



THE FEDERATED FORECAST

The Federated Church

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A Covenanted Congregation of

The United Church of Christ & The Unitarian Universalist Association

"An Open and Affirming Church"

Welcoming Any and Loving All

January 2018



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Federated Church will be held on Sunday, January 21 immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. Board chairs will review their work from 2017 and new board members and officers will be elected and installed.

2017 Yearbooks will also be handed out – with members' names, addresses and phone numbers you can refer to all year long! If you have a new address, phone number or email address please notify the church office.

Notice to All Church Boards

2017 Annual Board/Committees

Reports are due in the Church Office Tuesday January 2, 2018.



Holy Communion on January 7 will be by intinction.

The Deacons will host an Appreciation Ushers' Breakfast on January 28, 2018.

A sign-up sheet to be a liturgist is on the credenza in Dutton Hall. Don't wait to be asked. Each and every volunteer is very welcome.

The Deacons will host the coffee hour after church on Sundays in February. However, if you would like to help or take a Sunday, that would be welcomed as well.

God Speaks Through Our Worship



Sunday, January 7

Liturgist:

Communion

Feed My Sheep

Sunday, January 14

Liturgist:

Handbell Sunday

Sunday, January 21

Liturgist:

Annual Congregational

Meeting

Sunday, January 28

Liturgist:

Family Sunday

Penny March

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Worship Service

Worship 10:00 am

(Childcare Provided)

Kids Club 10:15 am

Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am

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Flowers & Fellowship Hosts

*Please share your commemoration
of personal dates with your church family
by providing Altar Flowers
for the morning worship.*

*The cost is \$25.00 and envelopes are provided
for your convenience.*

*You are welcome to take the flowers home with you
following the service.*

***Please commit to these important roles by signing the
sheets in Dutton Fellowship Hall.***

Altar Flowers

January 7 OPEN

January 14 OPEN

January 21 OPEN

January 28 OPEN

Fellowship Hosts Board of Mission & Society

January 7 Judy Winter & Linda Babcock

January 14 OPEN

January 21 OPEN

January 28 OPEN



PRESCHOOL



Thank you so much to our loyal customers and friends of the preschool. Our families did a wonderful job creating beautiful and festive cookies and candy. The support from all of our friends and family provided us with a net profit of \$1100.00 which is amazing! We are so thankful for all of the cookie bakers, and workers during the sale, and cookie buyers. We use this money for the children, new toys, activities and field trips. 100% of the proceeds is spent on items directly for the children.

We are enjoying Christmas vacation until January 8, 2018 and then we will be back at school refreshed and ready to catch up with all of our friends. We are hoping for some snow so we can get outside and play and build some snowmen, forts and have a snowball fight.

We enjoyed a mini concert with the Hand bell Choir for our morning three session. We also had an interactive concert with Kishwaukee Brass Quintet presented through Just Make It Happen. We are pleased to be a recipient of the grant that made this concert possible for our morning four session. Christmas music was in the air and so beautiful! Thank you to all the musicians.

Happy New Year from all of us at Federated Preschool!!



From the Board of Mission and Society

Feed My Sheep Sunday—January 7

Non-perishable food items are collected on the first Sunday of the month, but you are welcome to place them in the basket in Dutton Hall at any time!

January Love Offering: CASA

CASA DeKalb County, INC/Court Appointed Special Advocates

Is a non-profit membership organization which advocates for the best interest of abused and neglected children.

Envelopes for the monthly Love Offerings can be found in a basket at the back of the church or in the attendance folders. Or you can put "Love Offering" on memo line of your check.

Library Open House

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Buzz on in to your church library on Sunday, January 28th for the next Library Open House. The church library committee has been busy getting new books ready for you. If you are looking for a honey of a book, a sweet read, or something fun to take the sting out of life, we have a whole hive of things for you. Come join us to find out what's the buzz!



FEDERATED CHURCH
November 30, 2017
TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers only those funds available for paying operating expenses and does not include bequests, designated pass through funds, or unrealized gains from investments,

The operating income for November was \$11,522 and the months' operating expenses were \$17,516. This means that we had \$5,994 more expense than income.

Year to date, we have a negative cash flow of \$1,701 This is much better than the \$22,144 shortfall that was budgeted.

In summary, the 1st eleven months were better than expected because of income from Opportunity House using our building, trust income better than expected (including Total Return), the fundraising activities, increased contributions, and holding the line on expenses.

NUMERICAL SUMMARY:
OPERATING CASH FLOW
November 30, 2017

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	Y-T-D BUDGET	DIFFER- ENCE
<u>INCOME</u>			
Total General Contributions	156,079	151,021	5,058
Trust & Interest Income	16,291	15,861	430
Total Other Income	19,382	13,663	5,719
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	191,752	180,545	11,207
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Total Administrative Expense	790	200	590
Total Bd of Trustees	60,941	77,022	-16,081
Total Bd of Membership & Fellowship	67	0	67
Total Bd of Religious Education	2,362	1,825	537
Total Bd of Deacons	123,089	115,817	7,272
Total Bd of Mission & Society	6,204	7,825	-1,621
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	193,453	202,689	-9,236
 OPERATING CASH FLOW (Income less Expenses)	 -1,701	 -22,144	

Respectfully submitted,
David Wood, Assistant Treasurer



From the Church Moderator—Pam Kitterman

It's hard to believe that Christmas holiday is now behind us! Our Federated family and friends were treated to beautiful music by our choir along with the guidance of our choir director, Gary Mattin; meaningful sermons spoken by Pastor Kent; a joyous time was had during our Advent Workshop thanks to the BRE committee; another successful

cookie delivery was accomplished by the Deacons and their volunteers; and Mission and Society, chaired by Fe Gould, led a prosperous Christmas drive to help Safe Passage and Hope Haven. Yet, Christmas is in the air all year with The Federated Church! (And, if anyone that's fully recovered from their own holiday joy could join us after church on Jan. 7 we'll begin to "de-decorate" our sanctuary and Dutton Hall.)

Now that winter has approached Northern Illinois Church Council wants to remind everyone that if inclement weather is forecast for a Sunday morning we'll try to be ahead of the game by emailing members (and calling those that do not have access to a computer) about any church cancellations on Saturday evening. We'll also make sure that both radio stations, WLBK and WSQR...are made aware of any cancellations so that they may announce that our church will not have services on Sunday morning. If anyone is still in doubt as to whether church will be held please call me (815-899-7032 or 815-761-9475).

When Church Council met on December 14 we discussed our timeline that is needed for our Search of a new minister. You may not realize it but selecting Kent was the "beginning" of our timeline; during this time the Interim Pastor is to build relationships and learn about our congregation. This process takes about six months to establish and complete. We are now in that six month period where we will begin to move forward with our next "phase" so to speak. Over the next few weeks Church Council will be sending a letter to the congregation detailing more in-depth the remainder of the search process. A discussion will be held during the January 21 Annual Meeting.

Your Moderator,

Pam



Contact Gary Mattin, Director of Music
cell # 815-766-1049 or
email mattincurtain50@aol.com

Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday nights
at 7:30 pm. Come and join us.



Talk with Marilyn Montzka at 815-895-6006
or email momontzka@aol.com

Handbell Choir meets twice a month for
rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and
performs once a month.



Safe Passage, Inc.

P.O. Box 821 DeKalb, IL 60115

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December 21, 2017

Jerry Lane
C/O Federated Church of Sycamore
612 W State St.
Sycamore, IL 60178

Dear Federated Church of Sycamore,

On behalf of the Safe Passage Board of Directors, staff and clients, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of Christmas gifts. Your commitment to helping end domestic violence and sexual assault in our community is sincerely appreciated. Support like yours is vital for us to be able to meet the increasing needs of victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Each year, Safe Passage continues to advance its mission of reducing domestic and sexual violence in DeKalb County. Through our programs we have seen many lives change for the better. In particular, our long term transitional housing program has enjoyed great success in the past year. Clients were able to achieve their educational goals, find jobs, and a safe place to live.

With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we will be able to continue to make a difference in the lives of abused people by continuing to provide them shelter, counseling, advocacy, and referrals.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Best wishes,

Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Schaid
Executive Director

*Thank you Jerry &
Everyone @ Federated
Church! We are truly
grateful for your generous
hearts and wish you
very Happy Holidays!*

Prayer Request



CALL TO CARE:

Renewed prayers for people of California dealing with wild fires. All the people of Texas, Louisiana, Florida, the Caribbean and Puerto Rico dealing with hurricane and flooding. Citizens of New York dealing with a terrorist attack. The people of Sutherland Springs, Texas as they mourn the loss of victims of mass shooting.

Georgiann Baird healing prayers

Jack Bauer healing prayers.

Marion Bennett's son, Michael, undergoing treatment for lung cancer

Keith Fogle undergoing treatment for a cancerous brain tumor

Fe Gould's brother in the Middle East

Tomi Griesenauer healing

Family of Ron Blicken as they mourn his passing

Friend of Jean Evans' undergoing chemo for breast cancer

Friend of Bill Griesenauer, diagnosed with blood cancer

Friend of Tomi Griesenauer, Patti Melzer dealing with breast & skin cancer

Friends of Jerry Lane going through some difficult times

Friend of Jean Evans seeking employment

Judy Hoke Jackson prayers for healing and strength

Judy Hoke Jackson's daughter, Amy having surgery

Marilyn Hoover's son recovering from brain surgery

Roger & Kay Jacobson as they mourn the passing of Kay's nephew.

Suzanne Juday's uncle's family as they mourn his passing.

Nate & Pam Kitterman as they mourn the loss of Nate's mother, Averill Tagg Kitterman

Landon, 10 years old, diagnosed with brain cancer

Gary Mattin and family as they mourn the passing of Gary's brother.

Margot Mattin dealing with health issues

Nancy Renfer as she continues to heal

Ed Safford's friend, Larry Ball, dealing with serious health issues

Barry & Kay Schrader, prayers as Kay heals from a stroke

Carol Stubbs is recovering from a stem cell transplant in Milwaukee.

Victims of domestic violence

Bev Whildin's niece, Rachel and family

Liz Whitney, sister-in-law of Tony & Alice, dealing with health issues.

Nancy Wood healing from a broken leg.



Tuesday, January 2

Sunday, January 7

Monday, January 15

Sunday, January 21

Monday, January 22

Sunday, January 28

2017 Annual Board/Committees Reports Due

Un-Decorate Church

Guy's Night Out

Annual Meeting

Ladies Night Out

Family Sunday/Penny March

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

January Birthdays:

01/02	Lisa Becker
01/02	Thomas Becker
01/02	Clark Smith
01/03	Pam Kitterman
01/06	Phillip Eubanks
01/06	Lynette Swedberg
01/06	Jeanne Baird
01/06	Toni Lynn Carlson
01/06	Julie Glover
01/09	Beverly Schramer
01/12	Philip Lindner
01/17	Joanne Baird
01/20	Seth Mattin
01/21	Korie Pietrowski
01/23	Tony Whitney (80)
01/23	Roger Jacobson
01/24	Kristi Bork
01/24	Katie Todd
01/25	Pam Wagener
01/28	Ed Safford
01/30	Kara Napientek
01/31	McKenna Foster



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!

January Anniversaries

01/20 Jayne Crosby & Philip Lindner



Monday, January 15
6:30 pm
To Be Determined

**Y-T-D
Stewardship Report**

Week ending December 24, 2017

Attendance:	101
Kids' Club	7
Offering Y-T-D:	\$ 158,933.81
Covenant with God:	\$ 158,130.00



**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Monday, January 15

Your Federated Church Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery
Pastor's Emergency: 207-570-5627
Pastor's email: kent@ulery.net
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dale Beaman
Administrative Assistant: Liz Finney
Admin Assistant email: thefederatedchurch@frontier.com
Director of Music: Gary Mattin
Music email: mattincurtain50@aol.com
Keyboardist: Yule Dain Yoon
Handbell Director: Marilyn Montzka
Custodian: Almasa Camo
Office phone: 815-895-2706
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Office email: thefederatedchurch@frontier.com

Federated Preschool

Preschool Director: Jan Scheffers
Preschool phone: 815-764-9473
Federated Preschool email: Federatedchurchpreschool@gmail.com

Church Leadership

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Assistant Moderator:
Jerry Lane 815-895-2617
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Suzanne Juday 815-895-2082
Treasurer:
Karen Hamingson 815-895-4631
Assistant Treasurers:
David Wood 815-756-1680
Linda Babcock 815-758-0763
Council Members-at Large:
Nancy Renfer 815-895-4742
Dave Wood 815-756-1680
Board of Deacons:
Linda Babcock 815-758-0763
Bill Griesenauer 773-720-8324
Board of Membership & Fellowship:
Pam Wagener 815-895-9852
Barbara Strayve 815-899-0303
Board of Mission & Society:
Fe Gould 815-901-7313
Board of Religious Education:
Malorie Nelson 815-784-6060
Board of Trustees:
Nate Kitterman 815-899-7032
Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Jerry Lane
Roger Jacobson
Karen Hamingson
Nancy Renfer



The Federated Church

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 Annual Reports Due	3 9:00am Sewing Circle 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 8:00pm AA	5	6 11:30am Harambee Rehearsal
7 Communion Feed My Sheep Un-decorate the Church 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids Club 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Bd. of Religious Ed. 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	8 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	9 8:30am Federated Preschool	10 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 8:30am Federated Preschool 7:00pm Church Council 8:00pm AA	12 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:00pm UKB Drum Rehearsal	13
14 Handbell Sunday 8:30am Membership Bd 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids Club 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	15 Martin Luther King Day 6:30pm Guy's Night Out 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	16 8:30am Federated Preschool 7:30pm African Violet Society	17 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 8:30am Federated Preschool 5:30pm Bd. of Trustees 7:00pm Bd. of Deacons 8:00pm AA	19 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	20 11:30am Harambee Rehearsal
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28 Family Sunday Penny March 8:30am Usher Breakfast 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids Club 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Library Open House 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	29 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	30 8:30am Federated Preschool	31 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			