



## 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**

April 2019



On Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, we shall gather in the sanctuary for a Service of Tenebrae.

My understanding is that Federated Church has held Tenebrae services in the past, but that it has been a number of years since the last time. No doubt there are those in the congregation who have never attended one. Since Tenebrae services are quite different than our usual worship service, a word of explanation may be helpful.

The word "Tenebrae," in Latin, means "shadows" or "darkness." The sanctuary will be dimly lit, just enough light to be able to see the hymns, as you arrive and enter in silence.

In the front of the church will be 8 dark-colored candles plus the white Christ candle. Each of these candles will be extinguished in the course of the service, after the reading of a portion of the passion narrative and during the singing of a hymn. The intent is for us to remember and – more importantly – to feel something of the emotion of the events during the last week of Jesus' earthly life, particularly the shadow of the cross awaiting him.

When the service ends, you will leave the sanctuary, again in silence, and are asked not to speak with one another again until we celebrate the resurrection with great joy on Easter Sunday morning. On Easter morning this year our choir will be singing a cantata by John Purifoy entitled *Out of the Shadows*.

The Tenebrae service is ancient, dating back at least to the 9<sup>th</sup> century, and traditionally is used in Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, and Disciples of Christ churches. In the early centuries, it was done over three evenings – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. For the last couple centuries, the tendency has been to have a Tenebrae service either on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

We shall do so on Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.

Peace and joy!

*Kent*

# God Speaks Through Our Worship



## **Sunday, April 7**

Liturgist: Jerry Lane  
Communion  
Feed My Sheep

## **Sunday, April 14**

Liturgist: TBD  
Palm Sunday

## **Sunday, April 21**

Liturgist: Carl von Ende  
Easter Sunday  
Easter Cantata

## **Sunday, April 28**

Liturgist: Pam Kitterman  
Family Sunday  
Penny March

## 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

April 7

April 14

April 21 (Easter)                      Easter Flowers

April 28                      Joe Baird family in memory of Georgiann

### Fellowship Hosts Church Council

April 7

April 14

April 21 (Easter)

April 28



## **I N T H I S I S S U E**

### **Worship Service**

Worship                      10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship                      11:00 am

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Hope Haven of DeKalb County, Inc.

Dear Federated Church,

Thank you for supporting Hope Haven's mission, work, and commitment to the homeless in our community. Your donation of \$460.00 will provide food, shelter, services, and a path to housing for the individuals and families we serve.

Honoring the history of our community's service to the homeless, we will continue our work together with purpose and integrity. Thank you for being part of Hope Haven's mission, and for investing in the lives of people who now have the opportunity to experience their fullest potential.

With much gratitude,

Mary Ozgowicz  
Administrative Assistant



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the patients who receive care at Northwestern Medicine Hospice-DeKalb it is my privilege to acknowledge your generous donation of gift cards from Little Caesars, Michael's, Hobby Lobby and Walmart, for use in children's bereavement, received on March 11, 2019.

Please know how grateful we are to caring donors like you for helping ensure that the most compassionate care is available at Northwestern Medicine-DeKalb. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to call me at 312-926-2490.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Courtney Manning  
Manager, Donor Relations



## PRE-SCHOOL SING A SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone who helped the annual Federated Church Pre-School Sing. Cookies and bars were donated magically so that the plates were full each evening! Thanks to the cookie servers and clean-up crew that included: Polly Carter, Nancy Wood, Phil Wagener, Paula vonEnde, Karen Hamingson and Pam Wagener. Jan Scheffers said it was such a help to have the Federated Church members there so she could concentrate on the show. Once again it was a pleasure to see those shining faces of the children as they performed for their extended families.

*Jan and Staff*



## Thrift Sale!

Yes friends, it's that time of year again to start thinking about the Thrift Sale. Only a month left to clean out the closets and set aside good things to donate to the sale.

This spring the sale is scheduled for May 10th and 11th so mark your calendars. Proceeds from the sale will again go to support the Backpack Ministry sponsored by the Board of Mission and Society. Set-up for the sale will take place on Thursday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendar now to make sure you're available to help with the sale on any of those three days. Thanks all of you.

Phil Wagener & Paula von Ende, sale leaders.

# Thank you!

Just two small words to express so much gratitude.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Delia Remala's Family

Delia M. Remala  
11-23-15—02-13-2019

Devoted member of the Federated  
Church and faithful servant of the good  
Lord.



# Membership Committee

From Pam Wagener, Board Chair



St. Patrick's Day Potluck a success!

Thanks to everyone who brought a dish to pass including the corned beef, ham and casserole main dishes. All the green food was great! But the conversations over the food were the best. What a wonderful time to get to know our congregation! Also, thanks go to all those who donated to our coffee hour fund. All coffee hour expenses come from donations to buy the coffee, juice, creamer, coffee cups, etc. that we serve at fellowship events and after church.

Top of the morning to you all!

Pam Wagener  
Chair  
Board of Membership and Fellowship

## Girls' Night Out

Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm  
Tapa LA Luna  
226 E. Lincoln Hwy  
DeKalb



Saturday, April 27, 2019  
7:00 pm  
Bring four quarters and  
a snack to pass.



Coming in May

Ladies' Salad Supper  
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6 pm

The Sycamore Jazz Orchestra  
will be the entertainment.

Look for sign-up sheet in Dutton  
Hall



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## Mission and Society News

### April Love Offering to Benefit the Sycamore Food Pantry

The April Love Offering will be donated to the Sycamore United Methodist Church Food Pantry. The Federated Church has supported the pantry with monetary donations and with food stuffs for many years. The pantry serves around 110 families (450 individuals) who can visit the pantry once a month. The majority of their clients are single moms and senior citizens. Joel Maurer, Volunteer Director of the pantry, shared that donations of \$300-\$500 a week are needed to keep the pantry shelves stocked. Much of the food is purchased from the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva, Illinois which lowers their food costs. The funding comes from many sources: church donations, Lions Club and Rotary Club, banks, local organizations, and individuals.

Food drives are also important. Recently, area Boy Scout troops organized a neighborhood curb side food drive to benefit food pantries in the area.

When asked how the pantry helped her, Judy Hoke, our church friend, who lives on a fixed income, told me that the pantry helps her and T.J. stretch their food until the end of the month. She uses the milk, bread, meats, canned vegetables and paper products. When available, she likes the fresh vegetables from the DeKalb County Community Gardens.

Although the Love Offering is a monetary donation, our food and paper product donations are always needed. In my phone conversation with Joel Maurer, I asked him for suggestions of items that they could use right now. He told me they are in need of paper products and canned fruit. Federated Church members can bring these and any other items to the church and leave them in the cart in Dutton Hall.

**FYI:** Other food pantries in our area are The Salvation Army Food Pantry, Salem Lutheran Church Food Pantry, and the Spartan Food Pantry at West School for Sycamore School District families.

### **February Love Offering Update**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the First Friday Friends Club at Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital Hospice. The \$370 will be used by Jen Conley, Music Therapist and Counselor at Hospice, to purchase craft supplies for their monthly activities. Jen says that the donation will make a big difference in the types of activities they can do.

### **Love Offering Envelopes**

The Love Offering envelopes are found on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Any offering, large or small, will make a difference to the organizations we support.

### **Food Pantry Delivery Volunteers**

**We are still looking for volunteers** who would be willing to deliver the donations to the pantry at the Sycamore Methodist Church on Rt. 64 once or twice a month. They may be delivered M-F from 9 am-3 pm on days the church is open. If you would like to help, the sign-up sheet is in Dutton Hall.



**Prayers for Healing from Illness or Injury**

Judy Hoke-Jackson's granddaughter, Elizabeth  
Pam Kitterman's brother, Larry  
Margot Mattin  
Malorie Nelson  
Pam Wagener's brother, Ron  
Ed Safford's sister, Mary

**Prayers for Peace at Time of Passing**

Family of Ric McCue, Brother of John McCue  
Family of Delia Remala  
Family of Nancy, friend of Betty Johnson  
Catherine "CJ" Johnson family, sister of Skip Schramer  
Paula von Ende's brother-in-law  
Family of Bill Nagy  
Family of Linda Babcock's Aunt Evelyn

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



**Maundy Thursday Service**

**The Maundy Thursday Service** will be held on Thursday, April 18. The service will begin at 7:00 pm, in the sanctuary for a Service of Tenebrae.

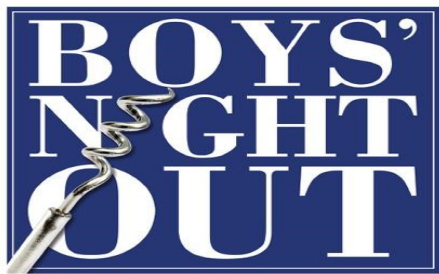
**NOTE:** If you need a ride to an evening service, please let Suzanne Juday (815-895-2082) know or Liz in the office.



**Pork Chop Drive-Through Dinner**

The church will be sponsoring a drive-through dinner the late afternoon of Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will be catered by Tom's Country Store and will include a pork chop, baked beans, au gratin potatoes, applesauce, a roll, and a dessert (cookie, brownie, or bar cookie.) The tickets will be \$12.00 and will be available April 14<sup>th</sup>. It is important that all members sell as many tickets as possible.

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



Pizza Villa  
DeKalb

6:00pm  
Monday, April 15





### April Birthdays

04/01	Breann Perkins
04/06	Ruth Johnson
04/06	Jim Lyon
04/08	Michael Gordon
04/09	Kimberly Foster
04/10	Nathan Finney
04/17	Ray Napietek
04/20	Mark Ekstrom
04/22	Brian Walk
04/23	Sarah Marsh
04/28	Katy Napietek
04/29	Gary Mattin
04/29	Kristen Salvatore
04/30	Andrew Walzer



### April Anniversaries

04/12 Jim & Sharon Lyon



### Deacons

#### From Board of Deacons

The Deacons will be offering spring flowers to be placed in church on Easter Sunday. The choice will be tulips, daffodils and begonias. They are \$16 each. They may be placed in honor of someone or in memory of someone. The Deacons will take orders on March 31, and April 7. See Linda Mason for more details.

**Other items:** Liturgist is needed for April 14 (Palm Sunday). Sign-up sheets are in Dutton Hall.

Communion will be done by intinction on April 7.

Thanks to everyone who made soup for our Ash Wednesday soup supper. They were all delicious.



#### Stewardship Report March 24, 2019:

Attendance Last Week:	52
Kids Club:	2
Offering Y-T-D: \$	36,278.00
Covenant with God: \$	158,169.00

Easter reminds us that hope must never be lost for as dark as the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled. May you have a pleasant





## **Your Federated Church Staff**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery  
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## **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:**  
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TBD

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**Treasurer:**  
Karen Hamingson 815-895-4631

**Assistant Treasurers:**  
David Wood 815-756-1680  
Linda Babcock 815-758-0763

**Council Members-at Large:**  
Pam Kitterman 815-899-7032  
Dave Wood 815-756-1680

**Board of Deacons:**  
Linda Babcock 815-758-0763  
Judy Winter 815-761-9515

**Board of Membership & Fellowship:**  
Pam Wagener 815-895-9852  
Alice Whitney 815-895-5023

**Board of Mission & Society:**  
Paula von Ende 815-758-7375

**Board of Religious Education:**  
Malorie Nelson 815-784-6060  
Ruth Olle 815-757-1794

**Board of Trustees:**  
Skip Schramer 815-751-4817  
Dave Finney 815-739-1734

**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

# Federated Church

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>2</b> Election Day 8:30am Federated Preschool	<b>3</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 8:00pm AA	<b>5</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	<b>6</b> 11:30am Harambee Rehearsal
<b>7</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>8</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	<b>9</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool	<b>10</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 7:00pm Church Council 8:00pm AA	<b>12</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:00pm UKB Drum	<b>13</b> 10:00am DeKalb Co Quilters Guild
<b>14</b> Palm Sunday 8:30am Bd. Membership & Fellowship 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids' Club 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	<b>15</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool 6:00pm Guys' Night Out 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>16</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool	<b>17</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> Maundy Thursday 8:30am Federated Preschool 5:30pm Bd. of Trustees 5:30pm Bd. of Deacons 7:00pm Tenebrae Service 8:00pm AA	<b>19</b> Good Friday	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Easter Cantata Easter Sunday 10:00am Worship 10:15am Kids' Club 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	<b>22</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	<b>23</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool	<b>24</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:30pm Federated Preschool 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 6:00pm Quilters' Guild Meeting 8:00pm AA	<b>26</b> 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	<b>27</b> 11:30am Harambee Rehearsal 7:00pm Bunco Night
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