

## 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**

March 2019



The palms from last year's Palm Sunday service have been kept for recycling until now. They are all dried up, of course. In a few days I will be setting them ablaze, gathering up the ashes, and adding a touch of oil, for use in our Ash Wednesday service on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Early that evening, we will gather in Dutton Hall for a light supper prepared by our Deacons. Ashes, for those who wish to receive them, will be imposed, either on your forehead or hand. A visible cross will be drawn with the ashes. Then we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The ancient tradition of saying "Remember thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return" dates to the late 6<sup>th</sup> century and Pope Gregory the Great (540-604). That biblical line, Genesis 3:19, recalls the judgment given to Adam and Eve. It enjoins us to recognize that we, too, stand in need of God's grace

In 1969, post Vatican II, the wording was changed to "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). These are the first words Jesus spoke according to the earliest written account of his life and ministry. They are the words we will be using.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent—a rather somber season of prayer, fasting, and repentance. The word "Alleluia" will disappear completely from our vocabulary until we sing it with great joy on Easter morning.

In preparation for that celebratory moment, we start our Lenten journey with this brief but moving service on Ash Wednesday, so that you can begin your spiritual preparation.

*Kent*

# God Speaks Through Our Worship



## **Sunday, March 3**

Liturgist: Jerry Lane  
Communion  
Feed My Sheep

## **Sunday, March 10**

Liturgist: TBD

## **Sunday, March 17**

Liturgist: Carl von Ende

## **Sunday, March 24**

Liturgist: Bill Griesenauer  
Family Sunday  
Penny March

## **Sunday March 31**

Liturgist:

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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**

March 3

March 10

March 17

Jean Evans & Jerry Lane in honor  
of Benjamin Patrick Lane

March 24

March 31

### **Fellowship Hosts Board of Trustees**

March 3

March 10

Paula & Carl von Ende

March 17

St. Patrick's Day Potluck

March 24

Bev Whildin & Kay Jacobson

March 31





CASA DeKalb County, Inc.  
407 W. State St. #6  
Sycamore, IL 60178

February 7, 2019

Dear Members of The Federated Church  
612 W. State St.  
Sycamore, IL 60178

Thank you for your donation of \$320.00 to CASA. This gift will be used to support the work of our volunteer advocates on behalf of 2,199 abused and neglected children of DeKalb County. These are children who, through no fault of their own, are part of the court system due to their abuse and neglect by their parents or guardians. We appreciate your support of the important work of our advocates for these children who need someone to speak for them during this difficult time of their lives.

Thank you for your support of CASA. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of the children that we serve.

Very truly yours,

Jill Olson  
Executive Director

*Thank you for your continued  
support—we appreciate it!  
I would be happy to come and  
Talk about CASA any time.*

*Jill*



February was a fun month filled with love. We made cards for the residents in the nursing home, veterans' home and memory care homes. They were filled with stickers, drawings and well wishes for a great day by all our students. We did not make them for Valentine's Day but wanted to wait until after the holiday and give them as a "just because of you!" day. We went over our 50 count that we had hoped to make.

The children have been hard at work learning hand actions and words to the songs that we will sing at the end of the month for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Family Sing. The older children are full of questions about kindergarten or big school as we call it. Kindergarten registration, screening and physicals are all about to happen for our students who will be graduating at the end of the school year.

Every year this time I always remark how fast the year goes. We have three months left of school and our 50<sup>th</sup> year will be in the record books! Spring is just around the corner so hang on for a few more chilly weeks, the groundhog told us so!



*Jan and Staff*

### **BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**

Karen Hamingson will be collecting donations for Big Brothers Big Sisters. If you would like to make a donation Karen will be glad to accept it....

Thanks  
Karen



# Membership Committee



From Pam Wagener, Board Chair



## IRISH EYES ARE SMILING AT FEDERATED!

The Board of Fellowship and Membership is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Potluck meal after church on Sunday, March 17, 2019.

You are encouraged to bring something green to eat! Get out your thinking caps to bring something to share with your Federated Friends for the St. Patrick's Potluck meal. Also, please bring your own table service.

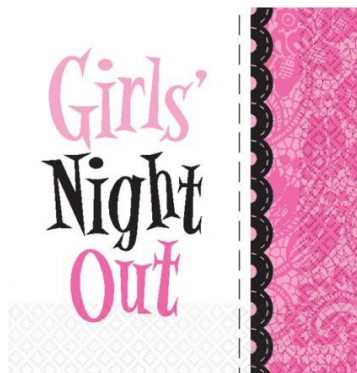
This year we are NOT sponsoring the Corned Beef meal with tickets to purchase.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saint Patrick's Day for the potluck!

### Ladies' Night Out

Monday, March 25 at 6:00 pm

Maria's Little Italy  
1969 B DeKalb Ave  
(next to Sweet Dreams)



ARE YOU READY  
FOR SOME  **BUNCO?**

### Bunco in March

Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 pm  
Bring four quarters and a snack to pass.



## Mission and Society News

### March Love Offering to Benefit One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Church's Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. For more information on One Great Hour of Sharing look on line at [www.ucc.org/oghs](http://www.ucc.org/oghs).

### **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 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

Nia & Kenzo Harris  
 Judy Hoke-Jackson's granddaughter, Elizabeth  
 Pam Kitterman's brother, Larry  
 Margot Mattin  
 Malorie Nelson  
 Pam Wagener's brother, Ron

#### Prayers for Peace at Time of Passing

Family of Judy Jones, Sue McCue's cousin  
 Family of Peggy Safford's Aunt Jean  
 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

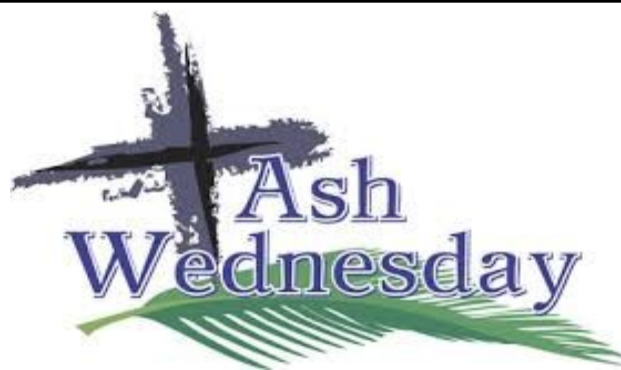
#### Additional Prayer Requests

Rachel and family, niece of Bev Whildin

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

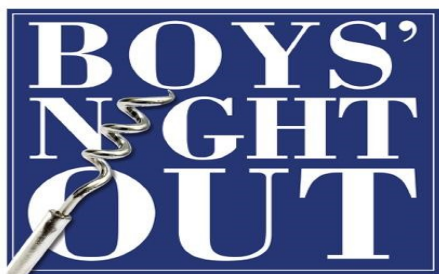
## 2018 Yearbook

The "Comparison Statement of Financial Position" and the correct copy of the 12/31/18 Memorial Committee Report were inadvertently omitted from the 2018 Yearbook. Copies of these reports are available upon request at the church office. We are sorry for the errors.



**The Ash Wednesday** soup supper will be held on Wednesday, March 6 in Dutton Hall. The supper will begin at 6:00 pm, with a short service including the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion, afterwards.

**NOTE:** If you need a ride to an evening service, please let Suzanne Juday (815-895-2082) know or Liz in the office. The Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, March 6.



Pizza Villa  
 DeKalb

6:00pm  
 Monday, March 18



Set your clocks ahead on  
 Sunday, March 10



### March Birthdays

03/03	Beth Gustafson
03/07	Michael Carlson
03/10	Katelyn Lancaster
03/14	Carl von Ende
03/18	Michelle Todd
03/18	Benjamin Lane
03/19	Reid Walzer
03/20	James Crosby
03/21	Mary Jo Johnson
03/22	Ian Wagener
03/22	Terry Baie
03/25	Dave Juday
03/25	Jacob Whildin
03/25	Mark Todd
03/26	Paul Salvatore
03/30	Allison Stahl



### March Anniversaries

03/10	Ed & Peggy Safford
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**Be  
a  
Good  
Steward**

### Stewardship Report February 24, 2019:

Attendance Last Week:	47
Kids Club:	3
Offering Y-T-D: \$	19,547.00
Covenant with God: \$	158,169.00

## **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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Handbell Director: Marilyn Montzka

Custodian: Almasa Camo

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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:**  
Jerry Lane 815-895-2617

**Assistant Moderator:**  
TBD

**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:**  
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

**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

