



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

May 2018



OCWM does NOT stand for Our Church Wants Money...though we are more than happy to accept your generous gifts. OCWM actually stands for **Our Church's Wider Mission**. It consists of two parts.

OCWM Basic Support underwrites the ministries of UCC Associations, Conferences, and the national offices. More specifically, it pays for the search and call system that you will be tapping when you look for your next pastor, the salaries of Association and Conference staff who serve as pastors to pastors and consultants to congregations, our church camps, leadership training opportunities, continuing education for clergy, the missionaries we send around the world, etc., etc., etc. Each year Federated Church includes in its budget monies for OCWM Basic Support.

OCWM Special Support includes directed gifts to UCC agencies (seminaries, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, homes for persons with mental disabilities, homes for troubled youth and youth in trouble, and so forth). For 2018 we added \$300 to our budget to support the UCC seminaries where clergy are trained – a cause you will understand is very close to my heart.

OCWM Special Support also includes monies collected through four national offerings, namely: One Great Hour of Sharing (natural disasters, refugee resettlement), Neighbors-in-Need (funding for our Native American congregations and for social justice advocacy projects), The Christmas Fund (to supplement pensions of retired pastors whose annuities are deemed from insufficient and to provide emergency funding to active pastors during times of personal crisis), and **Strengthen the Church**. The Federated Church raises monies for these national offerings through our monthly Love Offerings.

Local congregations which give OCWM Basic Support and which include all four of the OCWM Special Support offerings are recognized as "Five-for-Five" congregations.

While the first three national offerings are familiar, Federated Church having supported them for years, Strengthen the Church may not be. **The purpose of the Strengthen the Church offering is to support new church starts, church renewal projects, and new ministries to meet emerging needs in local communities. The love offering for May will go to Strengthen the Church. 50% will remain in Illinois.**

Personally, I support OCWM...and not just because it helped pay my salary for 20 years of my ministry as the UCC Conference Minister in Michigan, as the President of one of the seven UCC seminaries, and as the Interim Associate Conference Minister in Wisconsin!

I personally support OCWM because I have seen countless lives changed by the ministry and mission OCWM funds. So, during May, **I invite you to support Strengthen the Church generously** through your love offering. I plan to do so.

Peace and joy!

Kent

God Speaks Through Our Worship



Sunday, May 6

Liturgist: Judy Hoke-Jackson
Communion
Feed My Sheep

Sunday, May 13

Liturgist: Judy Winter
Mother's Day

Sunday, May 20

Liturgist: Kent Ulery
Music Sunday

Sunday, May 27

Liturgist: Sally Stevens
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

May 6

May 13 The Wallace family in memory of Arla Powell Taynor
Mother's Day

May 20

May 27 Judy Winter in memory of Parents and Grandparents

Fellowship Hosts **Board of Religious Education**

May 6

May 13 Jerry Lane & Jean Evans
Mother's Day

May 20 Amy Douglass & Karen Primm

May 27



Preschool

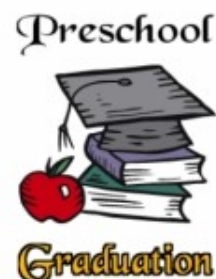


April was an exciting month, but not because of the extra days of snow. The best part of the month was our Goodies for Gals week. We had many gals, of all ages, visit and play with us. We were so excited to show our favorite activities, toys and friends to our visitors. We also were blessed with the Spring for Strings Concert featuring Mr. and Mrs. Smelzer with two guest students. The children really enjoyed learning about a violin and cello. We heard *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* and the theme song from *Frozen* along with a few classical pieces. We are so delighted to be the recipient of a grant to provide musical education to children in our local county.

In the back windows we have been mapping our heritage and sharing special facts about our ancestors. One World, Many Stories!

Our students in the older classes walked to West Grade School for our Big School field trip. We explored three classrooms, the learning center, computer room and downstairs which had the cafeteria, music and art rooms. We hope to end our month in warm sunshine outside every day on the playground!

Wednesday, May 23rd will be the last day of student attendance and Thursday, May 24th is Preschool Graduation.



**CHURCH
MISSION
SOCIETY**

From the Board of Mission and Society

Feed My Sheep Sunday—May 6

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!

May Love Offering: Strengthen the Church—UCC

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. By participating in this offering, our congregation is contributing to the continued expansion and revitalization of the UCC. First, half of our offering supports ministry in our local conference while the second half goes toward supporting the strengthening of the church nationally!

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.





Pork Chop Drive-Through Dinner

Please return all money and any unsold tickets to the church office or Skip Schramer by May 13th. If you sell tickets the week of the sale, just call Skip (815-751-4817) and tell him how many you sold, so we get the right number to Tom's Country Store. If you have unsold tickets, they can be returned any-time, so they are available for sale by someone else.

And sign up to work on the 18th. Sign-up sheets will be found in Dutton Hall, but if you forget to sign up, please come at 3:00 to help out.

The church will be sponsoring a drive-through dinner the late afternoon of Friday, May 18th. The dinner will include a pork chop, baked beans, potato salad, applesauce, a roll, and a dessert (cookie, brownie, or bar cookie.) The tickets will be \$12.00 and are currently available. It is important that all members sell as many tickets as possible.

The planning committee includes Alice and Tony Whitney, Skip Schramer, and Suzanne Juday. Please see any one of them if you have questions.



Music Sunday Sunday, May 20



Extra music will be heard that morning from both the Handbell and Chancel Choirs. To continue the tradition, a Federated musician will be honored for outstanding dedication and service.



KishHealth Foundation
Part of Northwestern Medicine

Dear Federated Church,

On behalf of KishHealth Foundation, part of Northwestern Medicine, thank you for your donation of \$200.00 received on 4/5/2018 to Northwestern Medicine Hospice DeKalb.

We truly value your gift. Your donation will make a difference for patients and families in our community for years to come.

Thank you for helping us provide our patients with the best care possible in their time of need.

Sincerely,
Teresa Gobeli, Hospice Director



Pork Chop Dinner Committee needs Your Help

Last year during our Pork Chop Dinner we did a community outreach by offering donated dinners to our Federated Church shut-ins, various local nursing home residents, and some residents at the Sycamore High Rise. We would like to offer this service again this year. The Pork Chop Dinner Committee will be asking the congregation during the next few Sundays and through the weekly email and newsletter if individuals would like to donate a dinner or two for this outreach. Once people begin to donate meal(s) we will need a volunteer to work closely with the committee to call our shut-in list (which is very small), a couple of nursing homes, and the manager at the high rise, to see if they know of individuals who might enjoy a donated meal. The volunteer will then help the committee organize the delivery of the meals the evening of May 18. The committee will add "drivers" to the work sign-up sheet in hopes of getting enough people to help distribute the meals throughout the early evening.

Please give Alice Whitney (815-895-5023 or 815-901-2896) or Suzanne Juday (815-895-2082) a call if you would be willing to help with this outreach!

If you are not able to help coordinate this effort, but you would like to donate a meal, please give your money for the ticket and the stub to Skip, and give the larger part of the ticket to Suzanne or Alice.



Sue Lyon Memorial Book Sale 2018

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS



It's Almost Here! The Sue Lyon Memorial Book Sale will be **Thursday, June 21st, Friday, June 22nd and Saturday, June 23rd**. Book Sale Committee is organizing this annual event again. If you have any new or used books or children's books you would like to pass on, please consider donating them to this sale. Blackhawk Moving and Storage (340 S. Ave., Sycamore) continues to store these for us, and your books may be dropped off at Blackhawk. Blackhawk has graciously offered to deliver books, and Troop 16 and Federated worker bees will get them ready for the sale.

Worker bees needed! We will need many hands to help stack, categorize, sell, and pack. New sorting procedure has made it easier, no lifting. Harambee Ensemble members and parents help move sorted books to categories. Please consider joining us to sort books Tuesday, June 19, Wednesday, June 20, and/or throughout the sale, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. It's a great time to hang out with Federated friends and help with this Federated fundraiser. Book Sale Committee members are Sue McCue, Sharon McKee, Sherry Jones, Karen Hamingson, Sue Finney, Bruce and Joan Wallace and Malorie Nelson.



Used Book Sale



The Moderator's Notes

I hear that May is "just around the corner!" It does look promising too! I like how spring not only brightens up the grass and flowers but also our mood and our outlook! Our church is already busy planning activities and events well into the summer. It's what we do best, isn't it? We love being together during worship services and Bible Study; being social at coffee hour, Ladies' and Men's Nights Out, and the Women's Salad Supper; working on the upcoming Thrift Sale, Pork Chop Dinner, Teachers Recognition Luncheon, and Sue Lyon Memorial Book Sale....just to name a few of our goings-on throughout our very busy church life!

The "behind the scenes" Transition Team has been meeting with Pastor Kent. They are assembling data for our church's profile so that we may submit it to the UCC Conference. Once submitted we will be able to seriously look forward to choosing a Search Committee for a settled minister. Reports from MissionInsite (a 3rd party demographic data provider) is being studied concerning Sycamore's statistics, religious beliefs, and potential mission priorities. Also, the Transition Team and Pastor Kent felt that it was time to begin updating our church's membership directory. Pastor Kent will speak with the Deacons about beginning this update.

As I sign off on my "Moderator's Notes", I want to take a minute to thank the individuals who made the beautiful burgundy and beige prayer shawl for my brother! He is touched by your kindness and thanks each one of you. He took it to his first day of radiation! I know lots of love and prayers are with him as he carries his shawl throughout his journey!

Peace to you!

Pam

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
March 31, 2018

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 March was \$15,470 and the month's operating expenses were \$16,159. This means that we had \$690 more expense than income.

The year to date **operating** statement income was \$52,449 and the operating expense were \$53,184. This means we have \$735 more expense than income.

Notes:

During the month of February the church received \$25,500 in bequests from the Virginia and Arnie Larson Estate and the Don Blickem Family. The council voted to place these undesignated funds into the Roof Replacement Account.

The Trustees received the \$5,250 bill for repairing the damage to the air conditioner lightning strike last summer. They had received a \$4,300 insurance payment in 2017. This cash flow difference distorts the budget report

Reminder: If you designate a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA to be deposited directly to the church bank account, you do not have to pay income tax on that portion.

NUMERICAL SUMMARY
OPERATING CASH FLOW
March 31, 2018

	Y-T-D ACTU- AL	Y-T-D BUDG- ET	DIFFER- ENCE
<u>INCOME</u>			
Total General Contributions	42,572	41,995	577
Trust & Interest Income	8,364	6,915	1,449
Total Other Income	1,514	890	624
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	52,449	49,800	2,649
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Total Administrative Expense	5	2,000	-1,995
Total Bd of Trustees	29,096	23,647	5,449
Total Bd of Membership & Fellowship	11	0	11
Total Bd of Religious Education	0	380	-380
Total Bd of Deacons	864	1,200	-336
Total Bd of Mission & Society	23,208	22,818	390
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	53,184	50,045	3,139
OPERATING CASH FLOW (Income less Expenses)	-735	-245	-490

Respectfully submitted,
David Wood, Assistant Treasurer



Prayers for Healing from Illness or Injury

Jack Bauer
 Bill Finney
 Friend of Paula von Ende
 Friend of Judy Hoke
 Judy Hoke
 LeVern Hoover
 Husband of Jean Evans' friend
 Husband of Roger and Kay Jacobson's grand-daughter
 Husband of Jerry Lane's daughter
 Jeff, father of Harambee Ensemble member
 Mary Jo Johnson
 Pam Kitterman's brother
 Margot Mattin
 John McCue
 Meg Ulery's mom

Prayers for Peace at Time of Passing

Family of Georgiann Baird
 Family of Michael Bennett
 Family of Ron Blickem
 Family of Juli Du Pont
 Family of Ed Thompson
 Family of Virginia Larsen
 Family of Carol Stubbs

Additional Prayer Requests

Rachel and family, niece of Bev Whildin



Pentecost Sunday coincident with Music Sunday, May 20. Color is red, all should wear red to the worship service.

To the Family of Georgiann Baird

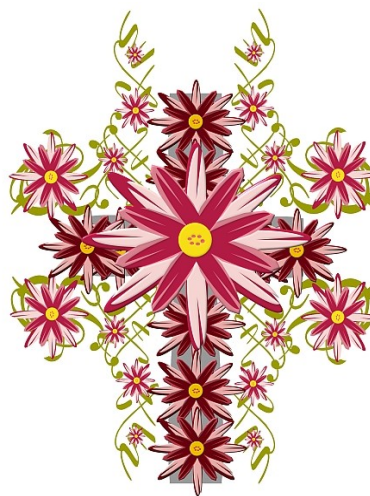
With Heartfelt
Sympathy

*Though our words
 can do little,
 we hope our
 thoughts
 and prayers
 will support
 you at this time.*



*Our Deepest
 Sympathy*

To the Family of Carol Stubbs





May Birthdays

05/01 Liberty Gould
 05/02 Emily Kitterman
 05/03 Gloria Welcker
 05/03 Jacob Finney
 05/08 Dick Carter
 05/10 Lilly Finney
 05/10 Justin Jones
 05/13 Kristin Carlson
 05/15 Nancy Wood
 05/15 Peggy Safford
 05/20 Jacob Ekstrom
 05/22 Victoria Walzer
 05/24 Polly Carter
 05/25 Amy Douglass
 05/27 Ann Smelser
 05/27 Hannah Ekstrom
 05/28 Dave Wood
 05/28 Steve Swedberg
 05/28 Franklin Marsh
 05/28 Nick Glover
 05/31 Marjorie Baie
 05/31 John McCue



May Anniversaries

05/10 Linda & Steve Benton
 05/16 Bev & Skip Schramer
 05/17 Vicki & Andy Walzer
 05/23 Carrie & Brian Walk
 05/24 Greg & Becky Smart
 05/27 Pam Jackson & Earl Seaver
 05/29 Sherry Jones & Sharon McKee



Upcoming Events:

May 1	Spring Salad Supper
May 4 & 5	Spring Thrift Sale
May 18	Drive-Thru Dinner
May 24	Preschool Graduation
June 21-23	Sue Lyon Memorial Book Sale



Ladies Night Out
Monday, May 21
6:00 pm
Rosita's Mexican Restaurant
DeKalb



Stewardship Report

Week ending April 29, 2018
 Attendance: 44
 Kids' Club: 3
 Offering Y-T-D: 62,310.00
 Covenant with God: \$ 158,169.00



GUY'S NIGHT OUT
Monday, May 21
6:00 pm
Tom & Jerry's
1670 DeKalb Avenue
Sycamore



Monday, May 21

Your Federated Church Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery
Pastor's Emergency: 207-570-5627
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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dale Beaman
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Admin Assistant email: thefederatedchurch@frontier.com
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Music email: mattincurtain50@aol.com
Keyboardist: Yule Dain Yoon
Handbell Director: Marilyn Montzka
Custodian: Almasa Camo
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Office email: thefederatedchurch@frontier.com

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

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Assistant Moderator:
Jerry Lane 815-895-2617
Clerk:
Suzanne Juday 815-895-2082
Treasurer:
Karen Hamingson 815-895-4631
Assistant Treasurers:
David Wood 815-756-1680
Linda Babcock 815-758-0763
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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
Alice Whitney 815-895-5023
Board of Mission & Society:

Board of Religious Education:
Malorie Nelson 815-784-6060
Tomi Greisenauer 312-802-1486
Board of Trustees:
Nate Kitterman 815-751-1481
Skip Schramer 815-751-4817
Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Jerry Lane
Roger Jacobson
Karen Hamingson

Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out
there whether you are a
Past, Present or
Soon To be Moms.
May your day be filled
with love,
joy and laughter..



The Federated Church

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30am Federated Preschool 6:00pm Ladies Salad Supper	2 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 2:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3 National Day of Prayer 8:30am Federated Preschool 2:30pm Transition Team Meeting 5:00pm Thrift Sale Set-up 8:00pm AA	4 8:30am Federated Preschool 11:00am Spring Thrift Sale 12:30pm Federated Preschool	5 9:00am Spring Thrift Sale
6 Communion Feed My Sheep 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids Club 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Bd. of Religious Ed. 3:00pm Eagle Scout Ceremony 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	7 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	8 8:30am Federated Preschool	9 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 2:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 8:30am Federated Preschool 7:00pm Church Council 8:00pm AA	11 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:00pm UKB Drum Rehearsal	12 11:30am Harambee Rehearsal
13 Mother's Day 8:30am Membership Bd 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids Club 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	14 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	15 8:30am Federated Preschool	16 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 8:30am Federated Preschool 5:30pm Bd. of Trustees 8:00pm AA	18 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 4:00pm Drive Thru Dinner	19 11:30am Harambee Rehearsal
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