



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

September 2019

Special Congregational Meeting



A Congregational Meeting of the membership of The Federated Church on Sunday, September 8, immediately following the worship service.

The purposes of the meeting are to hear a report on our finances and to adopt amendments to our constitution as presented.

Your attendance at this meeting is encouraged to assure the continued health and vitality of Federated Church. See you all after church on September 8 in Dutton Hall.



Our Pastor Begins!

On Sunday, September 22nd, our new Pastor, Eric J. Ogi begins. We are looking forward to getting to know Pastor Eric, his soon to be wife, Shrestha and their goofball dog, Clooney.



It's Not too Late Come Join the Choir

Chancel Choir practices each Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary! Our mission is to bring another spiritual side to worship through music. Our voices unite to praise God in worship, and our hope is to give spiritual benefit to others. Chancel choir will begin rehearsals on September 4th.

Our Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 18th and perform on Sunday, September 22nd.

Anyone wishing to join either group should contact Gary Mattin or Marilyn Montzka, Directors.

God Speaks Through Our Worship



Sunday, September 1

Liturgist: Peggy Safford
Communion
Feed My Sheep

Sunday, September 8

Liturgist: Ed Safford

Sunday, September 15

Liturgist: Jerry Lane

Sunday, September 22

Liturgist: Jerry Lane
Rally Day

Sunday, September 29

Liturgist: Carl von Ende

AUTUMN
*is a second spring
when every*
LEAF
*becomes a
Flower.*

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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

September 1

September 8

September 15

September 22

September 29

Fellowship Hosts

Board of Mission & Society

September 1

September 8

Pam Wagener

September 15

Pastor Kent Ulery's Farewell Reception

September 22

Rally Day Church Picnic

September 29

Mission & Society Board





Membership and Fellowship Board News

Board Chair: Pam Wagener

FEDERATED CHURCH PICNIC/ FUN SUNDAY RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

The day starts with 10:00 am worship service. Please invite friends to come join us. Enjoy a great end of summer picnic with friends after the service in Dutton Hall. The Boards of Religious Education and Membership and Fellowship are planning the fun for you. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share—desert, salad, beans, chips, muffins, etc. There will be a free-will offering to cover the cost of the chicken. Also, please bring your own table service.

Also, games and fun to be had for young and not so young participants, so bring your party animal!



When: Monday, September 23

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Fanatico's
1215 Blackhawk Rd.
DeKalb

Sign-up sheet in Dutton Hall



When: Monday, September 16

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: TBD
Look for Sign-up Sheet in Dutton Hall



Mission and Society News Paula von Ende, Chair

Ways to Help The Federated Church Reach the Crop Walk Goal of \$1,500:

Join our team at www.crophungerwalk.org/dekalb and look for The Federated Church team to register. Paula von Ende is the team leader for Federated Church.

Encourage others to register and walk. You do not need to belong to Federated Church to walk.

Support walkers with a monetary donation when you receive a request via email or on Facebook.

Make a donation to the church's September Love Offering for Crop Walk

FYI: The Sondra King Memorial Crop Walk is October 6 and steps off from the DeKalb Methodist Church on First and Pine Street at 2 pm. The pre-walk program starts at 1:30. It is sponsored by Church World Service to end hunger here and around the world. The DeKalb County goal is to raise \$25,000 of which 75% will be used to fight global hunger and 25% of the donations will stay in our community. More information can be found about joining The Federated Church team at www.crophungerwalk.org/dekalb.

The Federated Church Fall Thrift Sale Set for October 18 & 19

Time for some fall cleaning before the holidays! The Board of Mission and Society is sponsoring the Fall Thrift Sale on Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19. Donations of all types of fall and cold weather clothing, especially children's sizes, are welcome. We could also use fall and Christmas decorations, toys, bedding and household goods. No electronics please! The fall and Christmas decorations have become especially popular. We will start collecting items on Sunday, October 13.

Sycamore Food Pantry Donations for July and August Is Awesome!

Thank you to everyone who donated canned fruit to the Fruit Box Challenge. Our donation was amazing! We filled two boxes!

PIG ROAST



Pig Roast Drive-Through/Eat in Dinner!

The church will be sponsoring a drive-through/eat-in dinner the late afternoon of Thursday, October 3rd. The dinner will be catered by Inboden's and will include pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, applesauce, a roll, and a dessert (cookie, brownie, or bar cookie.) The tickets are \$12.00 and were available beginning August 25. It is important that all members sell as many tickets as possible.

When you sell the ticket, keep the stub to turn in with the money you get. The buyer will keep the larger part of the ticket.

Also, in the recent past we did a community outreach by offering donated dinners to our Federated Church shut-ins, various local nursing home residents, and some residents at the Sycamore Civic Apartments. We would like to offer this service again this year. The Pig Roast Dinner Committee will be asking the congregation during August and September if individuals would like to donate a dinner or two for this outreach.

The planning committee includes Alice and Tony Whitney and Suzanne Juday. Please see any one of them if you have questions. Further information as we get closer to the event.



School is beginning once again and for Federated Church Preschool and that means it's 51 year of early childhood ministry! Thank you to everyone who supports this ministry of the church. We are so appreciative of the opportunity to work with so many 3, 4, and 5-year-old children and their families on a daily basis. We learn, play, seek, observe, and develop in the world around us and have fun doing it. Our current enrollment as I type this for the newsletter is 105! The preschool, former nursery school, has gained a solid and trusted name in this county and has set the bar high for quality education for little ones. God bless you for your support of YOUR ministry and please pray for a safe, nurturing and amazing 51st preschool year for children, families and teachers. Thank you.

For the children,

Jan





September Birthdays

02	Jan Scheffers
03	Ken Williams
03	Bev Whildin
04	Paula von Ende
04	Cyndi Warren
07	Max Baird
07	Tyler Ekstrom
13	Brandon Lyon
16	Merri Bork
18	Allison von Ende
21	Corki Williams (80)
23	Kayla Whitney
23	Abigail Covert
25	Ella Walzer
27	Gene Fogle
28	Isaac Covert
28	Genevieve Smelser
29	Jeremy Jones, Jr.
30	Madison Foster



September Anniversaries

03	Jacob & Kelsey Finney
09	Chuck & Linda Sauer
10	Steve & Lynette Swedberg
11	Terry & Margie Baie
14	Jim & Kristi Bork
25	Nate & Pam Kitterman



Prayers for Healing from Illness or Injury

Judy Hoke-Jackson
 Marilyn Hoover's daughter
 Roger Jacobson
 Pam Kitterman's brother, Larry
 Margot Mattin
 Paula von Ende's brother, Gordon Lindberg
 Peggy Safford's mother, Virginia
 Servicemen/women & Veterans
 Victims of the St. Alban's Green fire

Prayers for Peace at Time of Passing

Rachel and family, niece of Bev Whildin
 Family of Judy Hoke-Jackson's great niece
 Family of Phyllis Moore, Malorie Nelson's mother

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



Stewardship Report for the month of August

Average Monthly Attendance	39
Kids Club:	2
Offering Y-T-D: \$	108,894.92
Covenant with God: \$	158,169.00

Your Federated Church Staff

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Federated Preschool

Preschool Director: Jan Scheffers
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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.
(815)339-2305

New Collector

Church Leadership

Moderator:
Jerry Lane 815-762-8339
Email—fedmod48@yahoo.com

Assistant Moderator:
TBD

Clerk:
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Treasurer:
Karen Hamingson 815-895-4631

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Linda Babcock 815-758-0763

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Dave Wood 815-756-1680

Board of Deacons:
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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

TBA

Secretary's Office Hours

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

The Federated Church

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Feed My Sheep 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 6:00pm Troop #16 8:00pm AA	2 Labor Day	3 8:30am Federated Preschool	4 8:30am Federated Preschool 9:30am Sewing Bee 12:30pm Federated Preschool 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 8:30am Federated Preschool 5:45pm Harambee 8:00pm AA	6 8:30am Federated Preschool 12:30pm Federated Preschool	7
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