



FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



Confirmation
One step in a
lifelong
adventure of
faith



Thursday, May 4 and Sunday, May 7, 2017

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FEDERATED!

If you are new to Federated, please let us know 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.), Pete Bennett, Katie Claus, Rodger Grisham, Jeannie Johnson, Dennis Vollbracht, and Taytum Miller (youth usher).

We are called Federated because on July 2, 1914, Columbus’ Congregational church (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian church joined in an effort to serve as one congregation. **Our faithful federation continues to this day!**

For **Prayer Chain** requests, call the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call the Order of St. Andrew to start the prayer chain. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential. To reserve Chancel Flowers, please complete a form located next to the Church Office door.

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

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Annika by cell phone (402) 942-1636.

Governing Council 2016			Clergy and Staff	
Joie Taylor, <i>President</i> • Rick Porter, <i>Vice President</i> Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i> • Terry Norris, <i>Treasurer</i>			Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope <i>Pastor</i>	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>
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PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

*The Lord Is My Shepherd
When Morning Guilds the Skies*
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

ARR. WOOD
ARR. WRITTEN

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Vacation Bible School Volunteers & Supplies

Kristi Wolfe

RECOGNITION OF BELLS OF JOY

Stuart Gausman, Director

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 67*

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you!

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

All: let all the peoples praise you!

One: Let us worship God.

*** OPENING SONG #2130** *from Sing the Faith Songbook* **The Summons** (verses 1 - 3) Macyn Norris, Acolyte

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: For when we have individually harmed one another, Lord have mercy. For when we as a community have ignored one another, Christ have mercy. For when we have relied on ourselves instead of on you, Lord have mercy. (All are invited to offer silent prayers.)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(from Psalm 27)*

One: Amen. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*** HYMN NO. 2130** *from Sing the Faith Songbook* **The Summons** (verses 4 & 5)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Acts of the Apostles 16: 11 - 15

(Pew Bible New Testament page 136)

SERMON

“And she prevailed upon us.” (Acts 16: 15)

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

*** SONG #2051** *from Sing the Faith Songbook* (SUN.) ***I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry***

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

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (SUN.)

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS & QUESTIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

SHARING OF BIBLE VERSES BY CONFIRMANDS

LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR CONFIRMATION AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

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

*** WELCOME BY THE CONGREGATION**

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen savior. 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 are invited to rise as you are able in body or in spirit to greet those around you.

*** COMMUNION HYMN #2260** from *Sing the Faith Songbook* **Let Us Be Bread** (please sing three times)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

BELLS OF JOY (SUN.)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

GESCHKE

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

Congregants are served communion in the pews. Please hold the bread and cup to partake together. Federated celebrates an open table, meaning all who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Only grape juice is served for communion, though the service sometimes refers to "wine." Gluten-free wafers are at the center of bread trays. Children are welcome to receive communion with the permission of parents and guardians as part of the family's on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in pew holders.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (UNISON)

All: Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ride On! King Jesus

ARR. STEPHENSON

*** COMMUNION DOXOLOGY †**

A.L. STROOPE

*O God, we gather at your feast; Your table welcomes yet the least;
So all to you this day we bring, Receive our humble offering. Amen.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

All: Bless these offerings which we return to you, O God, that in our seeking and our serving, we show your grace to the world. Amen.

*** HYMN NO. 369**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (verses 1 - 3)

*** BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

*** HYMN NO. 369**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (verse 4)

POSTLUDE

There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today

ARR. HAYES

After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to greet the confirmands and enjoy refreshments, hosted this week by Youth Ministry Advisory Committee.

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

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Chancel flowers are given this morning to God's glory and in loving memory of Irene & Harold Wurdeman by Gail Wurdeman and Sarah Aerni.
- ◆ Please hold Carolyn, Cynthia, and Bill Irby in your prayers. Carolyn is residing at Brookestone. Cynthia continue to have cancer treatments.
- ◆ Please hold Janet Lyon in your prayers as she recovers from knee surgery at Columbus Hospital.
- ◆ Please hold Kenn & Kathy Leischner in your prayers. Kenn is at Columbus Hospital for physical therapy.
- ◆ 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."

I want to thank the Order of St. Andrew and the people of Federated Church for all of their help. Many of you may remember my wife, Nina, who was active in this church and the Columbus community. I have moved to the Norfolk Veterans Home. My address is 600 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701-0830. Thanks again and take care! Lu Krepel

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

- Sunday, May 7 Confirmation Sunday**
9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30am Sunday School, Education Center
10:45am Adult Education, Sanctuary
11:30am YMAC Meeting, AD 1
3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary
- Monday, May 8**
4:00pm Emerson Tutoring, Emerson School
7:00pm Membership & Growth Meeting, EC 8
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 9**
7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Youth Ministry Teachers Meeting, AD 1
7:30pm Christian Ed. Meeting, EC 8
- Wednesday, May 10**
1:00pm Needlecraft Ministry, Fellowship Hall
3:00pm Wed. Youth after School, Fellowship Hall/Gym
7:30pm Youth Club, Gym, Upper Room
7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room
- Thursday, May 11**
10:30am Personnel Committee, EC 7
6:15pm Boy Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:15pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8
- Friday, May 12**
8:30am MOPS Meeting, EC, Fellowship Hall, Gym
6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6
- Saturday, May 13**
9:00am Fantastic 4-Hrs, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, May 14 Mothers Day**
9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30am Sunday School, Education Center
10:45am Adult Education, Sanctuary
3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2017 Confirmands

Welcome to church membership!

Anjel Garcia Lopez,
son of Antonio Garcia & Trinidad Lopez

Mentor: Jeremy West

Beatriz Garcia Lopez,
daughter of Antonio Garcia & Trinidad Lopez

Mentor: Sue Mares

Elizabeth Sand,
daughter of Mike & Brenda Sand

Mentor: Katie Claus

Ethan Yang,
son of Edward & Sunnie Yang

Mentor: John McClure

May 21 is Graduation Sunday! We will give thanks to God with Federated's local high school graduates. If there is a graduate in your family from trade school, apprenticeship, college, licensing program, and/or graduate school, please email the church office with information, and the church office will print that in the worship bulletin.

Mission and Outreach

Fish Banks for **One Great Hour of Sharing** will be received on May 14 & 21 during Education Hour.

High School Youth Summer Mission Team is requesting your support for our Mother's Day Flower Sale Fundraiser. Single roses will be available after worship next Sunday.

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

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!

Requesting **ADULT VOLUNTEERS**
AND TEENAGED HELPERS!

