



FEDERATED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Worship Services:

Thursdays at 6:30PM

Sundays at 10 AM

Education Hour

(Sunday School, Adult Education and
Confirmation Classes):

Sundays at 9AM

**PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR FOR OTHER
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS!**

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See inside for upcoming activities in March and April at Federated!

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From the Pastor's Desk

Lent is a time of reflection on our mortality. We begin on Ash Wednesday with a visible reminder of how "you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This year's Lent included a further prompt for considering death. On Tuesday morning (March 12th) I realized it was the 14th anniversary of my father's passing.

It is hard to believe it is been that many years; I can still remember the events of that day. I was driving on Highway 101 (with traffic, of course). My brother called and informed me that our dad died. By the time I got to my parents' home, my father was already transported to a nearby hospital. I waited in the hospital waiting room for several hours. The education pastor I worked with accompanied me for some of that time (side note: Sunnie and Ethan were in South Korea during this time), and he shared from his experience of his father passing away. Then, the doctor came out and said there was nothing more they could do. It hit me then that life would not be the same. I was entering an unfamiliar territory: life without a father.

The official cause of death was heart failure. Yet, I know that was not the real reason why my father died. His heart gave out after a yearlong battle with cancer, specifically multiple myeloma. A year prior, my mom and dad visited Sunnie and me in Vancouver, Canada to see their grandchild. When they got back to Los Angeles, my dad injured his back pulling out luggage from the car trunk. The pain from that injury did not go away. Eventually, he went to see a doctor about the pain and learned that he had an incurable cancer. We were glad that he could receive medical treatment through the Veterans Administration hospital system.

From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

My brother escorted him to the numerous appointments for treatment and follow-up. When I moved back to California in the fall of 2004, I was able to help out with driving and waiting in hospitals.

For a while, we thought the treatments were working. There were days when my dad was feeling well and other days that were not so good. Nonetheless, his health continued to decline. My father, who was an avid bicyclist and roller-skater, had difficulty during the last months with even walking indoors. A special hospital bed was put in the living room so that he would not have to walk much.

There are a lot of emotions for me with March 12th. I feel sadness that I was not at my father's bedside when he took his last breath. There is anger and sorrow that he is no longer around. And within the mixed bag of emotions, there is peace that my dad is with our Creator and no longer suffering. My mom recalls how my dad was surprisingly eating so well that last day (cancer medicine had ruined his appetite). She briefly thought his health was improving. Looking back, she thinks that my dad was enjoying his final meal and that gives her peace with his departure.

During this season of Lent, I would invite you to think about your experience(s) with the death of loved ones. Where are you in the grieving process (for example, Elizabeth Kubler Ross describes five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance)? What has been helpful in mourning the loss? I would be honored to hear your stories, whether it be written form or in conversation.

Grace and peace,

Edward

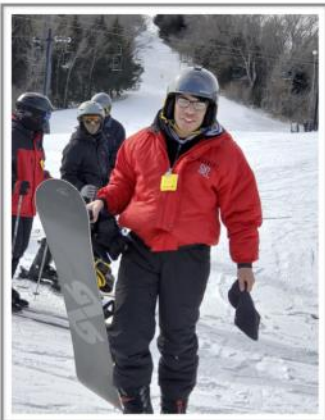
FEDERATED CYF

Children, Youth & Families

by Edward Yang



Photos from Youth Snow Trip to
Mt. Crescent, Iowa (Feb. 16, 2019)



Upcoming Events

March 31 **Taste of Federated** - please support this youth summer mission team fundraiser by cooking a dish (main course/ salad/soup/ dessert) and attending this smorgasbord after Sunday worship (freewill donation will be collected).

April 14 **Children's Sunday** - we will celebrate God's gift of children in our midst with performances by our young leaders in worship followed by games and activities.

Meals on Wheels

Thank you to the volunteers who delivered January 14th through 18th. Federated's next week of service is March 25th through 29th.

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 is privileged to have a donation receptacle in the northwest entrance of the Federated Church.

Requested items are:

March: Windex, Pine Sol, Soft Scrub

April: Dish Soap, Trash Bags



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*



**The following
volunteering
opportunities are needed
at the Center:**

Outreach/Special Events

- Pass out pamphlets in our service area
- Assist in decorating, planning, setting up/ cleaning for various special events

Grocery Shopping:

- Pick up a list from the Center and purchase items for clients that are in the shelter.

Meals for Clients:

- Prepare meals that will be

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

Traci Pilar, Volunteer Coordinator

Phone: 402-564-2155

Email: volcoordinator@centerforsurvivors.net

Rescue Mission Meals

Thank you to **Chris Warren and Nick Warren** who volunteered for the Rescue Mission Meal on March 8th. **Heidi Klevemann** will be providing the meal for April 12.,and **Judy Temme and Ruth Schlobohm** for May 10th. A warm thank you to all the volunteers who help with these important meals!

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion

The book, "A Glad Obedience, Why and What we Sing" by Walter Brueggemann, will be the next book to be reviewed at the Tuesday morning Christian Book Discussion. The author examines 15 popular hymns and explores the reasons they recast the world in which we live.

Copies of this book are available at Amazon.com. Mark your calendars to meet with us at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, March 26th for breakfast and a stimulating discussion in Fellowship Hall. In preparation, read the introduction and first chapter of the book.

Nursery Attendant Needed

Church Nursery Attendant Needed to care for children ages 0-3 on Sunday mornings. Please contact Rev. Edward, edward@federatedcolumbus.org/(402) 564-2812, with questions and send resumes Attn: Rev. Edward to Federated's P.O. Box 564, Columbus, NE 68602 More information on the church webpage: <http://federatedcolumbus.org/wp-content/uploads/Federated-Church-Nursery-Attendant-Job-Posting.pdf>

Garage Sale Co-Chairs

Federated Church is seeking volunteers to Co-Chair this years garage sale, July 8th starts prep, the sale is on July 13th. Please contact Linda Wheatley if you are interested 402-276-0215 or lwheatley@neb.rr.com

Women's Fellowship Restructuring Committee

Sue McClure

Rogalyn Stevens

Joie Taylor

Linda Wheatley

Funeral Committee Information

Funeral Committee 2: Co-Chairpersons: John & Deb Curry, Steve & Marcia Dewald, Larry & Sue Mares, Guy & Linda Wheatley

Members: Diane Barbarglia, Liz Boettcher, Gary & Dana Brandt, Jane Crister, JoAnn Dowd, Mimi Ernst, Jose & Trinidad Garcia, Jeff & Tami Gotschall, Gene & Cola Hahn, Fonda Hanks, Whit Hanner, Cindy Hoadley, Terry & Andree Hoeman, Leroy & Brenda Kallweit, Ron & Charlotte Lambert, Herman & Beryldean Lauterbach, Ruth Lind, John Lohr, John & Julie McClure, Kevin & Mary Meyer, Bryon & Peg Meyer, Diane Scheffler, Donna Shreve, Kim Swierczek, Clark & Lori Smith, Joe & Marilyn Srb, Paula & Rebecca Timperley, Doug & Randi Williams, Drew & Kristi Wolfe, Gail Wurdeman

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 9:00am Adult Bible Education 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	11 4:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting 6:45pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 7:00pm Foundation Senior Scholarship Information Night	12 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group 11:30am OSA Prayer Chain Meeting 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal	13 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	14 10:00am M & G Subcommittee Meeting 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	15 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	16
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24 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Adult Bible Education 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Summer Mission Planning Meeting 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	25 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	26 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279	27 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Youth Club	28 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	29 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	30 9:00am Preparation for Taste of Federated
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April 2019

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This Lenten season we will be remembering the Journey to Jerusalem with our Sisters and Brothers at First United Methodist, Grace Episcopal and St. Luke's UCC. Join us for a meal and brief reflection service on Wednesdays.

Lenten Lunches 2019

*"For the Journey"
Travel Light, Pack Wisely*

12:05 PM / Worship
Soup Lunch \$5.00
March 13 to April 10

First UMC
2710 14th Street
Fellowship Hall

Federated · First UMC · Grace Episcopal · St. Luke's UCC

We will be continuing our 'Walk to Jerusalem' with many of the other brothers and sisters in our community. Please continue to turn your miles and time in each week.



As part of our traveling lightly, packing wisely there, we are encouraging you to declutter your home during Lent. We are calling the challenge '40 Bags in 40 Days'. The challenge is to remove 40 bags of unneeded items and donate them to charity!

To end our community Lenten Journey, join us at Grace Episcopal on Good Friday, April 19th at Noon as we reflect upon the *Stations of the Cross* according to the Scripture.

Dates to Remember:

Lenten Luncheons

At First United Methodist
starting March 13

Children's Sunday Celebration, April 14, 10:00am

Palm Sunday Service
at Federated Church

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 6:30pm

Worship Service
at Federated Church

Good Friday, April 19, Noon

Reflection upon the
Stations of the Cross
at Grace Episcopal

Easter Sunday, April 21, 10:00am

Easter Service
at Federated Church

Federated Hosts Lenten Luncheon

Federated will be hosting the Lenten Luncheon at FUMC at Noon on April 3rd. Please contact Paula Lange 402-563-0868 for more information.

Easter Lilies

Chrissy is taking orders for Easter Lilies now. You can find the order form in the bulletins for Thursday and Sunday Worship services. Orders are due by April 8, 2019. Lilies - \$9, Begonias- \$15

Annual Congregational Meeting Tally

It has been determined that by omitting the voting results (numbers for and against) an error in rules was committed. The numbers will be published in the bulletin, as well as here. This apparently has happened in the past and the same resolution was taken.

Bill Royer, Governing Council 2019 President

Vote tallies	Yes	No	Abstain
Approve Dissolution	48	59	11
Approve Severance	78	23	7
There were 10 voters who did not vote on the severance proposal			

Annika Dissolution of Call

Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope has concluded her call at Federated Church on March 15, 2019. Her email address, annika@federatedcolumbus.org, will no longer be functioning and emails will be forwarded to the staff email. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office at 402-564-2812, and will assist you to the best of our abilities.

10 Years of Working at Federated!

On March 12, marked 10 years of employment at Federated Church for Jim Rains, our Office Manager! If you would like to thank him for the amazing job he has done for the church, the pastors and the congregants, you can call or email him at the office: fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org or 402-564-2812!

TASTE OF FEDERATED

MARCH 31, 2019
(AFTER WORSHIP)

ENTRY FORM:

Please place form in collection plate, drop off at church office/
mailbox or send info to Max at max.david.porter@gmail.com

Name of chef:

Name of dish:

Type of food:

Do you need electricity? yes / no

*THANK YOU for supporting
Federated Youth Summer Mission Team*



Jacob Buresh-Lange, Terry Schultz	3/17
Heidi Klevemann, Scott Wurdeman	3/18
Gene Hahn, Terry Norris, Landon Winslow	3/19
Sheri Melick, Bob Smith, Gordon Specht	3/20
David Walline	3/21
Wayland Berry, Edward Yang	3/22
Riley Gausman, Mitchell Norris	3/24
John Hahn, Kathy Hash, Larry Spence	3/25
Beatriz Garcia, Paul Sanderson, Vianne Stroope-West, Chuck Whitney, Gail Wurdeman	3/26
Megan Bower	3/27
Jason Augspurger, Brenda Kallweit	4/2
Justin Badje	4/3
Skylar Dreesen, Brian Klevemann	4/7
Jessica Sand, Janalyn Pickrel	4/8
Lisa Perrin, Ellie Porter, Cara Porter	4/9
Beverly Fry, Connor Hahn, Sue Mares, Ervin Paben	4/10
Kathy Morris, Clint Scheffler	4/11
Pam Hahn, Lois Schultz	4/12
Kathy Orr	4/13
Gary Sedlacek	4/14
Norma Schaufelberger	4/15

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 February 2019

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 - February 2019

Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$35,206.66
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Designated Funds (Savings):

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$105.00
Platte County Food Pantry	\$170.00
Hastings College	\$20.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$273.65
Youth Fund	60.00
Building Mntc	\$320
Tuesday Morning Book	\$27.00
Rent (Wedding)	\$450.00

Interest Income:

Memorial	\$4.61
Checking	\$2.77
Savings	\$113.04

Expenses - February 2019

Annual Budget Expenses:

Committee, Administration, Church	\$35,513.79
Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	

Savings Expenses:

Youth Fund (Triennium)	\$3,000.00
Pastor's Discretion	\$16.00
Helping Hands - Non-Member	\$600.00

Checking Account Balance Ending January 31, 2019: \$14,643.24

Savings Account Balance Ending January 31, 2019: \$107,053.93

Memorial Account Balance Ending January 31, 2019: \$30,045.47

Checking Account Balance Ending February 28, 2019: \$14,763.11

Savings Account Balance Ending February 28, 2019: \$104,113.58

Memorial Account Balance Ending February 28, 2019: \$30,050.18

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