

FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday,
March 9, 2017**



**Sunday,
March 12, 2017**

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. 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: Rick Porter (Thurs.), Anita Kaspar, Randy Kaspar, Cliff Jensen, John Petersen, Marilyn Petersen and Clark Smith.

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available.

We are called Federated because on July 2, 1914, Columbus’ Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined in an effort to serve as one congregation.

For **Prayer Chain** requests, call the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call the

Order of St. Andrew to start the prayer chain. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org to see videos of worship and bulletins or Channel 99 (HD) Mondays and Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings at 8pm.

In case of an emergency, the pastors’ cell phone numbers are:

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WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship.

PRELUDE

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano (Thurs.); Ann Cattau (Sun.)

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 121

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does our help come?

All: Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

One: The LORD is our keeper; the LORD is our protector through day and night.

All: The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore

One: Let us turn our hearts to God with a sung prayer of confession.

*SUNG PRAYER OF LENTEN CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION ‡

BEACH SPRING

*We have failed to love our neighbors, their offenses to forgive;
Have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live,
We are jealous, proud, impatient, loving over much our things;
May the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Amen. The LORD will keep you from all evil; the LORD will keep your life.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

* OPENING HYMN NO. 488

The God of Abraham Praise

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.) *All children are invited forward for a special message.*
Kristi Wolfe, Children's Ministry Teacher & Parent

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor (Sun.)

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.

BELLS OF JOY (SUN.)

Prayer

WARZYN

Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

John McPhail, Liturgist (Sun.)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12 : 1 - 4a

Pew Bible Old Testament page 10

The Letter of Paul to the Romans 4 : 1 - 5, 13 - 17

Pew Bible New Testament page 154-155

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

CHRIST BEFORE US

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

‡ tune #2138 in blue Sing the Faith songbook

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Aria for Handbells

WOOD

* 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.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God of amazing compassion, lover of our wayward race, you bring to birth a pilgrim people, and call us to be a blessing for all the world. We pray for grace to take your generous gift and step with courage on this holy path, made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN (INSERT)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (O Christ, Surround Me)

* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

POSTLUDE

All are welcome to Sunday fellowship after worship, hosted by the Order of Saint Andrew.

Lenten "Greening of the Church"



As we begin the season of Lent, you will notice that 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 with "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.



LENT

*Wednesday Lenten Worship Services and Lunches
at First United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall*

WEDNESDAYS at 12:05pm

*March 15 — Pastor Adam Lassen of St. Luke's preaching
March 22 — Rev. Cindi Stewart of First UMC preaching*

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ We rejoice with John and Deb Curry at the birth of their granddaughter Elizabeth Kaylene Betsy Bosn on Feb. 16th and weighing 9lbs., 2oz. Elizabeth's parents are Reggie and Carolyn (Curry) Bosn of Lincoln.
- ◆ We mourn with the Rickard family with the death of Diana Rickard (formerly longtime member of Federated), who died on March 8th. Memorial service will be March 25 in Omaha.
- ◆ We also mourn the passing of Randy Miller who died on March 6th. Please hold his family and friends in your prayers.
- ◆ Please pray for Cynthia Irby, daughter of Bill & Carolyn, as she faces a cancer diagnosis.
- ◆ Please pray for Clare, daughter-in-law of Rev. Don and Joy Wilson, receiving treatment for breast cancer.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 12 - Daylight Savings Time

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, Sanctuary
- 11:30am Youth Ministries Committee Meeting, AD 1
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, March 13

- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 7:00pm Senior/Parents Scholarship Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 14

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Youth Teachers Meeting, AD 1
- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:30pm Christian Education Meeting, EC 8

Wednesday, March 15

- 12:05pm Lenten Luncheon Series, @ FUMC
- 3:00pm Wed. Youth Gathering, FH, Gym
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Worship & Music Meeting, Library
- 6:30pm Puppet Ministry, EC 3/8
- 7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, B23, Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, March 16

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 17

- 9:00am MOPS Playgroup, Gym
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, March 18

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 19

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, Sanctuary
- 1:00pm Dodgeball Tournament, Gym
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

UPCOMING AT FEDERATED CHURCH

For more details, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org, or contact the church office (402)564-2812.

Mission and Outreach

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@columbusfumc.org.

Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. - Julie Shrader, President of Rejuvenating Women, will speak at Federated Church. 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. Sponsored by Federated's Social Concerns & Missions Committee. Colfax County Attorney Denise Kracl will hold a follow-up conversation on **Sunday, April 2 at 10:45a.m.** in the Federated sanctuary (Adult Ed. Hour).

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.

Bible Studies & Christian Education

Adult Education Series: Questions of Jesus resumes in the Sanctuary at 10:45a.m. for Bible study.

Phil Wilson Scholarship Program

Federated High School Seniors and their parents are invited to a **scholarship informational meeting** with Foundation board members on **Monday, March 13, 2017** at 7:00PM in Ed Center room EC 8.

Caring and Fellowship

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.

Nursery Update Contractors have been working in the Nursery, as well as the east end of the Education Center hallway, for the past two weeks and are on-going. Thanks to everyone for their flexibility!

Women's Fellowship: Reading 4 books from the 2016-2017 PWHP reading lists qualifies for recognition at the Area Spring Gathering in 2017. You may include reading from previous lists, Horizons Magazine and Presbyterians Today. Turn in your list of books read to Marilyn Vrana, 402-563-3265 by March 1. A complete list of books is in the Church Library.