

THE FEDERATED FORECAST

The Federated Church

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"An Open and Affirming Church"

Welcoming Any and Loving All

November 2018



"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will God be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

The prophet Micah asks the timeless question. How do we express our gratitude to the God who has given us life itself? How do we give thanks for God blessing us with faith and hope and joy, loving families and friends, strength enough to get through tough times and resources enough to help others? How do we show our appreciation for the vision God has placed in our hearts and minds of a world in which everyone experiences both justice and peace? How do we respond to God for teaching us worthwhile values, for gathering us in communities focused on ministry and mission, and for promising us life eternal?

Our stewardship theme – "What shall we bring?" – invites us to ask ourselves Micah's ancient yet contemporary question as we consider our financial pledges for 2019 in support of The Federated Church. We trust that each of us will consider increasing our contribution level as a sign of our gratitude of our ever-generous God. In doing so, we also trust we all will realize that the question has much broader application. As Micah said:

"God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does God require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Peace and joy!

Kent

God Speaks Through Our Worship



Sunday, November 4

Liturgist: Carl von Ende
Communion
Feed My Sheep

Sunday, November 11

Liturgist: Jerry Lane
Handbell Sunday
Thanksgiving Feast
Veterans Day

Sunday, November 18

Liturgist: Judy Winter
Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 25

Liturgist: TBD
Family Sunday
Penny March

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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

November 4	Karen Hamingson in honor of her birthday
November 11	Karen Hamingson in honor of Dan's birthday
November 18	Thanksgiving Display
November 25	Thanksgiving Display

Fellowship Hosts **Board of Membership & Fellowship**

November 4	Barbara Strayve & Irene Steward
November 11	Thanksgiving Feast
November 18	OPEN
November 25	OPEN





Moderator's Notes

Our Federated Church never seems to slow down! No sooner had we finished having a VERY successful Pig Roast Drive-Through Dinner than our members and friends started to prepare for the Fall Thrift Sale! Well over \$1,000 of Fall/Winter merchandise was sold. Again, our volunteers were full of energy in sorting through the items and setting up for an over-the-top sale!

Once the sale been all cleaned out of Dutton Hall, our members' minds were beginning to plan for the November 11 Thanksgiving/Stewardship Dinner, immediately following our 10 AM Worship Service. The Stewardship Team along with the Board of Membership and Fellowship will work together to prepare for the delicious feast!

Jen Conley, the Music Therapist from Kish Health System Hospice, will be our guest speaker following our bountiful meal! You will NOT want to miss her program! November 18 will be Stewardship Sunday, when we all will want to turn in our pledge cards. The cards will be distributed to everyone shortly.

DID YOU KNOW? Scout Troop #16 has completed a lovely brick-paver walkway in the lower portion of our church's garden! Rumor has it the Scouts are not done yet! They hope to build in a water fountain feature in the near future! So, when you see the Scouts usher on the 2nd Sunday of every month, please extend a "Thank You" for a job well done!

Enjoy the Fall Season...knowing that we will soon be preparing and anticipating for the Birth of the Christ Child!

Peace to you all!

Pam

The Board of Mission and Society

Feed My Sheep Sunday—October 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!

November Love Offering—Hope Haven

The November Love Offering will go to Hope Haven. Donations of any amount will help support the homeless individuals in our community. Did you know The Federated Church was a community leader in providing housing for the homeless? Dale Beaman, Pastor Emeritus, was instrumental in starting PADS, a program where individuals moved nightly with their family and belongings from church to church. After this small beginning and much fundraising a permanent facility, Hope Haven, was built in DeKalb. Hope Haven provides shelter for homeless individuals and families with the goal of helping them to live in their own home.

Envelopes for the monthly Love Offerings can be found in a basket at the back of the church.

Fall Thrift Sale Wrap-up

The Board of Mission and Society wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way with the 2018 Fall Thrift Sale. There were plenty of donations, but the number of holiday and children's donations was especially awesome! With a large number of shoppers, the Thrift Sale raised over \$1,000 for our community outreach missions. From these proceeds, a donation will be made to The Federated Preschool for their scholarship fund, Christmas gift cards will be purchased for the five Hope Haven girls, now living independently, and the remainder will help fund our Back to School Backpack project. With the leftover items, the Board made donations to the following organizations:

DeKalb County Nursing Home
Opportunity House
Wee Care Pregnancy Center
Open Closet
Sycamore Civic Apartments



Christmas Cards Donated to Logan Correctional Center

In October, the Board of Mission and Society sent a large donation of Christmas cards to the Logan Correctional Center in Lansing, IL. The church had been storing hundreds of Christmas cards for years. With a little checking Paula von Ende found that the cards would be welcomed at the Logan Correctional Center in Lansing, IL where there are 1400 women incarcerated. The cards were mailed to the chaplain at the Center for distribution to the women. A big thank you goes to Liz Finney for bringing the cards to our attention.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Get ready to bake! On December 9th, the Board of Deacons is asking for donations of 2 dozen Christmas cookies to be brought to the church that Sunday. The Deacons (along with anyone who could volunteer a bit of time after the worship service!) will prepare cookie plates to be distributed to our home bound members and friends. We usually make up about 20 cookie plates. We also could use volunteers to help distribute the cookie plates. If we have several volunteers to help us no one person will have to deliver more than 2, 3 plates!



Angel Tree Ministry

The Mission and Society Board is excited to announce that The Federated Church will be a part of the Angel Tree Ministry for Christmas 2018. The Angel Tree Ministry (not to be confused with the Salvation Army Angel Tree program) provides Christmas gifts to DeKalb County children with a **parent in prison**. Currently 25 DeKalb County children are in this group. Watch for more information on this ministry in the near future.



October was a busy month with harvest projects, Autumn changes, and all the excitement of Halloween and Pumpkin Fest! A student favorite was our Annual Pumpkin Drop. Each year the teachers get more creative in finding ways to drop, toss, roll or dunk different size pumpkins with hopes of pumpkin explosions. We had our vision and hearing checked by the DeKalb County Health Department. The teachers met with parents for parent-teacher conferences. We made our own pumpkin pancakes and boy they were delicious, especially with a sprinkle of whipping cream. We finished the month with our Halloween Parade and Parties, dancing and doing the Halloween Hustle with all our family and friends.

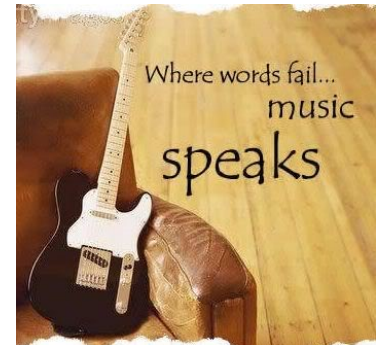
Jan Conley featured at our Thanksgiving Meal, Nov. 11th

As a culmination to the 2018 Stewardship Campaign, Jen Conley, certified music therapist from the DeKalb County Hospice will present information about Hospice Care and Music Therapy for those in Hospice Care. Music can bring back memories and stimulate the brain. How many times have you heard a song from your youth and somehow you remember all the words?

What Does a Music Therapist Do?

A visit with a music therapist may include:

- Reminiscing and sharing memories
- Singing
- Songwriting
- Listening to the music therapist playing an instrument including a harp, keyboard, guitar, and voice guided relaxation or use of imagery paired with music
- Music to facilitate special moments with family and caregivers
- Intergenerational music experiences
- Legacy recordings
- Music for spiritual reflection and exploration
- Decision-making about music for memorials



Sign-up in Dutton Hall. Bring a dish to pass. You won't want to miss this!

The Worlds Greatest Cookie Sale



The Federated Preschool's annual Cookie and Candy Sale will be Friday, December 14, 2018 beginning at 10:30 a.m.!

Our families bake and donate beautifully decorated and very tasty holiday treats that are sold by the pound. Please mark your calendars and help support the children. This is our main fundraiser for the school year.

Thanks from Preschool Staff & Parents



During worship on November 5, we will be remembering those people in our church family and hearts who have passed into life eternal this past year.

We will be remembering .

Robert Mattin	11/13/17	Brother of Gary Mattin
Averill Tagg	12/17	Mother of Nate Kitterman
Virginia Larsen	01/26/18	Member
Michael Bennett	02/07/18	Former Member
Ed Thompson	02/09/18	Former Member
Georgiann Baird	04/27/18	Member
Carol Stubbs	05/02/18	Friend of Marilyn Montzka
Gabe Norris	08/01/18	Great-Nephew of Kent & Meg Ulery
Adam Meister	08/12/18	Nephew of Jerry Lane
Bill Lantz	08/26/18	Former Member
Joe Fraccaro	09/13/18	Former Pastor
D.D. (Bud) Wallace	10/21/18	Father of Bruce Wallace



Dear Friends at the Church,

My name is Mary Roman, one of the residents of the DeKalb County Rehab. & Nursing Home. We enjoyed a delicious dinner meal on Thursday, excellent.

We want to thank you so much. It was so gratefully appreciated by all.

God bless you.

Love and prayers,

Your friends of DeKalb County Rehab. & Nursing Home

Letter of Commendation

October 15, 2018

Dear Ms Scheffers,

I read your article in the October Federated Newsletter with great interest as my deceased (1993) first wife, Jeanne Henderson, devoted several years as a teacher at the preschool.

It is wonderful that the school is going strong as it has always been a big asset to the Sycamore community when some said it was started ahead of its time.

You are to be commended for being the Director.

Best Regards,

Jerry Henderson
Ocean Ridge, Florida



Thanks for the wonderful BBQ dinners.

Thanks to the kindness shown to my grandmother!

Gary Gates
Carol Gates
Delia Remala

A Thank You received on voicemail. Cindy from the Civic Apartments wanted everyone to know how much they appreciated the BBQ dinners.



GET READY FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

You are invited to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner to be held after church on November 11, 2018.

The Stewardship Team along with the Board of Membership and Fellowship will work together to prepare for the delicious feast! They will provide the turkey, gravy and drinks. Please bring a dish to pass, such as potatoes, dressing (or do you say stuffing), vegetables, salad or dessert. The tables will be set and you can count your blessings with all your Federated Friends! This event is a great opportunity to try out a new recipe. Please sign up soon.





Prayers for Healing from Illness or Injury

Dick Carter
 Don Gould
 Karen Hamingson's cousin, John
 Pam Kitterman's brother, Larry
 Margot Mattin
 Bill Nagy
 Victims of Hurricane Florence

Prayers for Peace at Time of Passing

Bill Lantz's family
 Joe Fraccaro's family
 Bruce & Joan Wallace family

Additional Prayer Requests

Rachel and family, niece of Bev Whildin

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



Board of Deacons—November News

Communion this month is on November 4 by intinction. As always, if you need to be served in your pew do not hesitate to let us know.

Our annual distribution of cookies to shut-ins will take place on Dec. 9, so if you're planning to bake holiday cookies save some for your Federated friends! If everyone brings two dozen cookies we'll have lots to share.

For the next four Sunday's – November 18, November 25, December 2, and December 9 you will be able to order Christmas Poinsettias. These will be supplied by Glidden Florist, in the traditional green foil and red bow. The cost is \$16.00 and you will be able to take your plant home immediately after the Christmas Eve Service. See Linda Mason or any Deacon for more information or to sign-up.

Don't forget to sign the cards in Dutton Hall. All kinds of celebrations deserve a card! Thanks to Liz for preparing the cards and sending mailing them.

We are still looking for a liturgist for November 25. .

LOOK WHO'S HAVING A BIRTHDAY!!!

While delivering pig roast dinners to Dee and her family, her daughter told us that Dee will be celebrating her **103rd birthday** on November 23!!! Let's shower her with lots of birthday greetings on her Very Special Day!!! Cards may be sent to Dee as follows:

Delia (Dee) Remala
 126 N. Walnut
 Sycamore, Il 60178





November Birthdays

11/02	Monica Todd
11/04	Karen Hamingson
11/05	Sharon Lyon
11/05	Carrie Abbott-Walk
11/06	Linda Babcock
11/06	Ben Todd
11/09	Dirk Happ
11/10	Ava Baird
11/11	Dan Hamingson
11/14	Donald Gould—70
11/17	Bob Olle
11/18	Sherry Jones
11/18	David Swedberg
11/20	Jean Evans
11/22	Brenda Perkins
11/23	Delia Remala— 103
11/25	John Bauer III
11/27	Sue McCue



November Anniversaries

11/05	Dave & Suzanne Juday
11/21	Bill & Brenda Perkins
11/28	John McBride & Sarah Marsh
11/30	Bill & Joanne Baird



*Daylight-Saving
Time Ends*

*Sunday,
November 4*



**Be
a
Good
Steward**

Stewardship Report October 27, 2018:

Attendance Last Week:	83	
Kids Club:	1	
Offering Last Week: \$	2,036.00	Hurricane Relief
Offering Y-T-D: \$	140,583.59	Y-T-D
Covenant with God: \$	158,169.00	\$2,165.00

Your Federated Church Staff

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Federated Preschool

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

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

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Roger Jacobson
Karen Hamingson
Nancy Renfer

Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday
9:30am—4:30pm

Secretary's Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday—Friday
9:00am—3:00pm
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00am—noon

The Federated Church

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30am Federated Preschool 8:00pm AA	2 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	3 Prairie Assoc. Fall Meeting 11:45am Harambee Rehearsal
4 All Saints' Sunday Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends Feed My Sheep 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids' Club 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Bd. of Religious Ed. 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	5 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 Election Day--Get Out and Vote 8:30am Federated Preschool	7 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8 8:30am Federated Preschool 7:00pm Church Council 8:00pm AA	9 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	10
11 Handbell Sunday Veterans Day 8:30am Membership Bd 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids' Club 11:30am Thanksgiving Feast 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	12 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	13 8:30am Federated Preschool	14 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15 8:30am Federated Preschool 5:30pm Bd. of Trustees 8:00pm AA	16 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:00pm UKB Drum	17 9:00am Quilter's Guild 11:30am Harambee Rehearsal
18 Stewardship Sunday 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids' Club 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Board of Deacons 11:30am Bd of Mission & Society 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	19 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	20	21 9:00am Sewing Circle 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	22 Office Closed Thanksgiving 8:00pm AA	23 Office Closed	24
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