our nation's economy, productivity and soul. Leaving millions of children in poverty costs our nation about $700 billion a year in lost productivity and increased health and crime costs. And it exacts a high moral cost when we, as a rich nation blessed with an abundance of resources, fail to do what we can to protect the youngest and most vulnerable among us.

We must eliminate the terrible human and economic waste of child poverty—and we can get started now.

Inaction is not an option—child poverty is too costly for our children and nation. We cannot afford to wait another 3, 5 or 10 years to end child poverty—and we don't have to.

CDF's recent report, *Ending Child Poverty Now*, outlines immediate steps Congress can take to make a down payment on ending preventable, costly and immoral child poverty.

By investing an additional 1.4 percent of our federal budget into existing programs and policies to increase employment, make work pay, and meet children's basic needs, our nation could reduce child poverty at least 57 percent and lift 5.5 million children out of poverty right now.

We can end child poverty if we choose to fight rather than ignore it. We have the money. We have the power. We have the know-how. And we all have the moral, social and economic responsibility.