

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

# FEDERATED NEWS

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## From the Pastor's Desk

"God helps those who help themselves."

"Everything happens for a reason."

"Love the sinner, hate the sin."

You may have learned these phrases from your parents, grandparents, pastors, or Sunday School teachers. Many people think these phrases are in the Bible, or are, at least, based on the Bible.

Pastor Adam Hamilton wrote a book titled "Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Helps Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say." I'll be kicking off my fall sermon and Bible study series on September 8<sup>th</sup> guided by the Bible passages that are in Pastor Hamilton's book.

Sometimes we go on "auto-pilot" about the Bible and church. Bible studies like this one, about "Half Truths" are not just about upending assumptions we may have had about a quote or two that (we thought) are from the Bible.

A lot of us actually live our lives as if our Christian faith guides us to "love the sinner, hate the sin" and a lot of us really believe that "God helps those who help themselves." We speak, act, and understand based on what we think these phrases mean. We give their messages authority when and if we think they are based in Scripture.

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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 *(continued from page 1)*

Faith on "auto-pilot" might be comfortable, but does it guide us ethically? Faith on "auto-pilot" might be deeply rooted and grounded in our families and our backgrounds, but does it help us to see from the perspective of another person?

Jesus asked his disciples not only to have sympathy for others, but to have *empathy*. The difference is that being *empathetic* means that you consider what it's like to walk in another person's shoes. Many of the "Half Truths" that this Bible study will explore stretch us toward more empathy, and therefore, more faithful discipleship.

I hope you'll join me Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. in the Education Center Room 4/5 for Bible study. I look forward to learning with you!

*Annika*

## Adult Education Fall 2016 Curriculum

**Sept 11-Oct 9** - *Half Truths:....* Bible Study w/Rev. Annika

**Oct 16-Oct 23** - *Denominational Giving* - Guest Speaker Rec. Roddy Dunkerson, UCC Nebraska Conference Minister

**Oct 30** - No Education Hour, 5th Sunday Potluck

**Nov 6-Nov 13** - *The Christian Wallet* - Bible Study w/book by Mike Slaughter and Karen Perry Smith

**Nov 20** - *Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska* - Guest Speaker Rev. Jerry Albright

**Nov 27** - Edward Yang, Associate Pastor leads a joint class with Adults and Confirmands

**Dec 4-Dec 18** - *No Fear* - Focuses on the messengers of Bible verses read during Advent and Christmas

**Hope to see you Sundays at 10:45a.m.!!**

**Coffee mugs are welcome in Education Center Room 4/5!**

## Sundy School Kick-Off Party!!!

This Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, please join us in the Fellowship Hall after Education Hour for the Sunday School Kick-Off Party with bar-b-que/potluck sponsored by Christian Education and Youth Ministries Committees. Meat, chips, and drinks will be provided. We are asking the congregation to provide side dishes, salads, and desserts. Let's celebrate the start of a new Sunday School year!

## Bell Choir

Dear Federated Friends,

It is that wonderful time of year once again, and no, I'm not just talking about football season! You guessed it, it is time for all the wonderful fall programs at Federated. This of course includes one of my favorites, Bells of Joy!

This year will be another among many great years of music ministry at Federated. We have a lot to look forward to and much to accomplish.

I will be running the children's bell program again this year as well, which I am excited about. We generally practice during the first part of the education hour on Sundays, and it is really a fun time. Cultivating interest in playing bells at a young age will only help our bell choir to continually succeed and grow in years to come. So I feel this is another vital part of our music ministry.

This year we could really use some more members and substitutes for Bells of Joy, so I would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite anyone who has interest in the bells to join us at a rehearsal and see what it is all about. You may find it is not as intimidating as you thought! We rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 in the sanctuary. Any of the Bells of Joy members would be happy to talk with you about what an extraordinary and rewarding experience it has been for them to be a part of the music ministry of Federated.

I look forward to seeing you at rehearsal on the coming Wednesdays!

Yours in Christ,

Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director

## Found Beneath Café LaFed Shelves

There is a black boom box that was found beneath the Café LaFed shelves. It is not in full working order. If you believe it may be yours, come to the church office to claim it.

Claim it, take it or it will be tossed December 31st, 2016!

## **President's Governing Council Report**

In addition to the routine business of approving reports at its August meeting the Governing Council voted to send a letter to Homestead Presbytery supporting Katie Claus in her studies to become a lay pastor. An increase in fees for use of the church facilities for weddings by members and non-members was approved. This action was taken in order to pay the individuals who open the doors, run the sound equipment, and cleanup. Approval of date and/or time changes for church services and activities for holidays was given. Use of the bus or van by Women's Fellowship for a trip to Mossy Pond in Chapman, NE was also approved.

## **Volunteers Needed!!!**

Do you enjoy hanging out with preschoolers? Maybe you don't get to see your grandkids as much as you would like. Maybe you miss your kids being home. Get your 'baby fever' medicine here! MOPS is looking for volunteers to help watch the little ones during the MOPS meetings on October 14th and November 11th from 8:30 to 11:15 am. If you aren't available those days, schedule other Fridays the Mothers Of PreschoolerS would like some help!!!

MOPPETS Coordinator is Corrin Johnson, you can email her at thejs12@yahoo.com or call/text 402-910-9410, or Brenda Sand at 402-276-2080.

## **Meals on Wheels**

Federated Church will be delivering Meals on Wheels the week of September 26-30. Jean Royer (402-564-8012) will coordinate. Your generosity in volunteering is very appreciated!! Thanks! Renee B.

## **BackPack Program Food Drive**

From August 14 to September 30, 2016 Social Concerns and Missions Committee will be having a food drive for the Backpack Program. Donated items requested: ~Peanut Butter (18 oz. plastic jars) ~Tuna (5 oz. cans) ~Fruit Granola Bars (boxes)  
Please drop donations in marked container in Narthex!

## Center For Survivors

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in



**September:**  
Children's Pajamas, Socks,  
Diapers and Wipes

**October:**  
Coffee Maker,  
Toasters, Spatulas, etc.

## 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

**September:**

Velveeta Cheese  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly

**October:**

Salt & Pepper  
Baking Soda  
Baking Powder

## 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:



**September:**  
Puppy Milk Replacer  
Dog Toys

**October:**  
Leashes  
Collars

## Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

9/23/2016 - Steve & Rosie Heinisch, Marilyn Petersen

10/14/2016 - D'Ete Kluck, Kathy Senior

10/28/2016 - Sue Jacobs & Sue McClure

11/11/2016 - Ben & Marilyn Vrana, Sharyn & Mike Beard

# October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<sup>1</sup> 02:00 PM-Wedding
<sup>2</sup> 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	<sup>3</sup> 05:15 PM-Order of St. Andrew 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	<sup>4</sup> 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 10:00 AM-Grief Support Counseling	<sup>5</sup> 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 04:30 PM-W/F Board Mtng 05:30PM-Bell Choir 06:00 PM-W/F Presents Healthy Eating (more info pg. 9) 06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry 07:30PM– Chancel Choir 07:30 PM-Youth Club	<sup>6</sup> 06:00 PM-Boy Scouts Roundtable 06:30 PM-Worship Service 07:00 PM-Order of the Arrow	<sup>7</sup> 09:00 AM-MOPS Playgroup 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	<sup>8</sup>
<sup>9</sup> 08:00 AM Youth Ministries Comte Mtng 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	<sup>10</sup> 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	<sup>11</sup> 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 11:30 AM-Personnel Cmte. Mtg. 07:30 PM-Christian Education Cmte	<sup>12</sup> 01:00 PM-Needlecraft Ministry 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 05:30PM-Bell Choir 06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry 07:30PM– Chancel Choir 07:30 PM-Youth Club	<sup>13</sup> 06:30 PM-Worship Service	<sup>14</sup> 08:30 AM-MOPS Meeting 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	<sup>15</sup>

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<b>11</b> 08:00 AM Youth Ministry Comite Mtng 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>12</b> 05:15 PM-Order of St. Andrew 06:00 PM-Worship & Music Cmte 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	<b>13</b> 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 11:30 AM-Personnel Cmte Mtg 07:30 PM-Social Concerns and Missions Cmte	<b>14</b> 01:00 PM-Needlecraft Ministry 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 05:30PM-Bell Choir 07630 PM-Christian Education Cmte06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry 06:30 PM-Delta Kappa Gamma 07:30PM- Chancel Choir 07:30 PM-Youth Club	<b>15</b> 06:30 PM-Worship Service	<b>16</b> 09:00 AM-MOPS Playgroup 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 11:30 AM-Kick Off Barbecue 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>19</b> 12:00 PM-BIG PAL-S Little Pais 06:30 PM-PROPERTY & Finance Cmte. 07:00 PM-Membership & Growth Cmte 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	<b>20</b> 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 10:00 AM-Grief Support Counseling	<b>21</b> 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 05:30PM-Bell Choir 06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry 07:30PM- Chancel Choir 07:30 PM-Circle 4 Meeting 07:30 PM-Youth Club	<b>22</b> 10:30 AM-Funeral Cmte 06:30 PM-Worship Service	<b>23</b> 09:00 AM-MOPS Steering Meeting 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>26</b> 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	<b>27</b> 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion 07:00 PM-Governing Council Meeting	<b>28</b> 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 05:30PM-Bell Choir 06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry 07:30PM- Chancel Choir 07:30 PM-Youth Club	<b>29</b> 06:30 PM-Worship Service	<b>30</b> 09:00 AM-MOPS Playgroup 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	<div>More Articles on Next Page</div>

## Women's Fellowship Circles



**Circle 1:** JoAnn Dowd - 402-564-5017

**Circle 2:** Cec Bartholomew - 402-564-0264

**Circle 4:** Marilyn Petersen - 402-563-2751

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

Cec Bartholomew, Rogalyn  
Stevens & Charlotte Griffith

**Immediate Past Moderator:** Joie Taylor

**Sept 21:** Circle 1: 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Sue McClure  
Lesson: Linda McPhail

**Sept 21:** Circle 2: 1:00 p.m. Hostess: Charlotte Griffith

**Sept 21:** Circle 4: 7:30 p.m. Hostess: Karen Paben  
Co-Hostess: LaRene Busler  
Lesson: Louise Moran

**Oct 19:** Circle 1: 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Beverly Fry  
Lesson: Anita Hahn

**Oct 19:** Circle 2: 1:00 p.m. Hostess: Virginia Smith

**Oct 19:** Circle 4: 7:30 p.m. Hostess: Karen Hake  
Co-Hostess: Ellen Doughty  
Lesson: Shirley Johnson

## Women's Fellowship Dates to Remember

**Sept 21:** **Circles Meet** (see above for times)

**Oct 5:** Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.

**Oct 5:** Healthy Eating in Preparation for the Holidays  
by Kay Taylor, HyVee dietician.  
Everyone welcome! No charge for meal. (more info on pg. 9)

## B-I-N-G-O



**September 28th:** Circles 2 and 4  
with Circle 2 providing prizes.

**October 26th:** Circles 4 and 1 with  
Circle 4 providing prizes.



## Healthy Eating in Preparation for the Holidays

Women's Fellowship is sponsoring an extra fall meeting of interest to all who look forward to special holiday food, but also dread its effect on the scales! Kay Taylor, dietician from HyVee, will make a presentation on Healthy Eating in Preparation for the Holidays in the Fellowship Hall on October 5th. A free supper (which we hope will be a healthy one!) hosted by the church circles and the WF board will be ready at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please consider coming and bringing a friend!

## Funeral Committee Information

**Committee 1: Co-Chairpersons:** *David & Paula Lange, Margaret Nyffeler, Gordon & Joan Specht, Bill & Ruth Erwin*

**Members:** Sara Aerni, Arturo & Maria Alarcon, Tammy Baldwin, Brian & Patty Beckner, Pete & Carol Bennett, Lee & Diane Bower, Robyn Bower, Nell Burnham, Brian & Judy Dobbs, Ellen Doughty, Chuck & Phyllis Elliott, Dave & Rita Engquist, Becki Frieze, Clark & Marcia Grant, Karen Hake, Rex & Kathy Hash, Terry & Connie Hickey, Ken & Betty Hledik, David & Vanessa Howe, Kevin & Denise Kallweit, Twila Keener, Steve & Renee Klutman, Kenn & Kathy Leischner, Rick & Karen Marxsen, Clint & Kelli Scheffler, Ruth Schlobohm, Kathy Senior, Bob & Glynette Smith, Daryl Smith & Ron Novak, Joie Taylor, Frank & Sherry Thompson, Rod & Cindee Wachter, David & Linda Walline, Wendy Wells, Kevin & Terri Wolfgram, Marv & Barb Zoucha

## Prebyterian Women Fall Retreat

Theme: Women of Salt & Light

Matthew 5: 13-16

Where: Camp Calvin Crest & Conference Center, Fremont, NE

When: Friday, October 7 at 5 PM to Saturday, October 8 at 3 PM

On Friday, get acquainted with our new Church-wide Moderator, Carol Winkler

Saturday ONLY activities begin at 8 AM

Payment Options: Fri. overnight & Sat \$70.00

Fri. and Sat (no overnight) \$20.00

Sat. only \$15.00

Registration Forms available from Federated Church's Bookkeeper



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Gene Depue	9/16
Matt Miller, Leticia Purinton, Linda Walline	9/17
Taryn Molt, Duane Munson	9/19
Kelley Drinnin	9/20
Rachel Grisham	9/22
Renee Bellum, Alexa Davis, Greg Rasby, Corinne Waldman	9/24
Lyle Whitney	9/25
Lloyd Castner	9/26
Leigh McLean	9/27
Kaitlin Dahlberg, David Fulton, Brinlee Klevemann, Sam Scheidegger	9/28
Lance Hahn	9/29
Carolyn Irby, Bob MacFarland, Judianne Purinton	9/30
Josh Howe, Renee Norris	10/1
Gary Houska	10/2
Bryton Hanks	10/3
Anna Speicher	10/4
Carolyn Bosn, Berkley Reeder	10/5
Wendy Pohl	10/6
Sue McClure, Don Schaufelberger	10/9
Andrew Behlen	10/10
Ron Lambert, Steve McClure	10/11
Pat Anderson, Alex Garcia, Allie Gotschall	10/12
Jill Morris, Judy Temme	10/13
Samantha Higgins	10/14

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 August 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 - August 2016

##### Contributions, Etc.:

General Fund (Checking)	\$21,957.46
Memorials	\$2,115.00

##### Designated Funds (Savings):

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$394.50
Seminary Support PCUSA (Ordination)	926.00
Doane College	2.00
Hastings College	10.00
Ghana Partnership	5.00
Habitat for Humanity	5.00
Youth Fund	207.21
Building Maintenance	5.00
Rent	200.00

#### Expenses - August 2016

##### General Expenditures:

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$36,771.23
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##### Designated Funds (Savings):

Undesignated Memorials (Ordination)	\$34.89
Youth Fund	20.00
VBS Expense	120.00
WF Expense (Garage Sale Ad)	30.45

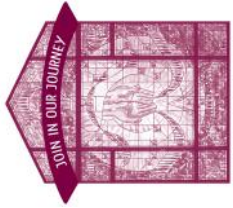
**Checking Balance: \$18,965.34**

**Income: \$25,122.87**

**Expense: \$36,976.57**

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**Net Change: -\$11,853.70**



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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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