

## 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 2019



## A New Logo for A New Year

You may have noticed the ushers sporting a new pin on their name badges...and the same pin being worn by Church Council members on their sweaters and jacket lapels.

This is the new logo of the United Church of Christ.

Introduced at the Summer 2017 General Synod Meeting in Baltimore, it is being seen with increasing frequency throughout the denomination, both for identity purposes and as a reminder of our common purpose, vision, and mission.

The basic design of the logo is round, with blue and black, symbolizing the water and the earth.

Of course, the beloved "God Is Still Speaking" comma has been kept. But notice that there are three commas, representing love of neighbor, love of children, and love of creation.

The version we are using here at The Federated Church is rainbow color, because ours is an Open and Affirming congregation.

Like one? Just let me know.

Peace and joy!

*Kent*



# God Speaks Through Our Worship



## **Sunday, January 6**

Liturgist:  
Communion  
Feed My Sheep

## **Sunday, January 13**

Liturgist:  
Usher Breakfast

## **Sunday, January 20**

Liturgist:  
Congregational Meeting  
Handbell Sunday

## **Sunday, January 27**

Liturgist:  
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**

January 6	Marion Bennett in memory of her mother, Bessie Lyle
January 13	None
January 20	None
January 27	None

### **Fellowship Hosts Board of Mission & Society**

January 6	None
January 13	None
January 20	None
January 27	None



*Carnation*

**JANUARY  
BIRTH FLOWER**

Devotion  
Loyalty  
Love



Holy Communion on January 6 will be by intinction.

The Deacons will host an Appreciation Ushers' Breakfast on January 13, 2019.

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.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**The Annual Meeting of Federated Church** will be held on Sunday, January 20 immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. Board chairs will review their work from 2018 and new board members and officers will be elected and installed.

2018 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**

**2018 Annual Board/Committees  
Reports are due in the Church Office Wednesday January 2, 2019.**





## Preschool News

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We want to thank all the church members, community friends and preschool families for the awesome support of our 24<sup>th</sup> annual Cookie and Candy Sale. We had such beautiful decorated desserts and interesting recipes with unique flavors which made our customers very curious and happy. This year we were left with 4 small containers of cookies and a wonderful profit of \$1,423.00. We use this money to purchase new toys and activities for the children. One hundred percent of the monies goes toward the children and no other expenses.

We had a visit from the Kishwaukee Brass Quintet and Federated Handbell Choir both playing beautiful Christmas songs and sharing their talents with the children. The children really enjoy music and enjoyed the concerts.

Our pajama day is always a big hit with the children. We made advent calendars and hot cocoa mugs up in the gym. We read the book Mooseltoe and then decorated each teacher as a Christmas Tree. Silly fun which makes a story come alive!

We wish all of you the blessings of a new year and thank you for the support you provide year-round. We continue to celebrate 50 years of early childhood education and look forward to the second half of the school year when we come back from vacation break.



## Federated Preschool

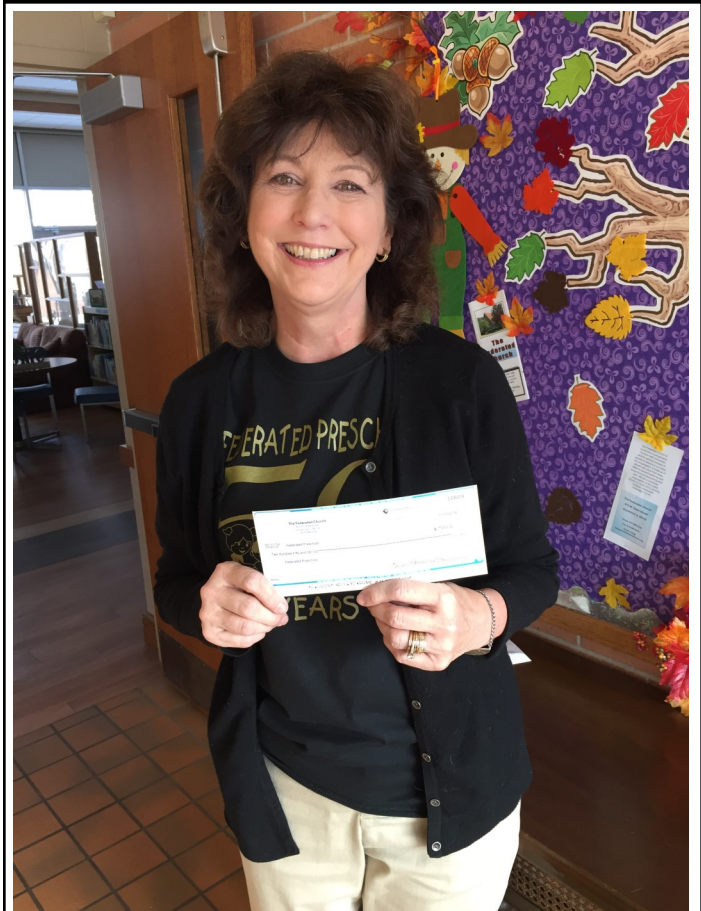


**Dear Federated Church Members,**

**Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Preschool. We blessed two families who were on a waiting list for scholarship assistance for their Preschool fees.**

**We truly appreciate your blessing us and thinking of us with some of the proceeds from the Thrift Sale.**

**Love,  
Jan Scheffers**





## Safe Passage, INC.

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December 18, 2018

The Federated Church  
612 W State St  
Sycamore, IL 60178 1330

Dear Federated Church Members,

Happy Holidays! The Safe Passage Board of Directors and Staff, on behalf of our clients, are so thankful for your very generous donation of Christmas gifts and gift cards. We know that this can be an incredibly difficult time of year for people who have lived through trauma, but the support of our community never fails to brighten our hearts and the lives of our clients.

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. Thus far in 2018, we have been able to provide shelter to over 50 individuals along with hundreds of hours of counseling, crisis intervention, and advocacy. Providing these services requires an incredible amount of resources and your donation increases our ability to ensure we are reaching and supporting every survivor in need.

Whether towels and bedding, keeping our clients comfortable, new furniture that will help with fresh beginnings, or donations of cleaning supplies to help us keep our shelter clean and comforting, your donation makes the world of difference to us and our clients.

Our services are critical and heartbreakingly necessary and we could not do what we do without your partnership. 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 support, 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

*Thank you all so much!  
We are truly grateful for your  
very generous gifts and for  
your kind support of our mission!  
Happy Holidays to all!*

## Mission and Society News



### December Community Outreach Activities:

#### **Safe Passage Donation**

The 2018 Federated Church Christmas donation was made to the Safe Passage Christmas Wish List. With your help a sizable donation of toys, clothing items, and personal items was made to Safe Passage the week before Christmas. Thank you to all church members and friends of the church for your donations.

#### **Christmas Caroling at Sycamore Civic Apartments**

On Sunday, December 9, Federated members joined residents at the Sycamore Civic Apartments for an old fashioned Christmas carol sing. Thank you to Judy Hoke for leading the songs and helping to organize the event. We received many thanks from the residents.

#### **Fall Thrift Sale Profits to Benefit Others**

With proceeds from the Fall Thrift Sale, the Mission and Society Board made a \$250 donation to the Preschool Scholarship Fund. This fund helps families who need assistance in paying tuition or other fees for the preschool. Since preschool parents donate most of the children's clothing and toys, the Board felt this donation was fitting. Be sure to read Jan Scheffers' thank you note in this newsletter, which explains how timely our donation was.

Fall Thrift Sale profits also purchased five-fifty dollar gift cards for the Fox Hollow Girls. Previously living at Hope Haven with family members, the girls had to leave the facility when the relatives moved out. Since the family members could not provide for them, the girls were potentially homeless again. (Hope Haven regulations require that minors live with a relative and they are all under eighteen.) The five girls were able to obtain housing together on Fox Hollow Drive, near DeKalb High School, with an adult supervisor. All are doing well in school and in their new living arrangements.

**Note:** The remainder of the Fall Thrift Sale profits, or \$500, will help support The Federated Church's School Supplies mission.

#### **January Love Offering**

The January Love Offering will be made to CASA. The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA volunteers are assigned to 100% of juvenile abuse and neglect cases in DeKalb County. Advocates act as the eyes and ears of the judge and the voice of the child in court. CASA's vision is a world where every child is given the opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home. The CASA organization is celebrating twenty-five years in DeKalb County. New volunteers are welcome.



**Lift up a child's voice.**  
**A child's life.™**



#### Prayers for Healing from Illness or Injury

Mike Carlson  
Dick Carter  
Friend of Peggy Safford  
Friend of Bill Greisenauer  
Don Gould  
Karen Hamingson's cousin, John  
Judy Hoke-Jackson's granddaughter, Elizabeth  
Pam Kitterman's brother and sister, Larry & Sally  
Margot Mattin  
Bill Nagy  
Skip Schramer's sister, Catherine "CJ" Johnson  
Victims of California Fires

#### Prayers for Peace at Time of Passing

Bill Lantz's family  
Joe Fraccaro's family  
Bruce & Joan Wallace family  
John "Jack" Bauer family  
T.J. Jackson's family  
Lancaster 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.**

**Un-decorate the Church**  
**Saturday, January 12**  
**9:00 am**



# Membership Committee

**Membership and Fellowship Board News**  
From Board Chair, Pam Wagener

## **BUNCO RETURNS IN JANUARY!**

Get ready for fun and the opportunity to win a few dollars! Bunco is back on the fourth Saturday of January, on January 26, 2019 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 them!



Ladies Night Out  
6:00 pm  
January 28, 2019 at Los Rancheros.







## 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
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



## January Anniversaries

01/20 Jayne Crosby & Philip Lindner

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 2	2018 Annual Board/Committees Reports Due
Saturday, January 12	Un-Decorate Church
Sunday, January 13	Usher Breakfast
Sunday, January 20	Annual Meeting
Monday, January 21	Guys' Night Out
Saturday, January 26	Bunco
Sunday, January 27	Family Sunday/ Penny March
Monday, January 28	Ladies Night Out



### Stewardship Report December 23, 2018:

Attendance Last Week:	49
Kids Club:	3
Offering Y-T-D: \$	149,140.59
Covenant with God: \$	158,169.00



## Guys' Night Out

Los Panchos Mexican Grill & Cantina  
6:00 pm  
Monday, January 21

## Notice

Anyone wanting Offering Envelopes for the 2019 year, please let Liz know in the office.

Offering Envelopes





## **Your Federated Church Staff**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery  
Pastor's Emergency: 207-570-5627  
Pastor's email: kent@ulery.net  
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Handbell Director: Marilyn Montzka

Custodian: Almasa Camo

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Web Link: <http://thefederatedchurchsycamore.com>

## **Federated Preschool**

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

**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.**

**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

**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  
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

### **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

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> New Year's Day Office Closed	<b>2</b> 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 8:00pm AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Communion 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	<b>7</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:00pm Quilters Bd. Meeting 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>8</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool	<b>9</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 7:00pm Church Council 8:00pm AA	<b>11</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:00pm UKB Drum	<b>12</b> 9:00am Un-decorate church 11:30am Harambee Rehearsal
<b>13</b> 8:30am Ushers' Breakfast 8:30am Membership Bd 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids' Club 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	<b>14</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	<b>15</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool	<b>16</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 5:30pm Bd. of Trustees 8:00pm AA	<b>18</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	<b>19</b> 10:00am DeKalb Co. Quilters Guild
<b>20</b> Congregation Annual Meeting Handbell Sunday 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids' Club 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Bd of Mission & Society 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	<b>21</b> Martin Luther King Day 6:00pm Gry's Night Out 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>22</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool	<b>23</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 6:00pm Quilters' Guild Meeting 8:00pm AA	<b>25</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	<b>26</b> 11:30am Harambee Rehearsal 7:00pm Bunco
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