

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

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Season
of Lent

Lenten Lunches at FUMC at 12:05

March 22 - Rev. 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 & 10am Services

Worship

Service with

Choral

Music and

Youth

Liturgists



Easter Egg Hunt for

Children

After Services

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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From the Associate Pastor's Desk

A week from now I'll be taking an early morning (5:20 am) flight out of Omaha. I'll be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia for a week of classes at Columbia Theological Seminary (CTS). You might be wondering what is worth the trouble of waking up so early - I'll probably need to wake by 2:30 am to get ready and be at the airport on time. Well, it's something I've been waiting several years to learn more about. I will be starting a two-year certificate program on Older Adult Ministry organized by CTS and the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network. The first two classes (out of four) will be on "Process of Aging and the Implications for Ministry" and "Teaching for Transformation with Older Adults."

Now, you might be wondering, "Why is our associate pastor for children and youth taking classes on older adults?" As mentioned above, I've been interested in older adult ministry for several years. It was specifically while visiting a Presbyterian church in Seattle that I realized many mainline churches consist largely of older adults. From the back of the sanctuary, the church in Seattle did not look very different from Pasadena Presbyterian Church - mostly grey hair in the pews.

As a candidate for ordination, I was committing to serve in mainline churches. But was I ready to serve in churches that comprised of mostly older adults? My ministry experience up to that point was with young people: four years as a youth group teacher, nine years as a youth pastor and three years as a children's ministry pastor. There was very little interaction with older adults during those years. So I didn't feel equipped to minister to older adults, but I got the sense that this would be different from working with adults in education ministries.

Often at Pasadena Presbyterian, there were comments about the need to reach young people for the church's future. Along with these comments were ones about how the church was so much larger in decades past. The peak was about 5000 members in the 1960s. Interestingly, the Presbyterian church I visited in Seattle also boasted about having 6000 members in the 1950s.

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It felt like these churches were good at looking at the past - to the glory days. And to be fair, they were concerned about the future with efforts to reach out for young people. But it felt like we weren't living in the present. To be faithful to God, we cannot dwell on the past nor worry too much about the future. *We need to be faithful in the here and now!* For our church as well as many other mainline churches, this means ministering to adults in the retirement years.

I'm learning that ministry with older adults is closely related to ministry with young people. Of course, we're all getting older. And with increase in age, we should also grow in wisdom. Part of wisdom as a church is knowing the stories of its members. Speaking personally, I wondered why I felt somewhat lost about my own identity. When I have been asked to share a "snapshot" of a memory as a young child, I answer that all my photos seemed like puzzles with missing pieces. A major reason for this has to be the fact that I had very little contact with my grandparents. My paternal grandparents passed away before I was born, and my maternal ones were across an ocean when I was forming my identity. Now, it's too late to get to know them. But whenever my family and I travel to South Korea, I appreciate getting to hear stories about my ancestors. It feels like I've found some missing puzzle pieces. Similarly, it will be a tremendous blessing for our children and youth to know the older members of our church.

In response to the question of why I'm studying about older adult ministry, my wife has reminded me that I'm not only the associate pastor to children and youth but also families. These are not really separate groups since all are part of one body (of Christ). Moreover, each part of the body (especially the largest) needs to be healthy in order for the whole body to be healthy.

Edward

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 Ninceheler, 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

Haiti Medical Mission Trip Commissioning

The commissioning of the Medical Mission trip to Haiti will be on March 26th. John and Nila Novotny and Bill Royer will be volunteering their time and talents during this mission.

A Note of Thanks!

Below is a note from a person who received assistance from Federated Church's Helping Hands fund:

2-14-17

I want to thank you for helping my daughter and I get into our new safe and secure home. I cannot begin to explain how grateful I am and how blessed I feel. It is people like you that renew my faith!

(This young lady requested and received help on a deposit for a rental. She came to us from Center for Survivors.)

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 11 people signed up. The funds are at \$22,268.93! The next fundraiser will be a bake sale on Palm Sunday, April 9th!

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 \$2,112.99 for the eight students who have decided to go. There are some more fundraising opportunities that will be coming up, including the Dodgeball Tournament (see the article below for more information).

Dodgeball Tournament

Dodge Ball Tournament Sunday, March 19 co-sponsored by Federated and First Methodist Churches. Grades 7-12 held at the Federated Church gym. Contact Sarah Borgman at sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.org.

Julie Shrader Speaking about Human Trafficking in Nebraska



The founder and President of Rejuvenating Women, Julie Shrader, will be coming to Columbus to speak at Federated Church on **Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 10am**. The goal of Rejuvenating Women is to increase awareness of sex trafficking in Nebraska, its impact on women and the community, the importance of identification of human trafficking in Nebraska, and what is currently being done to assist victims to help them heal.

The Restoration House in Omaha serves victims and survivors of human trafficking 24/7 with counseling, mentors, housing and other services.

The community is invited to come and listen as Julie speaks to us about the services they provide to victims, their partnership with law enforcement and other agencies, and how awareness and action brings hope to victims. For more information, contact *Sharon Kunc* at 402-564-1120.

Center For Survivors

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



March:

Comet
Windex
409 Cleaner

April:

Kitchen Trash Bags
Dish Rags & Dish Towels
Pledge

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

March:

Boxed Potatoes
Pork & Beans

April:

Tomato Sauce & Paste
Graham Crackers
Soda Crackers

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
13 Gallon Trash Bags

Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

3/24/2017 - Linda Wheatley & Sue Mares

4/14/2017 - Heidi Klevemann

4/28/2017 - Kathy Leischner & Lauretta Dixon

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 26 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 03:00 PM-EI Buen Pastor Worship	March 27 04:00 PM-Emerson Tutoring 05:30 PM-Special Olympics 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	March 28 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 05:30 PM-Special Olympics 06:00 PM-Consonaires Rehearsal 07:00 PM-Governing Council Meeting	March 29 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 05:30 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry 07:30 PM-Youth Club 07:30 PM-Chancel Choir Practice	March 30 06:30 PM-Worship Service	March 31 09:00 AM-MOPS Playgroup 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	1
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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

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

April 19: Circle 1: 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Sharon Kuncel
Lesson: Anita Hahn

April 19: Circle 2: 1:00 p.m. Hostess: Jan Dannelly

April 19: Circle 4: 7:30 p.m. Hostess: Marilyn Petersen
Co-Hostess: Joan Sprecht
Lesson: Elsie Ita

Women's Fellowship Dates to Remember

April: No Board Meeting unless called

April: No Fellowship Meeting

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

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

April 26: Circles 4 and 1 with
Circle 4 providing prizes.

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.

Needlecraft Ministry Request

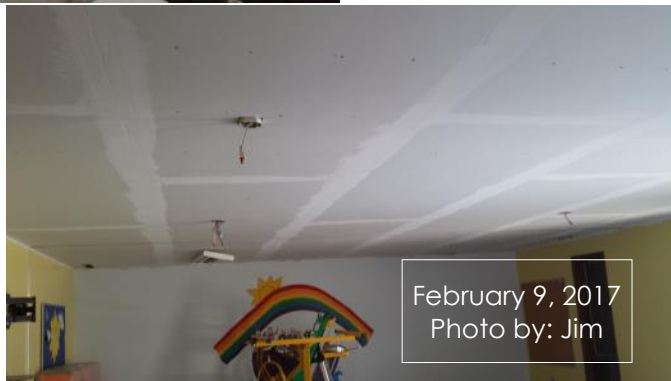
The Needlecraft Ministry is again asking for men's or women's t-shirts, sizes large or larger and for colorful, good, used sheets to make hospital gowns. They may be left in the church office. Any questions, ask Louise Moran 402-564-5745.

WF's Annual Birthday Offering

The Women's Fellowship annual Birthday Offering will be received in the "Birthday Jar" in the Narthex on *Thursdays, April 20th and 27th and Sundays, April 23rd and 30th*. Thank you for supporting this church wide mission Project sponsored by the Social Concerns and Missions Committee.

Nursery Grand Re-Opening

The last of the repairs to the Nursery are finally done! We will be re-opening the Nursery on the 19th! Come on in and check it out! Here are some pictures of the previous damage, during the restoration, and the completed project:



Lenten “Greening of the Church”

As we begin the season of Lent, you will notice that the artificial plants are absent from the chancel of the sanctuary. The chancel will remain unadorned through the second week of Lent. After that, members and friends of the congregation are invited to help the “greening of the church” as we journey closer to Easter. If you have a houseplant you are willing to loan to the chancel space from March 15 through April 16 (Easter), please bring the plant and place it on the chancel, which will be gradually more “greened” through each week of Lent. This liturgical visual reminder of the Lenten season and God’s gift of spring is another way to prayerfully consider our Lenten journeys. After Easter, you are welcome to take your houseplant home or to donate it to the church.

Voices of Zambia

Free Concert at First Presbyterian Church in Schuyler
March 29, 2017 at 6pm

Come feel God’s power and love transcend language and culture. Experience moving worship performed by students from the International Bible College of Zambia. They will perform original, multi-lingual songs in a worship experience you will never forget!

This event is being sponsored by Gospelink, the organization that Marjie Heier is a part of.

A love offering will be taken to help defray travel expenses.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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, Alex Wachter, Edward Yang	3/22
Riley Gausman, Mitchell Norris	3/24
John Hahn, Kathy Hash, Larry Spence	3/25
Beatriz Garcia, Kyrstin Milligan, Paul Sanderson, Vianne Stroope-West, Chuck Whitney, Gail Wurdeman	3/26
Megan Bower	3/27
Shannon Hempstead, Aubrey Hoadley	3/29
Samuel Kiser	3/30
Jason Augspurger, Brenda Kallweit	4/2
Justin Badje	4/3
Shawn Houska, Kaitlyn Janicek	4/4
Brian Dobbs	4/5
Skylar Dreesen, Brian Klevemann	4/7
Norry Augustin, Jessica Sand	4/8
Lisa Perrin, Ellie Porter	4/9
Beverly Fry, Connor Hahn, Sue Mares, Ervin Paben	4/10
Pat Houska, Kathy Morris, Clint Scheffler	4/11
Pam Hahn, Lois Schultz	4/12
Kathy Orr	4/13
Gary Sedlacek	4/14
Elena Purinton, 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 2017

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 2017

Contributions, Etc.:

General Fund (Checking)	\$22,553.17
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Designated Funds (Savings):

Mission Trip	\$1,529.00
Building Maintenance	9,354.69
Alumni Mission Trip	4,220.38
Tuesday Morning	55.00
Rent	700.00

Expenses - February 2017

General Expenditures:

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$37,560.85
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Designated Funds (Savings):

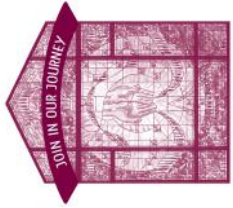
Building Maintenance	7,355.62
Mission Trip Funds	39.98
Helping Hands Non-Members	120.00
Sale of Books (Mary Avidano)	634.00

Checking Balance:	\$48,121.72
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Income:	\$39,152.78
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Expense:	\$45,710.45
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Net Change:	-\$6,557.67
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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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