

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

FEDERATED NEWS

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March 1st

Ash Wednesday Service

@ St. Luke's
Rev. Dr. Edward Yang
preaching



Lenten Lunches at FUMC at Noon

March 8 - Rev. Dr. Annika Stroope preaching

March 15 - Pastor Adam Lassen preaching

March 22 - Cindi Stewart preaching

March 29 - Rev. Dr. Edward Yang preaching

April 5 - Rev. Seong Lee preaching

Palm & Passion Sunday

April 9th



Maundy Thursday

April 13th
7pm service

Easter Services

Sunday April 16th

8am Service

Brief Prayer &
Communion Service

10am Service

Worship Service with
Choral Music and

Youth Liturgists

Easter Egg Hunt for Children

After 10am Service



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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk

25 years ago, I learned a lot – and had a lot of fun – as the editor of my high school's newspaper. One of the basics about journalism that we were taught was to report on an event using the method of “*who, what, when, where, and why.*”

In that spirit, this article shares some basic information about the *who, what, when, where, and why* of my Study Leave this coming summer. Federated Church's manual includes a provision for pastors to be granted a three month educational leave after five years of full-time ministry. I will complete five years of ministry at Federated on May 15th of this year. How time flies!

You already know that I am part of the *who* of the Study Leave, but there are many other *whos*. Several ministers and congregations will collaborate with Federated Church for this Study Leave. I will make a presentation at the annual meeting of the Congregation after worship on Sunday, February 26th with more details about the Study Leave, including the congregations I will visit.

The *what* and the *why* of the Study Leave can be found in the Federated Church manual in its Employment Policies: **At the end of each five years of full-time ministry, the pastor shall be granted three months educational leave with full salary (plus vacation) for a program of spiritual and intellectual refreshment, for a refresher course or courses of study or educational travel mutually agreeable to both the minister and the official board. During such educational leave, the church should agree to underwrite the cost of pastoral services. It is understood that the minister shall remain as pastor for at least a year following said educational leave or repay the church the salary for the time taken as leave. Churches are encouraged to create an escrow fund to be used at the time of the educational leave. Monies to be placed in this fund should be negotiated between pastor and church.***

I am grateful that Federated Church has been proactive by including in its manual a process for pastors to be on Study Leave. Ministry is a 24/7, 365 days per year responsibility. Study Leaves provide time and space for ministers to be intentional about spiritual direction and renewal.

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From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

The intention of the Study Leave is to benefit the whole congregation. While on Study Leave, I will visit over a dozen congregations and interview nearly 20 pastors on topics ranging from worship styles and music, to stewardship and planned giving, to building efficiency practices and more. I will work on improving my sermons by attending the Writer's Workshop at Princeton Seminary. I will study the Federated Church archives, as well as archives at the Presbyterian Historical Society about federated congregations around the country, seeking the wisdom and best practices of many more congregations.

After I return, we will all be able to glean ideas and inspiration from our sisters and brothers in Christ in congregations around the country. All this is for Federated Church's benefit as we continue to move forward into our second century in the spirit of Christ.

Now for the *when*: I will be commissioned to Study Leave in the worship service on Sunday, May 21st. I will be on vacation May 22 – 28 and away on the Memorial Day holiday. The Study Leave will be May 30th through August 29th. One week of that time will be the Worship Planning Week that is included in my annual terms of call. The final week of my time away will be vacation and the Labor Day holiday. I will be back in the church office on Tuesday, September 5th.

The Governing Council has approved a budget for the Study Leave utilizing funds from the Federated Church Endowment. This budget includes Pulpit Supply and Emergency Pastoral Coverage, not to exceed \$3000, and Study Leave Activities, not to exceed \$3000. The Study Leave Activities include workshop and conference registrations and mileage as well as the fees for seminary guest housing and spiritual direction.

I have heard some anxiety about me being away for this length of time. I suppose that some of the reason I have less anxiety is because during the nearly 10 years that I served as an Associate Pastor prior to serving at Federated, I experienced the study leaves of four pastors – including the Senior Pastor. Leading up to each study leave, the church made plans for coverage of duties. Sometimes it seemed nerve-racking as to how to cover each pastor's duties – and yet, each and every time that a pastor was on leave for three months, we would all be pleasantly surprised at how quickly the time went by. Our colleague was “back at it,” and, more importantly, each pastor came back rejuvenated with great ideas and energy for the whole church.

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From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

Some have also noted that Pastor Edward will be completing his first year while I am on Study Leave. I have the utmost confidence in Pastor Edward to serve pastorally and more than competently in my absence. Pastor Edward's terms of call includes being responsible for worship on average once per month. During the Study Leave, he will continue to be responsible for worship one week per month, and he will also receive an honorarium from the Pulpit Supply Study Leave budget to prepare worship for one additional week in June, July, and August. I see this as a positive, in that Edward and the congregation will get to know one another even better.

I am enthusiastic about Federated hearing a variety of preaching this summer! Both of the summer mission trips will report back to the congregation during worship in June. I have been in contact with local clergy and pulpit supply pastors about both Thursday and Sunday worship services. As of the printing of this newsletter, all of the worship services in June have preachers arranged. Pastor Linda (Schaufelberger) Mohr will provide Emergency On-Call Pastoral Coverage while Edward is on the high school mission trip and on vacation.

I hope this article provides the basics of the *who, what, when, where, and why* of the Study Leave. Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone (402) 942-1636 and/or by email

annika@federatedcolumbus.org between the time that you read this article and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on February 26th. You may have the same question as someone else, so your question can help my presentation on the 26th to be more helpful. Thank you for your prayerful support and partnership in ministry to God's glory,



**An updated description of Study Leave was approved at the November 2016, which will apply to Study Leaves after Pastor Edward's, scheduled for 2020.*

Position Available at Food Pantry

The Platte County Food Panty Board of Directors is seeking to fill an opening for a part-time Executive Director. The Executive Director supervises the daily operation of the Food Panty including ordering, record keeping, volunteer staff coordination, community fund raising, and other duties as assigned. Must be able to lift 40 pounds; may use your vehicle occasionally to haul light supplies. Must be available to work 4 or 5 hours per week in the Pantry during open hours; will work approximately 40 hours per month. The Food Pantry is open 10:00 -11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. This position offers a monthly salary. Mail resume to Platte County Food Pantry, 3020 18th Street, Suite #13, Columbus NE 68601; Or email resume to plattecountyfoodpantry@yahoo.com .

Funeral Committee Information

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, Dorothy DeMarco, Dennis & Carol Dohmen, Melanie Drobny & Jacob Nincehelser, JoAnn Dowd, Mimi Ernst, Jose & Trinidad Garcia, Jeff & Tami Gotschall, Gene & Cola Hahn, Fonda Hanks, Whiney & Marian Hanner, Cindy Hoadley, Melissa Hoadley & Nick Arps, Terry Andree Hoeman, Leroy & Brenda Kallweit, Raynelda Karlin, Ron & Charlotte Lambert, Herman & Beryldean Lauterbach, Ruth Lind, John Lohr, John & Julie McClure, Kevin & Mary Meyer, Bryon & Peg Meyer, Chris & Mary Rasmussen, Diane Scheffler, Donna Shreve, Kim Swierczek, Clark & Lori Smith, Joe & Marilyn Srb, Dennis Vollbracht, Dr. Dave & Dr. Linda Walline, Jeremy West, Reil & Lyle Whitney, Doug & Randi Williams, Drew & Kristi Wolfe, Fred & Cindy Wunderlich, Gail Wurdeman

Annual Congregational Meeting

The 102nd Annual Congregational Meeting will be after service on Sunday, February 26th. The 2016 Financial information and proposed budget for 2017 were mailed out on February 3rd. If you did not received them, please contact Chrissy at the church office.

Wednesday Lenten Services

Lenten Lunches start on March 8 - @ First UMC in Fellowship Hall. 12 PM start with lunch and a 20 minute service with prayer, music, and message.

Theme: *Praying Our Story*

March 8 - Rev. Dr. Annika Stroope, "Everyday Stories"
March 15 - Pastor Adam Lassen, "Stories of Longing"
March 22 - Rev. Cindi Stewart, "Stories of Encounter"
March 29 - Rev. Dr. Edward Yang, "Stories of Wholeness"
April 5 - Rev. Seong Lee, "Stories of New Beginnings"

2017 Mission Trips

In 2017, there are two wonderful opportunities for Mission Trips: The Alumni Mission Trip is scheduled for May 28th to June 3rd. They will be travelling to Cuba. Currently there are 12 people signed up. The funds are at \$21,020.55! Good job on the Fundraising!

The Youth Mission Trip will be going to Estes Park in Colorado from June 19th to June 24th. So far, funds for this trip are at \$1,841.99 for the eight students who have decided to go. As a reminder: the Narthex Book Sale is a free-will donation to help with this awesome Mission for our Youth! Bring books, grab a few , and drop some change in those baskets!! The kids will really appreciate every cent!

Ash Wednesday Service Information

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Center For Survivors

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in:



February:

Fabric Softener
Dryer Sheets
Bleach

March:

Comet
Windex
409 Cleaner

Platte County Food Pantry

"Food of the Month" for the Platte County Food Pantry:
We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in

February:

Hamburger Helper
Tuna Helper
Boxed Meals

March:

Boxed Potatoes
Pork & Beans

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:



February:

Dryer Sheets
Clorox Bleach

March:

Windex
Pine Sol
Soft Scrub

Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

2/24/2017 - Sherry Miller & Nicole Miller
3/10/2017 - "Young Leaders"
3/24/2017 - Linda Wheatley & Sue Mares
4/14/2017 - Heidi Klevemann

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-102nd Annual Meeting 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	27 04:00 PM-Emerson Tutoring 05:30 PM-Special Olympics 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	28 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 05:30 PM-Special Olympics 06:00 PM-Consongaires Rehearsal 07:00 PM-Governing Council Meeting	1 04:30 PM-WF Board Meeting 06:00 PM-Women's Fellowship Meeting 06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry 07:00 PM-Ash Wed. Serv. @ St. Luke's	2 06:15 PM-Boy Scouts Roundtable 07:15 PM-Order of the Arrow	3 09:00 AM-MOPS Playgroup 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	4
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Women's Fellowship Circles



Circle 1: JoAnn Dowd - 402-564-5017

Circle 2: Cec Bartholomew - 402-564-0264

Circle 4: Louise Moran - 402-564-5745

**Women's Fellowship
Co-Moderators:**

Cec Bartholomew, Rogalyn
Stevens & Charlotte Griffith

Immediate Past Moderator: Joie Taylor

Feb 15: Circle 1: 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Pat Scheuneman
Lesson: Sharyn Beard

Feb 15: Circle 2: 1:00 p.m. Hostess: Renee Bellum

Feb 15: Circle 4: 7:30 p.m. Hostess:
Co-Hostess: Elsie Ita
Lesson: Louise Moran

March 15: Circle 1: 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Marilyn Vrana
Lesson: Marilyn Vrana

March 15: Circle 2: 1:00 p.m. Hostess: Rogalyn Stevens

March 15: Circle 4: 7:30 p.m. Hostess: Jeannie Johnson
Co-Hostess: Ellen Doughty
Lesson: Joie Taylor

Women's Fellowship Dates to Remember

Mar 8: Board Meeting 4:30 p.m. in EC8

Mar 8: Fellowship Meeting 6 p.m. Fellowship Hall
(see article on next page)

April 1: Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering
(see article on next page)

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February 22: Circles 1 and 2 with
Circle 1 providing prizes.

March 22: Circles 2 and 4 with
Circle 2 providing prizes.

Mission Trip to Nicaragua

Women's Fellowship's next gathering will begin with a meal at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall . Tamara Boettcher will present information about the Mission Trip to Nicaragua. Come to learn and to enjoy the fellowship. Since this is an evening meeting, it's a great time to invite guests and we'd like to give a special invitation to the men in our congregation!!!

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering

The Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering will be in Norfolk on April 1st. This year the gathering will be shorter than in years past and will start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 12:30. The program is still being finalized. The cost will be \$8.00. Put this date on your calendar and watch for program and registration information in the next newsletter! To reserve a meal, please call Cec Bartholomew 402-270-3556.

A Thank You From Mary Avidano

This note comes with heartfelt thanks for the wonderful and gracious welcome we received yesterday evening at Federated. To say there is "good energy" in your church would be an understatement.... They seemed so at ease in this "book club" setting! That was the great joy of it for me.

Blessings - Mary

(This is an excerpt from Mary's original letter, which is available to view in the church office.)

Thank you for hosting the Doane
Choir in your church! What a great last
stop on the 2017 tour! Your sanctuary
was a wonderful place to sing. Thank you.
Thank you for feeding us prior to the
concert. We could never tour without
churches like yours that are willing to
host and feed a group of 50! Thank
you so much! -the Doane Choir

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Nursery Repairs Underway!



As most of you know, on December 18th, there was an unfortunate situation at the church. A pipe froze and burst in the Nursery, causing inches of water, ceiling, drywall and floor damages. Many volunteers came that evening to help clean up what they could (thank you to all of you!!!). Bill Royer was an integral part of getting the repairs started by contacting companies for quotes on the work that is needed, as well as being involved in almost all the steps so far! Bowman Construction started the process of ripping out the damaged drywall of Saturday, February 4th. On Monday, they patched a part of the roof that was leaking, and this picture was taken on the 9th! Looks like we are coming along nicely! We would like to extend a huge thanks for everyone who has helped with this process!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Joseph McClure, Catherine Scheidegger, Thomas Williams	02/15
Brian Gartrell, Gregory Gartrell, Jeffery Gartrell, Lu Krepel, Shelby Study	02/16
Kristen Augspurger, Bruce Gartrell, Elizabeth Hadwiger, Bill Will	02/18
Mike Jeffrey, Kylie Pohl	02/19
James Bennett, Ashley Dupsky, Debbie Gaeth, Kenneth Hash	02/20
Marcia Dewald, Jane Ellefson, Aaron Scheffler, Travis Schultz	02/21
Arlene Fleischer	02/22
Linda Blanchard, Cindee Wachter	02/25
Chuck Scheuneman, Mike Slizoski	02/26
Bob Arp, Lindsay Klassen	02/28
Kenn Leischner	03/01
Cec Bartholomew, David Lange	03/03
Connor Luedtke	03/04
Noelle Carstens, Eric Depue	03/05
Lynn Jeffrey, Samantha Schrier, Kevin Wagner	03/06
Robyn Bower	03/07
Jana Lyon, Mary Miller	03/08
Tessa Klevemann, Beryldean Lauterbach	03/09
Wilma Arp	03/10
Diane Bower, Sarah Bower, Jeannie Kiser-Jensen	03/11
Sam Gotschall	03/12

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 January 2016

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 - January 2016

Contributions, Etc.:	
General Fund (Checking)	\$32,904.92
Designated Funds (Savings):	
Mission Trip (Youth)	\$183.99
Building Maintenance	2505.00
Alumni Mission Trip	11,796.55
Tuesday Morning	39.00
Pastor's Discretion	500.00
Sale of Books (In the House of I Am)	36.00

Expenses - January 2016

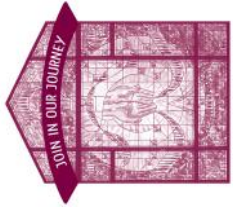
General Expenditures:	
Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$36,916.59
Designated Funds (Savings):	
Poinsettias	\$328.00
Church Bus/Van Fund	29.68
Building Maintenance Exp.	167.50
Helping Hands Non-Members	102.00

Checking Balance: **\$65,101.08**

Income: \$47,965.46

Expense: \$37,543.77

Net Change: **\$10,421.69**



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(details for events inside)

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Monday – 12:00 Noon, Saturday – 12:00 Noon, Sunday – 8:00 P.M.

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