

THE FEDERATED FORECAST

The Federated Church

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The United Church of Christ & The Unitarian Universalist Association

"An Open and Affirming Church"

Welcoming Any and Loving All

September 2018



My father was a teacher. After serving in WW II, he held a series of jobs (car mechanic, gas station owner, oil truck driver). In his mid-40s, he convened a family meeting, announcing he wanted to go to college to become a math teacher. After quickly learning he had been away from math for too many years, he studied elementary

education instead. Then he taught 5th and 6th grades, later becoming a principal.

My sister also became an elementary school teacher. She married a teacher, the child of two teachers. Meg studied elementary education and taught outdoor education. I studied secondary education (math, like my dad), but also (like dad and Meg) ended up teaching in a different subject area.

Perhaps that is why, as our religious education starts up again this fall, and as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the congregation's preschool program, I found myself turning to this prayer, written by a pastoral colleague (and one of my best friends in school) now serving in North Carolina:

God of Love... Thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special gift. Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides. Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more. Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers.

God of Mercy... Sustain teachers who give everything they have and feel abandoned when society expects too much. Strengthen teachers who assume the blame for so many problems beyond their control. Help exhausted teachers rest.

God of Strength... Encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish. Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning fun for children. We wonder at teachers who know how to quiet a class of five-year-olds or help fourth graders be empathetic. We admire teachers who enjoy middle school, or teach physics or math or civics. We cannot even imagine how to help every single student achieve Adequate Yearly Progress. Bless the people who are expected to accomplish these miracles and who know how to comfort children when miracles don't happen.

God of Justice... Help our nation find a way to steward our vast wealth to support teachers in their special calling, wherever they teach and whatever the race or religion or gender or wealth of the children.

We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Peace and joy!

Kent

God Speaks Through Our Worship



Sunday, September 2

Liturgist: Bill Griesenauer
Communion
Feed My Sheep

Sunday, September 9

Liturgist: Ed Safford
Rally Day/Church Picnic

Sunday, September 16

Liturgist: Skip Schramer
Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 23

Liturgist: Carl von Ende

Sunday, September 30

Liturgist: Pam Wagener
Congregational Meeting

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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

September 2

Joe Baird in Memory of Joe & Georgiann's
52nd Anniversary

September 9

September 16

September 23

September 30

Fellowship Hosts Board of Mission & Society

September 2

September 9

Rally Day/Church Picnic

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Ice Cream Social

September 23

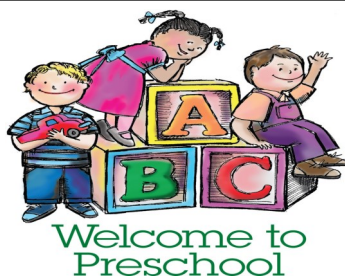
Kaye Jacobson & Bev Whildin

September 30



Aster
**SEPTEMBER
BIRTH FLOWER**

Wisdom
Faith
Valour



Celebrating
50
Years

September marks the official start of the school year for many children. Children entering Federated Preschool will be the official class of the 50th year!! A special amazing accomplishment by all church members to continue this vital ministry for families. Children who enter Federated Preschool get an amazing early childhood education which starts their formal learning and are nurtured, loved and accepted. Thank you for your support of this special ministry for the last 50 years!!

Thank you to all those who gave to the Love Offering designated for the preschool. We really appreciate the financial support and care for all the children and their families. God bless you for your kindness and our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

The Board of Mission and Society

Feed My Sheep Sunday—September 2

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!

September Love Offering: CROP WALK

Twenty-five percent of the funds raised will be returned to DeKalb County agencies including food pantries, Meals on Wheels, Hope Haven Homeless Shelter, and Safe Passage. Seventy-five percent of the funds will be used by Church World Service and other international agencies for disaster relief and self-help development projects throughout the world.

The annual Crop Walk will be Sunday, October 14th.

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.



Rally Day "Minute to Win It" Is Almost Here!

Welcome back to Kids' Club September 9th. "Minute to Win It" games ready for everyone! Rally Day marks the beginning of this year's Kids' Club or Sunday School for ages 4-12. Kids' Club meets each Sunday except the last Sunday of each month which is Family Sunday. Kids' Club is an opportunity to come together, enjoy each other's uniqueness, and listen to a Bible Story. A craft, drama, art project, songs or games enhance individual abilities and strengths after the story. We meet during the adult service after the Children's Message between 10:15 and 11:00. Coffee Hour and treats follow in Dutton Hall. Your teachers will be church members who enjoy retelling stories and sharing projects with you. Please join us for Kid's Club and our Rally Day "Minute to Win It" games after the church potluck. The Board of Education has prepared short one minute games designed for **all ages** to try your hand at. We're hoping for lots of laughter and fun on Rally Day. Join us.

MODERATOR NOTES:

It's been a busy August! Some of us have been working on gathering our new Search Committee...and asking others to help with the upcoming Stewardship Campaign. There's been a great response from our members!!! Everyone is either willing to serve or have offered ideas and comments for the good of the church. There's definitely been a variety of conversations going on during coffee hour over the last few weeks!!!

Now, we're seeing our new church year's activities taking place. We're aware that the Board of Religious Education and Membership and Fellowship are working on Rally Day and the indoor picnic for September 9. Federated members are hosting an ice cream social to honor the 50th anniversary of our Federated Preschool on September 16. All present families, students, and staff are invited, along with flyers being sent out to past staff members. Since Federated Preschool has graduated more than 7,000 students over the past 50 years, we hope to be able to pull something together special for the year end graduation activities that will include inviting some of the past students back! Speaking of Federated Preschool, did you know that both the County Board and the City Council wrote Proclamations honoring the Federated Preschool? These proclamations will be framed and hung in the Preschool area.

Other activities that are being worked on behind the scenes is the September Volunteer Schedule for Meals on Wheels. Thank you, Alice, for your tireless work on organizing this much needed mission in our community! Also, fast approaching is the Pig Roast Dinner on October 4. Check out the article in the newsletter for more details. And, there's a group preparing for the Thrift Sale on October 19 and 20....More to come!!!

One final thought (actually it's a question) for you all. We had our AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Training last Sunday and seven members attended. So, here's the question? "Do you know where the AED is located in the church?" (The answer is found somewhere in the newsletter!)

Your Moderator
Pam Kitterman

**Dear Federated Church,
(Sharon McKee & Sherry Jones)**
Thank you so much for generously donating backpacks and school supplies for our children at Safe Passage!

We are so lucky to have supporters like you!

**All the best,
Kendal Baker
Safe Passage Staff**



Sunday, September 30th following worship service. A pastoral search committee of nine members shall be appointed by the Church Council. Church Council's recommendation shall be submitted to the church membership at a properly called Congregational meeting.



Membership and Fellowship Board News

From Board Chair, Pam Wagener



FEDERATED CHURCH PICNIC/ FUN SUNDAY RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

The day starts with 10 am worship service. Please invite friends to come join us. Enjoy a great end of summer picnic with friends after the service in Dutton Hall. The Boards of Religious Education and Membership and Fellowship are planning the fun for you. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share – desert, salad, beans, chips, muffins, etc. There will be a free-will offering to cover the cost of the chicken.

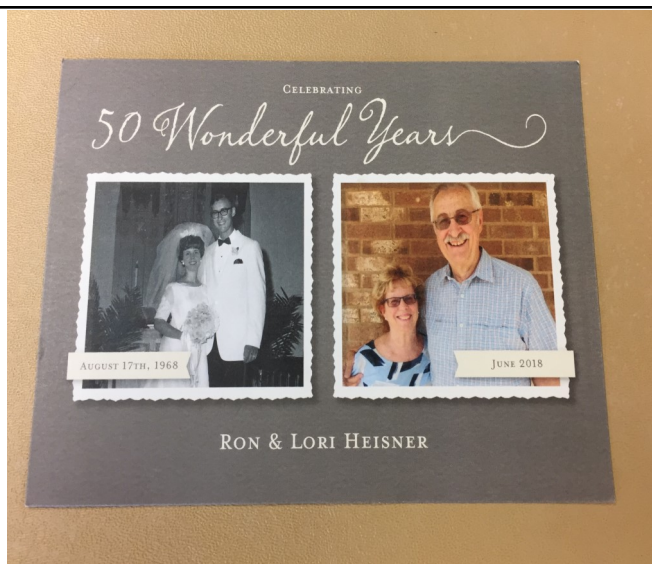
Also, games and fun to be had for young and not so young participants, so bring your party animal!



We will try a new restaurant, The Balmoral Restaurant on Route 64 in Campton Hills where Scottish food is the theme. The main courses are somewhat expensive but there are sandwiches and soups and salads also available.

For more information about the restaurant, view their website at www.balmoralrestaurant.com.

Come join us on September 22 at 6 pm. Carpooling is encouraged!



On August 17th , Ron & Lori Heisner, former members of Federated, celebrated 50 years of marriage. If you would like to send a card or an email their address is:

Ron & Lori Heisner
37255 N. 16th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85086
RLHEISNER@AOL.COM





**COME JOIN AND CELEBRATE
OUR FEDERATED PRESCHOOL'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!

PRESCHOOL TIDBITS....DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) Val Pieroni painted the wall mural of sea creatures.
- 2) Dan Todd hand made the two sink cupboards for the preschool rooms.
- 3) We had THREE teachers with the SAME last name but not blood related.
- 4) Anita Kendall was the original director who worked 37 years at the pre-school.
- 5) Only TWO directors in 50 years. (Jan Scheffers is the current director.)
- 6) On the wall in Dutton Hall next to the Supply Closet.

***More tidbits next month!)

BUNCO RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER!

Get ready for fun and the opportunity to win a few dollars! Bunco is back on the fourth Saturday of September, on September 22, 2018 at 7 pm in Dutton Hall.

Novices and returning players are welcome to roll the dice. Bring 4 quarters and a snack to pass and your sense of humor. If you haven't played before, we will teach you.

See you then!





Prayers for Healing from Illness or Injury

Dick Carter
 Holly Hasselbring' brother, Bro
 Friend of Judy Hoke
 Judy Hoke's brother-in-law, Milton
 Pam Kitterman's brother, Larry
 Margot Mattin

Prayers for Peace at Time of Passing

Bill Lantz's Family
 Gip Seaver's brother, Scott's family
 Pastor Kent's nephew, Gabe's family
 Jerry Lane & Family

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

 The logo features the words "PIG ROAST" in a large, bold, serif font. Below the text is a silhouette of a pig facing right, flanked by four five-pointed stars.

Pig Roast Drive-Through Dinner

The church will be sponsoring a drive-through, sit down 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.

Please return all money and any unsold tickets to the church office or Alice Whitney or Suzanne Juday by September 23rd. If you sell tickets the week of the sale, just call Alice (815-895-5023) or Suzanne (815-895-2082) and tell them how many you sold, so we get the right number to Inboden's. If you have unsold tickets, they can be returned anytime, so they are available for sale by someone else.

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

The Federated Church Fall Thrift Sale

The Board of Mission and Society is sponsoring a Fall Thrift Sale. The Thrift Sale will be held Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20. Donations of all types of fall and cold weather clothing, especially children's sizes, are welcome. We could also use fall and Christmas decorations, toys, bedding and household goods. The fall and Christmas decorations were especially popular last year and it would be great to see this area grow!

The Thrift Sale hours are:

Set-up, Thursday, October 18	9 am-5 pm	
Sale, Friday, October 19:	9 am-4 pm	
Sale, Saturday, October 20:	9 am-1 pm	\$5 -fill a brown bag sale

All donations should be clean and in good condition. They may be dropped off in the all purpose room beginning October 14 with set up on Thursday, October 18.

Please save brown paper bags from Hy-Vee or other stores. They are needed on Saturday for the \$5 brown bag sale.

No electronics, including printers and computers, phones, please.





September Birthdays

01	Corrigan Foster
02	Jan Scheffers
03	Ken Williams
03	Bev Whildin
04	Paula von Ende
04	Cyndi Warren
07	Max Baird
07	Tyler Ekstrom
13	Brandon Lyon
16	Merri Bork
18	Allison von Ende
21	Corki Williams
23	Elsa Glover
23	Tania Harris
23	Kayla Whitney
23	Abigail Covert
25	Ella Walzer
27	Gene Fogle
28	Isaac Covert
28	Genevieve Smelser
29	Jeremy Jones, Jr.
30	Madison Foster



September Anniversaries

03	Jacob & Kelsey Finney
09	Chuck & Linda Sauer
10	Steve & Lynette Swedberg
11	Terry & Margie Baie
14	Jim & Kristi Bork
25	Nate & Pam Kitterman



Stewardship Report

Week ending August 26, 2018
 Attendance: 36
 Kids' Club:
 Offering Y-T-D: \$ 106,765.96
 Covenant with God: \$ 158,169.00



Monday, September 17

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
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Keyboardist: Yule Dain Yoon
Handbell Director: Marilyn Montzka
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Office email: thefederatedchurch@frontier.com
Web Link: <http://thefederatedchurchsycamore.com>

Federated Preschool

Preschool Director: Jan Scheffers
Preschool phone: 815-764-9473
Federated Preschool email:

Sandra Mineau pastor at Woodside Congregational Church in Rockford is collecting bottle tops. They will be used to recycle them into benches, similar to those at Mayfield.

Please call if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

815-229-3265



Church Leadership

Moderator:
Pam Kitterman 815-899-7032
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:
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Alice Whitney 815-895-5023
Board of Mission & Society:
Paula von Ende 815-758-7375
Fe Gould 815-901-7313
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
Nancy Renfer

Please Note:
Copies of the September calendar are on the
table at back of sanctuary.