



THE FEDERATED FORECAST

The Federated Church

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"An Open and Affirming Church"

Welcoming Any and Loving All

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THE MODERATER NOTES

Why can't we slow down a few of these summer days? The months are whizzing by! I can't believe I'm sending AUGUST newsletter articles to Liz now! Yet, there are many exciting happenings occurring at our Federated Church.

We just finished our Congregational Meeting with much respectful and insightful discussion; the Transition Team has been working hard to collect all needed data for our Church Profile. Once they are finished all information will be given to the newly formed Search Committee. There are three of us from the Executive Committee of Church Council who will be reaching out to members who may be willing to serve on this Committee.

We're also in the midst of looking for this year's Stewardship Leader and Team. Many opportunities are available to church members to be a part of these next historic and meaningful months that are ahead of us. Even though these commitments are involved; they are short lived. Please consider serving on one of these committees if you are invited to do so. Or, if you would like to serve on either committee please give me a call and we can talk about what responsibilities are involved with each committee. You can call me at home....815-899-7032...or my cell...815-761-9475.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Pam Kitterman

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE:

The congregation met after worship service on Sunday, July 15. Dave Wood discussed our financial situation and said that income was better than budgeted and expenses were less than the budgeted amount. He reported that fundraising was going well and that pledged amounts were good.

Nancy Renfer from the Transition team discussed the timeline for the search process. She said that it takes about a year for the interim minister and congregation to get to know and trust each other. The Transition Team is working on the church profile, which is phase one of the search process. The second phase will be the work of the search committee. All information gathered by the Transition Team will be turned over to the Search committee by September 15.

Nate Kitterman presented the Board of Trustees recommendation that we allow the use of beer and wine in Dutton Hall for weddings. Much discussion ensued with many ideas and concerns being voiced. A motion was made to accept the recommendation; and a final vote showed the majority of members present supported the motion. Many members also agreed that we should be looking at any ideas for bringing in more revenue.

God Speaks Through Our Worship



Sunday, August 5

Liturgist: Judy Hoke-Jackson
Feed My Sheep

Sunday, August 12

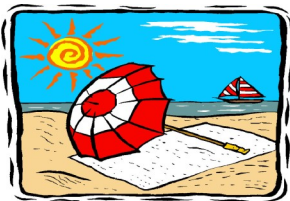
Liturgist: Sharon McKee

Sunday, August 19

Liturgist: Carl Von Ende

Sunday, August 26

Liturgist: Jerry Lane



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Worship Service

Worship 10:00 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

August 5	Sherry Jones & Sharon McKee in memory of Ernest W. Jones
August 12	
August 19	Sharon McKee & Sherry Jones in memory of John M. McKee, Jr.
August 26	Jean Evans & Jerry Lane in memory of Robert & Winifred Evans

Fellowship Hosts Board of Trustees

August 5	Carl & Paula von Ende
August 12	Phil & Pam Wagener
August 19	
August 26	





The month of August signals the start of school for most children. Children attending Federated Preschool will have to wait until Tuesday, September 4, 2018 to begin school. We do have our annual and favorite Back to School Night on Thursday, August 30, 2018. The students and their families arrive at preschool and get to see their classroom, peers and teachers for the school year. This evening is a fun and relaxed time for the children to get familiar with a new environment and helps relieve some of the fears for the first day of school.

We have been working very hard all summer to clean, replace and introduce new activities, policies and items that keep YOUR preschool current and inviting to all the families that start the 50th year of early childhood education with us at Federated Preschool. Enjoy the remaining days of summer and remember to PLAY every day!

Celebrating
50
Years



From the Board of Mission and Society

Feed My Sheep Sunday—August 5

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!

August Love Offering: Meals on Wheels

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.

Automated External Defibrillator Training

ATTENTION USHERS, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

The Community Health Network (a program of Kishwaukee Hospital) will be holding an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training after worship service on Sunday, August 19. This life saving machine that is located on the wall in Dutton Hall is a simple device that CAN SAVE LIVES. Everyone can and should learn how to use this device.





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July 19, 2018

The Federated Church
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Dear Federated Church Members,

The Safe Passage Board of Directors and Staff, on behalf of our clients, are so grateful for your very generous gift. We know there are many organizations doing critical work in our community and we are honored that you chose to share your resources and support with us.

Here at Safe Passage, our mission is to promote the right of all to nonviolent and abuse-free relationships through advocacy, intervention, and prevention in DeKalb County. While we have provided shelter to over 50 individuals thus far in 2018 along with hundreds of hours of crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy, the sad fact is that many more survivors are living without the support they need. Your generous donation of \$170.00 will go a long way in helping us get those survivors to safety.

Our services are critical and heartbreakingly necessary and we could not do what we do without your partnership. We are deeply grateful for your critical support that allows us to help survivors recover from the abuse they have suffered and move on to establish safe, independent and productive lives. We are so thankful that your support allows us to work toward a future where we are unnecessary. Like you, we believe a violence-free world is possible. With the help of your generous gift, we are one step closer to reaching that goal.

Thank you again for your very kind donation.

All the best,

Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Schaid
Executive Director

Tax Deductible Gift: \$170.00

*Thank you all so much!
We are truly so grateful
for your very kind
and generous gift and
support!*

*"We hereby certify that we did not provide any goods or services in return for any part of your gift.
Please use this letter as a receipt for your 2018 tax-deductible contribution."*



Membership and Fellowship Board News

From Board Chair, Pam Wagener

RALLY DAY AND CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Get ready for Fall with the annual church picnic and Kids Club Rally Day events on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

After church, there will be a celebration with games for everyone and an indoor picnic. Membership and Fellowship will provide the main dish and drinks and the rest of the meal will be a pot luck event with salads, desserts and other goodies provided by the congregation.

Be sure to mark your calendar now!



August Ladies Night Out
The Lodge in Wasco—6:00 pm



Thanks to all who donated for the baby shower. Our families with new-borns greatly appreciate your kindness.

In God's love,

The Sycamore Food Pantry Committee



**COME JOIN AND CELEBRATE
OUR FEDERATED PRE SCHOOL'S 50th ANNIVERSARY!**

WHAT: An Od Fashioned Ice Cream Social

WHEN: Sunday, September 16 (immediately following our worship service)

WHERE: Dutton Hall

WHO'S INVITED: All preschool students and their families; all preschool staff (you may also see some past preschool staff among the crowd!) And, of course, our own Federated church members and friends.

****Please mark your calendar NOW for this fun filled event!





Prayers for Healing from Illness or Injury

Holly Hasselbring' brother, Bo
 Friend of Judy Hoke
 Judy Hoke's brother-in-law, Milton
 Pam Kitterman's brother, Larry
 Margot Mattin
 Pastor Kent's nephew, Gabe
 Pam Wagener

Prayers for Peace at Time of Passing

Family of Georgiann Baird
 Family of Daisette McGrath
 Family of Carol Stubbs
 Family of Nancy Wood's sister

Additional Prayer Requests

Rachel and family, niece of Bev Whildin

Prayer requests are listed for eight weeks, unless the need has passed or you request its listing extended

Note: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please let Liz know. Thank You.



Pig Roast Drive-Through Dinner

The church will be sponsoring a drive-through dinner the late afternoon of Thursday, October 4th. The dinner will be catered by Inboden's and will include pulled pork, 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.

Further information as we get closer to the event.



August Birthdays

08/03 Ruth Olle
 08/04 Logan Foster
 08/05 Bill Baird
 08/07 Jacob Todd
 08/08 Michele Todd
 08/12 Sharon McKee
 08/14 Olivia Walk
 08/16 Jeff Welcker
 08/17 Greg Smart
 08/18 Doris Evers
 08/20 Linda Benton
 08/21 Nancy Renfer
 08/23 Suzanne Juday
 08/25 Marilyn Hoover
 08/26 Sarah Gordon
 08/27 Alice Whitney
 08/27 Nate Kitterman
 08/29 Geoff Gordon
 08/30 Rob Glover



August Anniversaries

08/02 Judy & T. J. Hoke-Jackson
 08/04 Jerry Lane & Jean Evans
 08/15 Erin & Tom Stump
 08/16 Bill & Tomi Griesenauer
 08/21 Dan & Karen Hamingson
 08/21 Bob & Ruth Olle
 08/31 Rob & Elsa Glover



Stewardship Report

Week ending July 29, 2018

Attendance:	42
Kids' Club:	3
Offering Y-T-D:	99,994.96
Covenant with God:	\$ 158,169.00



Monday, August 20

Your Federated Church Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery
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Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Jerry Lane
Roger Jacobson
Karen Hamingson
Nancy Renfer

The Federated Church

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pastor on vacation 9:00am Sewing Circle	2 Pastor on vacation 8:00pm AA	3 Pastor on vacation	4
5 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Bd. of Religious Ed. 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	6 Pastor on vacation 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 Pastor on vacation	8 Pastor on vacation 9:00am Sewing Circle	9 Pastor on vacation 7:00pm Church Council 8:00pm AA	10 Pastor on vacation	11 11:00am Whitney Baby Shower
12 8:30am Membership Bd 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	13 Pastor on vacation	14 Pastor on vacation	15 Pastor on vacation 9:00am Sewing Circle	16 Pastor on vacation 5:30pm Bd. of Trustees 8:00pm AA	17 Pastor on vacation	18
19 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Bd of Mission & Society 11:30am Board of Deacons 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	20 6:00pm Guy's Night Out 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	21 6:30pm Preschool Parent Orientation	22 9:00am Sewing Circle	23 8:00pm AA	24	25
26 Family Sunday Penny March 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	27 6:00pm Ladies Night Out	28	29 9:00am Sewing Circle	30 5:00pm Back-to- School Night 8:00pm AA	31	