

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

FEDERATED NEWS

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UPCOMING AT FEDERATED

August 17 - 19 ~

Baby Changing Station at
Columbus Day
in Frankfort Square

September 9 ~

Education Hour and
Confirmation Classes

Resume at **9am;**

Sunday School Kick Off
Worship Service

starts at **10am;**

Commissioning of Sunday
School Teachers and

Students;

Choir Resumes

September 16 ~

Commissioning of Youth
Ushers and Acolytes; Bell

Choir Resumes

September 23 ~

3-Year and 3rd Grade Bibles

September 30 ~

5th Sunday Potluck;
Heritage Sunday

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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Associate Pastor's Report

Death is a part of our temporal life. I was sheltered from this reality for much of my youth. Looking back, I realize that being in an immigrant family with just my parents and sibling, I did not have grandparents or relatives in that generation nearby. In fact, I did not know my grandparents very well. My paternal grandparents died long before I was born. I learned fairly recently that my grandfather went missing during the Korean War (1950-53). And my grandmother passed away when my father was in his early 20s (circa 1965). In comparison, my maternal grandparents lived much longer. I met my grandmother a couple times after we moved to the U.S., but I was young and could not communicate well in Korean. When she died, my mom was the only one in the family to make the trip to Korea. My grandfather on my mom's side was still alive when Sunnie and I got married in 2001. He passed away the following year. Once again, my mom was the only one to make the trip to Korea.

I did not grasp the meaning of death. I did not have anyone that I knew well and would no longer get to know. My first time actually attending a funeral service was when I was in college – till then I only knew of funerals through television shows and movies. The funeral was for my close friend's father. It felt like there was a wave of funerals I attended in my 20s. Most of them were for people I barely knew: some were for members of the large church I served as a youth pastor and others were for a parent of a friend. It wasn't until I reached my 30s when I experienced the death of someone close. My father passed away a couple weeks before my 32nd birthday. According to his birthdate on official documents, he was 59 years old. But he was born during a time in Korea when birth certificates were delayed until it was certain that the child would live. It is possible that he reached 60.

When death came for my father, my family felt relief for the end of his suffering. Within the last year of his life he went from making an international trip (to Canada) to visit Sunnie, infant Ethan and me to injuring his back while picking up luggage to getting diagnosed with multiple myeloma to visiting the VA Hospital a countless number of times for treatment to being barely able to move and eat on his own. Yet I sometimes wonder what it would be like if my father was still alive. He would have met two more grandkids and witnessed all their silliness. Thankfully he saw his first grandchild and did something unfathomable for a Korean male of his generation... change a baby's diaper (which he was proud to share was a first for him).

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Associate Pastor's Report (cont.)

It's hard to believe that it's been 13 years since my father passed away. Now I approach the realization that death is inevitable for my other parent. As I shared in last weekend's sermons, my mother was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. One of my first questions after hearing this news was "What are the treatment options?" However, my mom decided to not seek medical treatment. In late July, Ethan and I made a brief trip to Los Angeles to see my mother and brother. I wanted to learn more about my mom's decision and the cancer in her body. Moreover, I wanted to convince her to receive treatment. My mom shared various reasons for not doing so, including her friends' difficult experiences with unsuccessful medical procedures and the decline in her physical health. Unspoken yet present was the memory of my father's battle with cancer. I felt like I could show her that her situation does not have to end the same way. But she would not budge on her decision. Yet I could not accept that decision... at least not until she shared her peace with dying. She trusts her life in God's hand.

We don't know when death will come for her. My brother and I discussed how it might happen in a year, two, five or ten years. I don't know when that day will be. I also don't know when my last day will be. Maybe it's a good thing not to know when our last breath will be, otherwise we might be overwhelmed by the thought of death. Nonetheless, I am learning to be mindful of death as a part of life. *Death reminds me that life is a precious gift.* I wonder if I can go so far as to think of death as a gift, especially in light of Christ's death that gives us life with God.

Edward



The following items are requested for the Center:

Personal Care Items:

- Deodorant
- Hair Brushes
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
 - Lotion
 - Toilet Paper
- Shampoo/Conditioner
 - Paper Towels
 - Kleenex
- Feminine Products

Children's Items:

- Diapers
- Baby Lotion

Miscellaneous Items:

- Ziploc Bags
- Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Supersaver, Hy-Vee, Walgreens, Gas cards, etc.)
 - Batteries
 - Aluminum Foil

For more information about how you can help, please contact:

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You can also find us on the following social media:

- Facebook
- Instagram @centerforsurvivors
- Twitter @CenterSurvivors

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 has a donation receptacle in the northwest entrance of the Federated Church. Requested items are:

August: Kitten Milk Replacer, Dog Treats

September: Dog Toys, Puppy Milk Replacer



Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

9/14: John & Anita Hahn

10/12: Nila Novotny & Kathy Shemek

11/9: Marilyn & Ben Vrana

12/14: Pastor Edward & Confirmation Class

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	13 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	14 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal	15	16 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	17 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	18
19 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Christian Ed./Youth Ministries Joint Meeting 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	20 12:00pm BIG PALS-Little Pals 6:45pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	21 10:15am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Property & Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	22	23 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	24 9:00am MOPS Leadership Meeting 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	25 1:00pm Baby Shower
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September 2018

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9 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Adult Bible Education 10:00am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	10 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	11 10:15am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279	12	13 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	14 8:30am MOPS Meeting 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	15

Women's Fellowship Circles



Circle 1: Co-leaders:

Sharyn Beard 402-606-4244

Jean Royer 402-564-8012

Circle 1 9:30 A.M. Meetings for 2018

Aug.: No Meeting

Sept. 19: Hostess: Charlotte Lambert
Lesson: Kay Castner

Oct. 17: Hostess: Sue McClure
Lesson: Jean Royer

Nov. 14: Hostess: Sharon Kuncel
Lesson: Anita Hahn
(Please note, 2nd Weds.!!)

Dec. 19: Traditions (Charlotte Lambert)
Lesson: Anita Hahn

Women's Fellowship Restructuring Committee

Sue McClure
Rogalyn Stevens
Joie Taylor
Linda Wheatley

Funeral Committee Information

Funeral Committee 1: Co-Chairpersons: Paula & David Lange, Margaret Nyffler, Joan & Gordon Specht, Ruth & Bill Erwin
Members: Sara Aerni, Arturo & Maria Alarcon, Tammy Baldwin, Brian & Patty Beckner, Carol & Pete Bennett, Lee & Diane Bower, Robyn Bower, Nell Burnham, Ellen Doughty, Charles & Phyllis Elliott, Dave & Rita Engquist, Clark & Marica Grant, Karen Hake, Rex & Kathy Hash, Connie Hickey, Ken & Betty Hledik, Twila Keener, Steve & Renee Klutman, Ken & Kathy Leischner, Rick & Karen Marxsen, Clint & Kelli Scheffler, Ruth Schlobohm, Kathy Senior, Bob & Glynnette Smith, Daryl Smith & Ron Novak, Joie Taylor, Frank & Sherry Thompson, Rod & Cindee Wachter, Marv & Barb Zoucha

Meals on Wheels

Once again, a generous group of volunteers represented Federated Church as they delivered meals June 18 - 22. Thank you. New volunteers are welcome. It doesn't take much training and only an hour or so for delivery time. Our next week of delivery is August 27 - 31. Cec Bartholomew will coordinate (402-564-0264)

Landscaping

A HUGE thank you to all of the congregants that are working so hard this year to keep the church grounds looking wonderful! You are doing an amazing job and your hard work is very appreciated!

Columbus Days Baby Changing Station

The Federated Church will host the Baby Changing Station during the Columbus Days Activities August 17-August 19. Thank you to all the volunteers!

Cookies 'N More

Looking for Co-Chairs!!

We are looking for help to co-chair the annual Cookies 'N More on November 15, 2018. Anyone who is interested should contact Rogalyn Stevens.
rogalynrr@gmail.com 402-563-2332

B-I-N-G-O

Ladies: We are seeking names of who would like to be called IF and WHEN additional help is needed on 4th Wednesdays (2:00 - 3:00) Bingo. It would not be an every month call, but a 'just in case'. Prizes are always provided by the circles. The sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary. *Thanks for your help, PW Women*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Paula Lange, Andrew McClure, Glynette Smith	8/15
Jon Kiser, Kristi Wolfe	8/17
Dennis Vollbracht	8/19
Ivy Hammans	8/20
Dave Melick, Nicholas Whitney	8/21
Cindy Lisko, Joseph Srb, Libby Williams	8/22
Azucena Alarcon	8/23
Ashli Porter	8/24
Barb Zoucha	8/25
Jeremy Anderson, Riley Lyon	8/26
David Marsh	8/27
Jordan Graham, Alexander McKinney, Joshua	8/28
Chase Lambert, Payne Lambert	8/29
Wendell Ita	9/1
Deb Curry, David Vollbracht	9/2
Brett Beal, Faith Dill, Elsie Ita	9/3
Fred Wunderlich	9/4
Annette Griffith	9/5
Linda Miller, Rueger Schrier	9/8
Madeline McClure	9/9
Wyatt Brandl, Reagan Gausman, Miranda Kaspar, Val Rathje, Payton Swierczek	9/10
Calvin Wagner	9/13
Jeannie Will	9/14

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 July 2018

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 - July 2018

Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$29,083.92
Future Year Transfer	\$8,542.10
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.25
Rent	\$200.00

Designated Funds (Savings):

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$50.00
Medical Mission Trip	\$100.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$25.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$10.00
Vacation Bible School	\$15.00
Helping Hands-Member	\$20.00

Interest Income:

Memorial	\$2.12
Checking	\$0.72
Savings	\$57.70

Expenses - July 2018

General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$34,806.06
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Designated Funds (Savings):

Vacation Bible School	\$500.88
Church/Bus Fund	\$43.96
Helping Hands - NonMember	\$598.00
Misc. Expense - Color Printing	\$4.79

Checking Account Balance Ending June 30, 2018: \$9,349.43

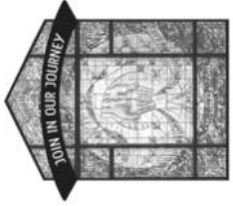
Savings Account Balance Ending June 30, 2018: \$120,903.50

Memorial Account Balance Ending June 30, 2018: \$31,074.90

Checking Account Balance Ending July 31, 2018: \$15,704.18

Savings Account Balance Ending July 31, 2018: \$107,328.88

Memorial Account Balance Ending July 31, 2018: \$31,762.02



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