

FEDERATED CHURCH



Thursday, March 5, and Sunday, March 8, 2020
Second Sunday in Lent



Mission Statement:

***We are called to nurture a growing relationship with God
 by following the example of Jesus Christ.***

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 Church.

The **Library & “Cry Room”** at the back of the Sanctuary is child friendly and include Sanctuary sound.

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 is John & Marilyn Petersen, Clark Smith, Randy Kaspar, and Cliff Jensen.

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 2020 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Robin Lehr Terry Norris				

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

♦ Please pray for Allison Trautwein, daughter-in-law to Bob and Judy Trautwein, who will be receiving treatment for breast cancer in the coming weeks.

♦ Please pray for the family of Troy Jindra, nephew of Betty Hledik, who died on February 24th.

♦ Please pray for the Mission Study Committee (*Julie Graham, Steve Heinisch, John McClure, Dave Melick, Lisa Perrin, Ashli Porter, Doug Williams and Marv Zoucha*).

2X4S DINNERS TOGETHER

Contact Nila Novotny at 402-910-4091 or at nilanovotny@neb.rr.com if you would like to participate in the upcoming 2020 "2x4s" Dinners Together.

Volunteer & Engagement Opportunities

(if you would like more information, contact the person mentioned in the ad)

NEEDED: Story Tellers for Children's Sermon - please talk to Brenda Sand

Open Prayer Times - second Tuesday of every month at 11:30am - contact the Church Office or Barb Sanderson

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion - Tuesdays at 7am with coffee and a light breakfast - contact Bob Trautwein

Lectionary Bible Studies - Tues. @1:00pm and Weds. @4:30pm - contact Pastor Edward

Greeters Needed! Please sign up on sheet in Narthex.

Wifi Group will be meeting March 22nd in the Library. Mitchel Griffith will be answering questions. Please sign up on sheet in Narthex.



The Annual Boy Scouts Troop 212 Pancake Feed will be held on Tuesday, March 24th in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. Free will donation or Kids \$4.00 and Adults \$6.00.

Walk to Jerusalem - Federated Church is once again participating in this event for 2020. Send in your minutes/miles to the church office each Monday for the previous week. Email Jim or Chrissy at fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org or call them at 402-564-2812. Too cold to walk outside? Walk in the gym, Mon.-Fri. 8am - 4:00pm!

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 8

9:00am Education Hour, EC, Upper Rooms
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:10am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting, AD 2
11:15am Personnel Committee Meeting, Library

Monday, March 9

5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym
7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, March 10 (NO Bible Study this week)

7:00am Tues. Morn. Book Discussion, FH
11:30am Open Prayer Time, Sanctuary
6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
6:30pm Christian Ed. Committee, EC 8

Wednesday, March 11 (NO Bible Study this week)

12:05pm Lenten Luncheon @ FUMC
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, March 12

5:00pm Special Olympics 5 on 5, Gym
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 13

8:30am MOPS Meeting, EC/Gym/Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 14 No events scheduled

Sunday, March 15

9:00am Education Hour, EC, Upper Rooms
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15am "Churches in Transition" Talk, Sanctuary

"Sunday Lunch Bunch"

ABC - All 'Bout Conversation - (1st Sunday every month) contact Barb Olson or John & Nila Novotny
April 5th at Hy-Vee

Batter Up - (2nd Sunday every month) contact Bill & Jean Royer or Ben & Marilyn Vrana - **March 8th at Super Buffet**

Runza Funza - Meets each Sunday at Runza, contact Tim & Val Rathje or Max & Ashli Porter
**For more information, coordinators are listed. If you have a Small Group event coming up, make sure to contact the church office so we can add it here!

"Churches in Transition"

Next Sunday (March 15th), Rev. Darrell Goodwin, UCC Associate Conference Minister for Nebraska Conference, will give a 30 minute talk on the UCC steps for calling a pastor. There will also be time for Q&A (question and answer). Rev. Goodwin will be the Sunday morning preacher that day.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, AND SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

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

Aria in F Major
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

HANDEL
ARR. KENDALL

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

A SANCTIFIED ART & FEASTING ON THE WORD

One: All are welcome here — the young and old,

All: those who have visions and those who dream dreams.

One: All are welcome here — the sinner and saint,

All: those who seek forgiveness and those who long for peace.

One: All are welcome here — the hurt and the doubting,

All: those who know the wilderness and those who feel lost.

One: All are welcome here; for you are loved by God, and this is God's house.

All: Let us worship God. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN NO. 298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we give you our hearts. They are brimming with doubt and are saturated with fear, but we give them to you anyway, for you promise to love us as we are. You promise to walk with us to the ends of the earth, so in this moment, we promise to tell the truth. God, you ask us to be brave and bold, but we cower in fear. You ask us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we hold tight to privilege and the status quo. And you ask us to risk it all to follow you, but we are content with the injustices at hand. Forgive us for our sin and lift our eyes to you.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

Declaration of Forgiveness:

One: Friends, God is for us and not against us!

All: For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world that the world might believe through him.

One: Believe the good news,

All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

The Great Cloud
Bob Arp, Director

MARTIN

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marv Zoucha, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to John 3 : 1 - 17

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGES 93 - 94

One: God's living word, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

*** Affirmation of Faith (Thurs.): The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

[* catholic here means universal/worldwide]

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN (attached music) *Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus***

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Sun.)

Presentation of Baptisands:

Marcia Grant, Church President

Trystin Royer and Grayson Drinnin

Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

* Sing the Faith #2051

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

*** PASSING THE PEACE**

One: God makes peace with us. Let us claim it.

All: God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

One: Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

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

God Will Take Care of You

ARR. WILSON

*** LENTEN DOXOLOGY**

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude – for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray, amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN NO. 485**

To God Be the Glory

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Marche Pontificale

TOMBELLE

All are welcome to Sunday fellowship at Café LaFed, hosted by the Order of St. Andrew.

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

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Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

1. Ni - co de - mus sought out Je - sus at a lone - ly, qui - et
2. "Born a - gain!" said Ni - co de - mus. "Is that some - thing one can
3. God, your Spir - it still sur - pri - ses like an ev - er - chang - ing

hour. He said, "Teach - er, God is with you! For in
do?" Je - sus said, "Don't be sur - prised now that you
wind, bring - ing life and love and jus - tice where des -

you we see God's power." Je - sus turned and gave an
must be and born a - new. And it's not by your own
pair and death have been. May we see your Spir - it

an - swer filled with chal - lenge and with love: "You can
do - ing; wind and Spir - it will blow free! They are
work - ing as a gift from heav'n a - bove. They are
Blest, may

nev - er see God's king - dom till you're born from heav'n a - bove."
not for your con - trol - ling; trust in this God for what will be."
we then be a bles - sing to this world that you so love.

You are invited to attend

PW Spring Gatherings



Weeping may endure for a night, but
JOY comes in the morning.

Psalm 30:05

PW Spring Gatherings

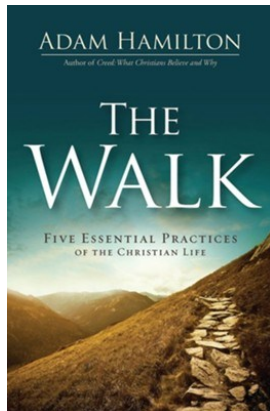
Saturday, March 28 at Clarkson from 1-3

Saturday, April 4 at Lyons from 1-3

Bring your favorite tea cup to the tea party in Clarkson & Lyons
(No reservations needed)

We will be collecting Pill bottles at each of the Gatherings.

*Watch the Homestead Presbytery site for more information.
For more info please call Terri Sherman 402-441-2823*



Adult Education started a new series for Lent! 'The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life' by Adam Hamilton which will "deepen your walk with Christ (while exploring) five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving and bearing witness to our faith."

Education Hour for Adults meet in the Education Center Room 4 at 9:00am Sunday mornings.

Federated Youth Missions Fundraiser

Pizza Order Form

(Cost \$15.00 per Pizza – Please Pay With Your Order)

(Pizza Size: Approximately 12")

Orders will be collected in the Narthex following church services through Sunday, March 15th

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ (Best number to contact you.)

Pizzas will be available for pick up after church on Sunday, March 22nd.

WHITE CRUST	
Quantity	Pizza Available
	Cheese Pizza
	Beef Pizza
	Pepperoni Pizza

WHEAT CRUST	
Quantity	Pizza Available
	Cheese Pizza
	Beef Pizza
	Pepperoni Pizza

Total Pizzas Ordered: _____ X \$15.00 per pizza

Total Amount Paid: _____

Paid With: Check No. _____ or Cash

Cost: \$15.00 Per Pizza

Thank you for your support of the Federated Youth Missions!

Sunday | LUKE 12:11-12

We live in a world awash in words.

Tweets, billboards, texts, taglines, blogs, podcasts, headlines, newsfeeds, talk shows. Silence rarely surrounds us, and we become uncomfortable with anything less than a full assault on our senses. Whenever we find ourselves waiting or with a moment to spare, we instinctively go to a screen, scroll, distract ourselves and disengage from much that is all around us. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to give us the words we most need when we most need them. All that Jesus asks of his disciples, he equips us to do. Jesus grounds his admonition not to worry in the promise that he will

give us what we need when we are called upon to do his work. Nonetheless, we find ourselves often anxious and afraid. Could that be related to our sensory overload, our constant distraction, our inability to tune out the noise and hone our hearing to the Spirit's signal?

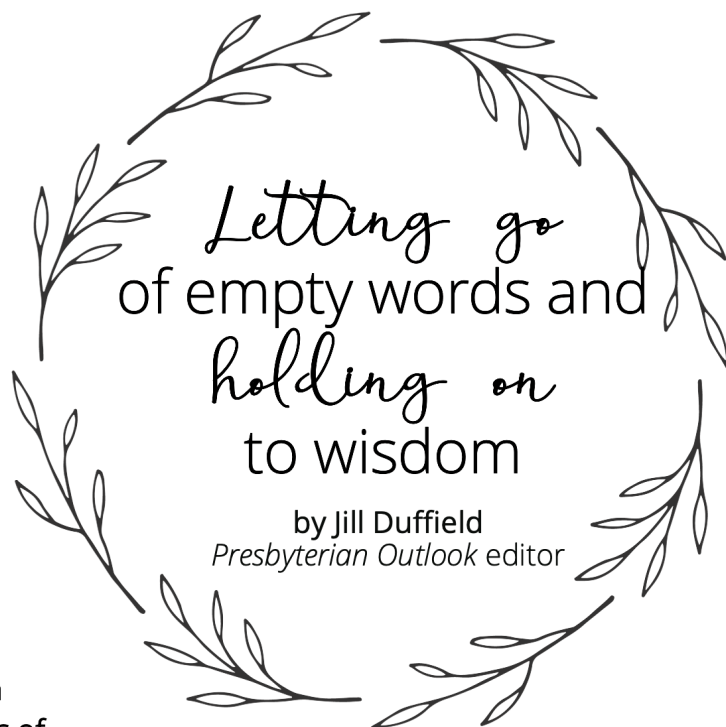
Words matter and yet we blithely speak without thought, post without prayer, text without considering the consequences. We quickly respond to whatever stimulus is in front of us instead of stopping to seek the Spirit's wisdom first.

What if this Lent we sought to let go of all that distracts us and attempted to discern the words the Spirit is giving us to speak and enact? We will surely mishear and fall short, but grace abounds and God continues to teach us. This week could we challenge ourselves to pay close attention to the words we utter and type and disseminate and ask ourselves if they reflect the teachings of Jesus, the character of God and the wisdom of the Spirit?

Lord, Word made flesh, grace upon grace, we pause to listen for what you are saying to your church. We lean in to hear your wisdom so that our speech will reflect your character. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions so that all we do, every sound we utter, builds up and contributes to your present and coming kingdom. Amen.

Monday | EPHESIANS 4:29

Today prayerfully attempt to use only words that give grace, that are useful for building up. At the end of the day, mentally review what you said or wrote. How did you do? How hard was it? Ask for forgiveness for when your words were less than grace-filled. Give thanks for when you were able to use upbuilding words.



Letting go
of empty words and
holding on
to wisdom

by Jill Duffield
Presbyterian Outlook editor

You are the Word, grace upon grace, and we want to reflect you in our own words. Forgive us when our words tear down or destroy that which you wish to build up and heal. Silence in us any voice but yours, that we might hear and imitate your performative, good, life-giving speech. Amen.

Tuesday | ISAIAH 59:21

What does covenant mean to you?
What does it mean that God has made a covenant with us, a covenant that confers God's words and Spirit upon us? Who are the people you know whose words and actions reflect God's words and Spirit? What is it about them that communicates God's words?

God who communicates in a myriad of ways, we praise you for the people we know who speak your language fluently. We are grateful for their witness and words, the ways they point to you and inspire us to do likewise. We, too, hope to learn and live your divine lexicon in ways that call forth the good and beautiful. Amen.

Wednesday | JOEL 2:28-29

God speaks through diverse voices. No one is off limits to God's power and Spirit. Often God chooses unexpected people to further divine plans. Are there people God may be speaking to and through whom you disregard? Pay attention today to who might be speaking God's word. Are they who you expected? What did they say?

Lord of all, you pour out your Spirit where and when and to whom you will. We assume we know the likely candidates for your work, but a quick review of Bible stories reminds us of how wide and varied the protagonists you pick are. Attune us to your word, no matter who speaks it, so that we can hear and heed it. Amen.

Thursday | ACTS 2:4

The Spirit gives the first disciples the ability to speak in a multitude of languages in order to tell of God's deeds of power. What are the languages, literally and metaphorically, we are called to speak in order to best communicate God's story in our context? How is God teaching those languages to us?

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Mold us and shape us. Grant us the languages we need to best share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Silence us when necessary. Open us to learning new things so that we can participate in the new thing you are doing in our midst. Amen.

Friday | MATTHEW 12:36-37

Are there words you have uttered that you do not want to give God an account for saying? If so, are there ways you can make amends and ask for forgiveness for them? Review recent conversations, emails and social media posts and consider if you want to be held accountable for them or not.

Merciful God, do you really call us to account for every careless word we utter? Knowing you are merciful and abounding in steadfast love, we confess the frequency of such carelessness and ask for forgiveness. We trust that you invite us to repent, to turn and attempt to do better. We count on the Spirit helping us in our weakness. Amen.

Saturday | COLOSSIANS 3:17

Today do everything in the name and for the sake of Jesus. Try to give thanks for absolutely everything that comes your way this day. How does this gratitude change your perspective? How does doing everything in and for Jesus change the way you do things? Write down your answers to these questions so that you can go back and reflect on them later.

Lord Jesus, we know that nothing can separate us from your love. You bless us richly and daily, how then, can we not be thankful and full of joy? Our gratitude cannot be contained or constrained. Thank you for seeking us out. Thank you for reconciling us to God and one another. Thank you for the gift of this day and every day. Amen.