



THE FEDERATED FORECAST

The Federated Church

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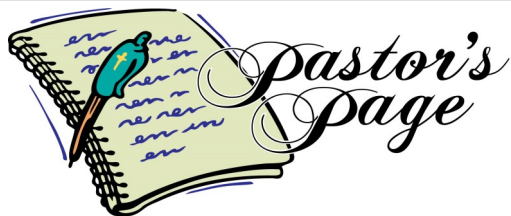
A Covenanted Congregation of

The United Church of Christ & The Unitarian Universalist Association

"An Open and Affirming Church"

Welcoming Any and Loving All

July 2019



Now let us all say "THANKS BE TO GOD!"

For the Rev. Eric Ogi, who heard and accepted the call to serve as Federated Church's next settled Pastor and Teacher; and

For the Search Committee, which practiced patience, persistence, and prayer until it became clear that Rev. Ogi is the one who possesses the gifts and skills Federated Church needs at this moment in its ministry and mission, and that it is God's will that he be called to serve here.

Now we enter the final stage of the interim period, devoted to transitioning smoothly from my leadership to his. To that end, Rev. Ogi has asked that I remain on staff through Sunday, September 15th, during which time our ministries shall overlap. My primary responsibility will be to support him; to share with him what I have learned about this wonderful congregation and its potential; to catch him up on what we have accomplished, what is in process, and what remains unfinished that he might wish to address; to help introduce him and establish connections with the Association and Region; to gather helpful resources regarding the community of Sycamore for him; and, most importantly, to free him from other duties so that he can devote the first weeks of his ministry here to the critically important work of building pastoral relations with all of you.

The Church Council has authorized the naming of a transition team to help develop opportunities for Rev. Ogi to engage in small group conversations with Federated Church's members and friends, to learn more about the Sycamore community, and to be an additional group with which he can ask questions and find insight into Federated Church's history and values, hope and frustrations, resources and needs. To help ensure a healthy relationship for years to come, the Church Council also has agreed to take up the question of how to build a truly effective Pastor-Parish Relations Committee.

Your most important task during this last interim stage is to shift from thinking of me as your Pastor and Teacher to embracing Rev. Ogi's leadership and ministry. This period of overlapping is unusual in both the UUA and the UCC. It is happening at Rev. Ogi's suggestion and invitation, with the Associate Conference Minister's blessing, with the Search Committee's encouragement, and with the Church Council's approval. No doubt, Eric and I will work together as colleagues, equally committed to serving Federated Church's needs as best we are able. At the same time, upon his arrival, my role shall become secondary and will gradually diminish so that his ministry among you can increase and flourish.

Know that both Meg and I look forward to Eric and Shrestha's arrival with great joy. This is the call -- the answer to prayer -- for which you have been preparing for the last two years. We join you in saying "THANKS BE TO GOD!"

Kent

God Speaks Through Our Worship



Sunday, July 7

Liturgist: Sharon McKee
Communion
Feed My Sheep

Sunday, July 14

Liturgist: Judy Winter

Sunday, July 21

Liturgist: Jerry Lane

Sunday, July 28

Liturgist: OPEN

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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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

July 7 In memory of our fathers, Capt. Donald S. Lindberg
& Carl A. von Ende

July 14

July 21

July 28

Fellowship Hosts OPEN

July 7

July 14 The Juday's

July 21

July 28



Membership and Fellowship Board News

Board Chair: Pam Wagener

PRIME RIB SPECIAL IN YOUR FUTURE?

Guys' & Girls' Night Out

Fellowship Committee

Plan now to join your Federated Friends at Sorrento's on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 6 pm for the Prime Rib Special or any other item on the menu. This is our annual event for the men and women to socialize together and eat a great meal. This year we will be in the room off the main dining room so we can be as rowdy as we want to be. The door closes!!!

Please sign up before July 9th. Reservation due to Sorrento's July 10th.



Prayers for Healing from Illness or Injury

Judy Hoke-Jackson

Marilyn Hoover's daughter

Pam Kitterman's brother, Larry

Margot Mattin

Malorie Nelson's mother

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.

Broken Pieces Ministry

Broken Pieces Ministry takes donated, discarded candles, reuses the wicks and transforms them into remembrance candles, in the shape of a dove - a symbol of God's Peace. The Doves are given to anyone who has lost a loved one as a representation of what God does for us. They are personalized for each recipient in memory of the one who they have lost. God takes our Broken Pieces both in our life and in our death and transforms them into something new!

From Broken Pieces into to God's Peace!

May we all find Peace in God's Peace!

Please donate any Candle in any form or condition, (Jar Candles welcome).

Gift bags and tissue in any form are welcome too!



Questions or Nominations for a Broken Pieces recipient,

Call Heather and Kevin Breuer 815-899-1111

e-mail Heavenscentbreuer@gmail.com



Mission and Society News

Paula von Ende, Chair

July Love Offering

The Love Offering for July will go to Safe Passage. The Federated Church has supported Safe Passage with monetary donations and supplies for many years. Safe Passage promotes the right of all to nonviolent and abuse-free relationships through advocacy, intervention and prevention in DeKalb County. It provides a wide range of services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, including a residential home. In 2018 the Love Offering to Safe Passage was \$366 and at Christmas the congregation donated Christmas gifts for clients at the shelter. Please give what you can to this important agency in our community and let's top our 2018 donation!

Scholarship Donation Made to the Federated Preschool

With proceeds from the Spring Thrift Sale, a donation of \$100 was given to the Preschool Scholarship Fund. This fund helps preschool families with preschool costs, like tuition and fees, who could not otherwise afford them. We depend on Preschool parents to support the thrift sale through their generous donations of infant's and children's clothing, toys, and other baby items.

Let's Fill the Box with Fruit!

The Board of Mission and Society is sponsoring a canned fruit drive for July. The goal is to donate whatever it takes to fill a box with cans of fruit for the Sycamore Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church. All varieties of fruit are welcome. Canned fruit is one of the commodities that must be purchased if there are not enough donations. The donation box will be in Dutton Hall. We can do this!

Happy
Birthday
to you!



July Birthdays

07/01	Steven Benton
07/03	Elizabeth Finney
07/03	Dylan Foster
07/03	Tomi Griesenauer
07/04	Richard Evers
07/07	Tyler Bork
07/08	Pam Jackson
07/08	Jerry Henderson (85)
07/08	Bill Finney
07/14	Barbara Strayve
07/15	Benjamin Smelser
07/16	Judy Hoke Jackson
07/24	Anna Walzer
07/29	Katie Swedberg

Happy
Anniversary!

July Anniversaries

07/01	Tom & Sharon Foster
07/01	Kent & Meg Ulery
07/24	Gary & Margot Mattin
07/31	Johnathon & Crystal Foster

Upcoming Events



July 17 Guys' & Girls' Night Out
Sorrento's Prime Rib Night



Stewardship Report for the month of June

Average Monthly Attendance	47
Kids Club:	2
Offering Y-T-D: \$	80,425.75
Covenant with God: \$	158,169.00

Your Federated Church Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery
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Federated Preschool

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Ron McNeill, pastor at Granville UCC Church in Granville, is collecting bottle tops. They will be recycled into benches, similar to those at Mayfield and Woodside Congregational UCC Church in Rockford

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

Church Leadership

Moderator:
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TBD

Clerk:
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Linda Babcock 815-758-0763

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Dave Wood 815-756-1680

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Judy Winter 815-761-9515

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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 Summer Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00am—noon

The Federated Church

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00pm Quilters Board Meeting 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	2	3 9:30am Sewing Bee	4 8:00pm AA	5	6
7 Communion Feed My Sheep 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Bd. of Religious Ed. 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	8	9 1:00pm Harambee Rehearsal	10 9:30am Sewing Bee	11 1:00pm Harambee Rehearsal 6:30pm Church Council 8:00pm AA	12	13
14 8:30am Bd. Membership & Fellowship 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	15 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	16 1:00pm Harambee Rehearsal	17 9:30am Sewing Bee 6:00pm Guys' & Girls' Night Out	18 1:00pm Harambee Rehearsal 5:30pm Bd. of Trustees 8:00pm AA	19	20
21 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Bd. of Mission & Society 11:30am Bd of Deacons 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	22	23 1:00pm Harambee Rehearsal	24 9:30am Sewing Bee	25 1:00pm Harambee Rehearsal 6:00pm Quilters' Guild Meeting 8:00pm AA	26	27
28 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	29	30	31 9:30am Sewing Bee			