

## October Worship

OCTOBER 7 9:30a.m. Worship **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**God's Justice and Grace**  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

Matthew 20:1-15  
*The Laborer's in the Vineyard*  
*Lord's Supper*

OCTOBER 14 9:30a.m. Worship

**Neighborly Love**  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

Luke 10:30-37  
*The Good Samaritan*

OCTOBER 21 9:30a.m. Worship

**Taken, Blessed, Broken and Shared**  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

Matthew 26:26

OCTOBER 28 9:30a.m. Worship

**Justification by Faith**  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

Luke 18:9-14  
*The Pharisee and*  
*the Tax Collector*



## Dates to Remember

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**

5:00pm Guatemala Fundraiser  
At Pizza Ranch

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

6:30pm Ministry Nite

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11**

7:00pm Not Alone Film

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

Jamie Brause Wedding

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15**

Newsletter Deadline

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17**

MEA Break No Kid/Youth activities

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18**

6:30pm D&E

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**

6:00pm Harvest Dinner and  
Silent Auction

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

10:30am Pie Social

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

8:00pm Sr High Lock-In



## Calling All Workers!

Just over a hundred years ago, the U.S. government published a recruiting poster featuring "Uncle Sam," a man with a long white goatee, wearing a striped vest and top hat, eyes glaring, and pointing the moral finger of responsibility at young men over the caption "I Want YOU for the U.S. Army." Today's military uses more intriguing advertisements featuring men and women accomplishing tasks we can only imagine, adventurous foreign lands to be explored, advanced technology computers and satellites, and 50-million-dollar flying machines and ships that cloak themselves. Then the announcer says, "Be All You Can Be in the Army," "Fly high with the Air Force," "The Marines are looking for a few good men" and "The Navy, begin the journey." These slogans are eye and ear catchers.

Just as intriguing as all of this sounds, God says something very similar! Isaiah Chapter 6 describes a whole ceremony in the temple. The angels exalt God, singing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of God's glory." The sight of God's glory filling the Temple was so magnificent that Isaiah feared for his life. Then, God asked a question: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah replied, "Here am I. Send me!" In this encounter with God, Isaiah recognized his sinfulness and discovered that he was saved to serve.

Each of us is saved to serve! We are forgiven, reconciled, and transformed into new creations for Christ. We are called to join God's Spirit in the redemption of the world, or at least our part of it, through the work of the Church. Faithful members bear witness to God's love and grace in the world and promise to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church.

At Federated, this means:

- Proclaiming the good news about Jesus in word and deed
- Taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation
- Lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support
- Studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life

- Supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents
- Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church
- Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others
- Living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life
- Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment
- Caring for God's creation

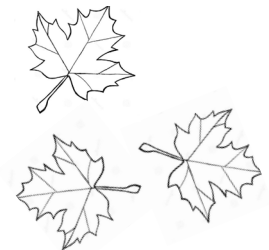
This is the fine print that came along with the gift of salvation. Each time Christ called a disciple, He commanded them, "follow me." Follow me in serving others, help me to do God's will on earth as it is in heaven. It may sound like a lot, but together we can make it all happen.

The stewardship season can be stressful as nominating committees search for new leaders, and congregational committees raise funds for the next year's budget. The faithful sometimes dread signing up for another term to do what others are unwilling to do.

But if we think of stewardship as being "saved to serve," then this season could be very! We know that when people serve in ministry areas that utilize their spiritual gifts they engage with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Paul in his letter to the Romans says we use our gifts as a proportion of faith. We allow our spiritual gifts to grow as we grow spiritually.

The acronym S.H.A.P.E. explains how to determine your spiritual niche.

- S = spiritual gift
- H = heart
- A = abilities
- P = personality
- E = experience.



Each of these added together will help you find where you fit best and how you could serve in ministry. God is calling all workers! Are you listening?

-Pastor Doug

## Local Mission

Thank you for your continued generosity with the Local Mission Fund! Those who are helped by this fund are extremely grateful for the extra support they receive during tough times. According to our policy, we are able to help each family or individual three times during a 12 month period, with up to \$100 a time, depending on funds. We assist with food, utilities, rent, and, in emergency situations, a night at a hotel. Donations can be put in the offering plate with Local Mission Fund in the memo line or dropped off in the church office. Thank you!

During September, we were able to help 3 families or individuals from the local mission fund. We gave a total of \$260.43 for food, rent and utilities.

**LOCAL**  
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## Committee News

### Stewardship:

We are so thankful for our multi-generational faith family and are looking forward to your support.

You will be getting a mailing this month about where your three T's - "Time, Talents, and Treasures" are needed. Our whole church family, all generations, working together will strengthen Federated Church.

We are thankful for our multi-generational faith family and look forward to your support. Take this time to prayerfully consider your stewardship commitment for the year ahead. Blessings!

### Mission:

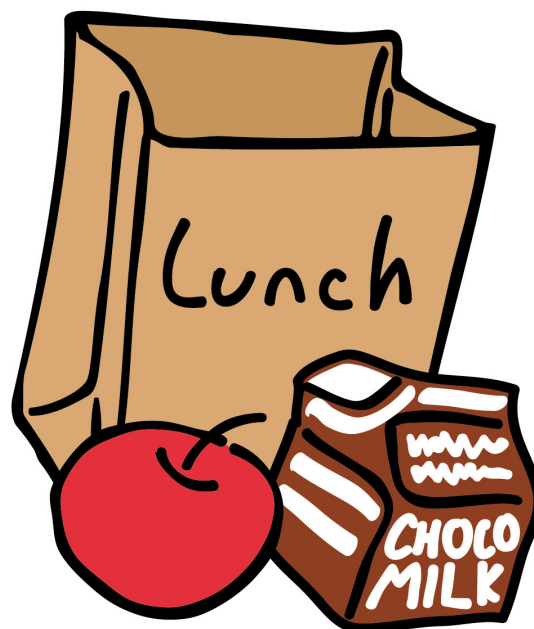
Our Mission Dinner is fast approaching on **November 18th** following the church service. Our focus this year is on 2 areas. The Otter Angel Fund and the United Way Back Pack Program.

The Otter Angel account is used by the School District to discreetly pay for a student's meal when the parents have not funded their child's meal card. The Otter Angel account is funded by donations.

Poverty levels continue to rise with many children qualifying for free or reduced lunch. Teachers and school nurses have shared many stories of children returning to school Monday morning after a weekend without

enough to eat. Many of these children complain of stomach cramps, headaches and dizziness. Some have a decreased attention span or lack enthusiasm to learn because they are concentrating on their hunger more than learning. During the school week, these children rely on the nutritious free or reduced breakfast and lunch programs, but the same cannot be said for weekends and school breaks.

Mindy Christianson will speak to us to help us learn more about this topic. Please join us for brunch and support of these important programs.





Autumn is here, and with it comes great opportunities to celebrate God’s goodness here at Federated!

1. On Monday, October 1st, our **Guatemala Mission Team youth will be doing a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch from 5-8 pm.** The youth will bus tables and receive tips and 10% of sales from the evening. Tell family, friends, and neighbors to come on out!

2. On Saturday, October 27th, our **Guatemala Mission Team will host a Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction, from 6-8pm.** Items to be auctioned are high quality, many of them hand-crafted by church members. We plan to display the items on Sunday, October 21st during the Fellowship hour, so that Federated folks can get a first look! Tickets are \$20/person and can be purchased through the church office. Reservations close on Friday, October 26th.

### Sunday School

Sunday school got off to a good start on September 16th, with many children in each class. The theme for this year is “JESUS”! We will cover the life and teachings of Jesus, so by the end of the year our kids will be experts on Him! If you child or children have not made it to class yet, we look forward to seeing them there now! Our teachers this year include: Jona Brown and Madalyn Dent teaching Kindergarten and 1st grade, Rebekah Meder and Sami Ebert leading the 3rd and 4th grade, and Karen Bush and Karen Dent heading up the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Sadie Carter is facilitating a junior/senior high class in the narthex. Steve and Carri Thompson are holding a First-Sunday-of-the-Month class for Pre-K and their parents in the youth room. Sunday school is held from 10:30am to 11:30am, with a short gathering for K-6 kids at 10:30am each week in the choir room before heading off to their classrooms. Hope to see you there!

### Kids Club

Kids Club kicked off with a bang on September 12th! The group is delving into the miracles of Jesus this fall. Instead of crafts, we will utilize science to see God’s power and witness to the

world. In addition, the kids accepted the challenge to practice Acts of Random Kindness each week at home, school, or church. Every youth will be encouraged to record the act through the hanging of a leaf on our tree of kindness in the youth room. We hope to really see the tree covered with kindness this fall! Our K-6 students will be competing against our 7th-12th grade students for most acts of kindness. May KINDNESS and God’s love abound!



### Youth Group

Senior high youth group kicked off on September 12th meeting weekly from 7:30-9 pm in the youth room. In addition to games, fellowship, and occasional service projects, this group loves to dive into current events and look at those issues through the lens of scripture and Christianity. We have a great and thoughtful group of young people who are committed to actively applying their faith to their daily lives. Please join us!

### Confirmation

The 7th, 8th, and 9th grade confirmation students just returned from their annual fall retreat. Our theme this year was entitled “What is So Amazing About God’s Grace?” and looked at stories in the Bible that showed God’s deep love and grace for each of us and how that love and grace compels us to live. The weekend was filled with learning, games, and fellowship that pointed to our theme. We had great adult leaders—Sadie Carter, Molly Stoddard, Ben Schierer, Ciara Rose, and Jordan Schiefert—who shared their time and energy with an awesome group of youth. Truly one of the highlights in youth ministry each year!

*(Senior High Schedule on Page 5)*

## Senior High Youth Group Fall Schedule 2018

Sept. 5th	Senior High Pool Party @ the Skretvedts	5:30-8:00pm
Sept. 12th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Sept. 19th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Sept. 26th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Oct. 1st (Mon)	Pizza Ranch Fundraiser	5:00-8:00pm
Oct. 3rd	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Oct. 10th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Oct. 17th	NO YOUTH GROUP	MEA Weekend
Oct. 24th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Oct. 27th (Sat.)	Harvest Dinner Fundraiser	4:00-9:00pm
Oct. 31st	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Nov. 7th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Nov. 14th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Nov. 2nd	Senior High Lock-in	8:00pm-8:00am
Nov. 21st	NO YOUTH GROUP	Thanksgiving break
Nov. 28th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Dec. 5th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Dec. 12th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Dec. 19th	Youth Group	7:30-9:00pm
Dec. 26th	NO YOUTH GROUP	Christmas break



## Church News

### Nursery News

After working with our nursery for the past several months, Paige Westra is ending her time in that role. We so appreciate the love and attention she provided our youngest church family members, and we will miss seeing her smiling heart and service each week! Best wishes to Paige as she settles into a new job in West Fargo!

We are pleased to share that Lilly Makovsky, a recent Otter grad and church member, has accepted the position as the new nursery attendant for Sunday mornings and Ministry Night! Lilly comes with a heart for children and a willingness to serve, and so we are excited to welcome her on to the church staff!

Help us to show our appreciation to Paige's care for our youngest members by showering her with cards on Sunday, October 14th when we will recognize her during the worship service

### New Music Director

Our congregation is blessed with many excellent musicians, both singers and instrumentalists. I want to recognize two of those musicians who will be retiring at the end of this year and request your support for a new Director of Music Ministries.

Doris Enderson founded our Handbell Choir more than 47 years ago. Generations of Federated folk have enjoyed the transcendent sound of the bells as they lifted our souls toward heaven. Karen Hauck has served as the Senior Choir Director for 18 years. Under Karen's direction, the choir has enriched our worship experience and distinguished itself with numerous community performances.

We're deeply grateful for their music ministry and are looking forward to celebrating with Doris and Karen during worship services in December. With these retirements, we need new leadership for our music ministry, and I am very pleased to introduce Brian Jensen, our new Director of Music Ministries.

Brian impressed the search committee with his extensive range of musical interests and experiences and his desire to serve God and our community through music. In his cover letter, Brian stated, "I love great choral singing every bit as much as I love a great-sounding electric guitar." We believe he'll bring new skills, new energy, and a new vision to our music ministry. -Pastor Doug  
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# Church News Continued...

## Women's Bible Study

On Tuesday, October 2nd at 11:15 am, our Women's Bible Study will start up again in the narthex. We will be going through the Book of Revelation. It's a tough book, but we can tackle it together! Please join us for fellowship and learning!  
-Karen Dent

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Come for worship and listen as Pastor Doug unpacks parable of Jesus each week in the sermon! Then, join us in the parlor at 10:45am for a lively discussion about how we can live out these parable messages today! Using John MacArthur's book *The Parables of Jesus* as a guide, we will explore ten of the teachings Jesus offered the disciples.

## Blood Pressure Checks

We will have blood pressure checks Sunday Oct 7th

## Upcoming Fundraisers

Our youth have 2 upcoming fundraisers for their Guatemala Mission trip in February. To learn more about these fundraiser, please read Karen's article on *page 4*. We are seeking hand made or quality items for the Silent Auction on Oct 27th. These donations can be brought to the church office.

## Not Alone Documentary

Federated is hosting a screening of the Not Alone documentary Oct, 13th at 7pm. This film addresses suicide prevention among adolescents and knowing the help available. Parents and their teens are encouraged to attend together.

## Coffee Hour

Federated is hosting another Coffee Hour at the Village Co-Op Oct 23rd at 1:30pm.

## Pie Social

Our annual pie social is set for Sunday, Oct 28th at 10:30am after worship.

## Local Mission Fund

Federated has changed the Local Mission Fund policy. If we have fund available, they will be distributed on Tuesdays from 9am-12pm.

## Check The Lost and Found

Missing anything? Please remember to check the lost and found by the church office coat rack You never know what could turn up. Thank you!

## Looking For Rides

We have several members throughout Fergus needing rides to church on Sunday mornings. If you would like to help drive, please contact the church for more details. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

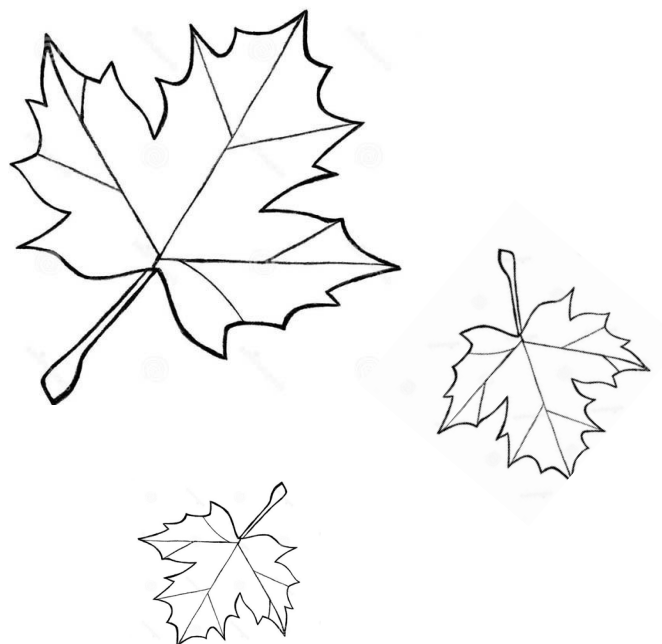
## Thank You:

Thank you Federated Church! With your donations during our Muffins for Mission coffee at our June and August services, we were able to raise \$410 for our Local Mission Fund. Great Job Everyone! -Mission Committee

Thank you to the Ladies who attended Ami Shultz's Baby Shower Sept 8th. Ami felt very blessed and loved!

## Congratulations:

To Russ and Renee Larsen on the birth of their new grandson, Robert Russel Larsen!





# Business as usual

## Service Groups

### OCTOBER SERVICE GROUP

Group #3

Kim and Martin Anderson  
Cheryl Anderton  
Jake and Karoline Gustafson  
Phil and Lori Kuglar  
Phil and Mary Link  
Ken and Marjan Schuetze  
Darren and Erin Smith  
Bonita Stock  
Jan Swedberg  
David and Vivian Whipple

### NOVEMBER SERVICE GROUP

Group #4

Charles Ebbighausen  
Vaughn Ebbighausen  
Terry Harthun  
Kathy Hatling  
Mary Ann Nead  
Gary and Jan Nelson  
Lavane Ugstad  
Wade Ugstad  
James and Amy Underdahl  
Steve and Melinda Wienbar

## Ministry Nite:

### October 9th - 6:30PM

Please email your minutes to church@federatedff.org. If you are unable to attend, please contact your chairperson. If your committee does not make a quorum, please schedule a time for your committee to meet before the next Ministry Nite.

## Greeters and Coffee Hosts



### OCTOBER 2018

#### Sunday, October 7th

9:30am Jake and Karoline Gustafson  
Kim and Martin Anderson

#### Sunday, October 14th

9:30am Jan Swedberg, Bonita Stock  
and Cheryl Anderton

#### Sunday, October 21st

9:30am Darren and Erin Smith  
Ken and Marjan Scheutze

#### Sunday, October 28th

9:30am David and Vivian Whipple  
Phil and Lori Kulglar



**REMINDER:** Greeters are also the coffee hosts for that Sunday. If you are unable to do it the Sunday you are assigned, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Check your email for information on greeter and coffee host duties. Please add church@federatedff.org to your safe senders list. If you don't use email, please check the bulletin board in the narthex for the information.

## Stewardship Report

### General Fund Report

Revenue	N/A
Expenditures	N/A

### Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	N/A
Actual Received	N/A

## Grocery Receipts

### THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

#### Service Food

August	\$1,907.75
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## The church staff wants to know...

We rely on you to contact us with your email, phone or address changes. If you are not receiving our emails, but would like to, please contact to church office. Also contact us for pastoral care or parish nursing needs. Please call 218-739-3227 or email church@federatedff.org  
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



## Newsletter Deadline

Articles and announcements are due the 15th of each month. Please send the by email whenever possible. The church staff reserves the right to edit articles for content and space.





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Time sensitive information  
Please deliver by October 1st

*the Grass withers,  
the flower fades,  
but the  
Word of our God  
will stand forever.*  
Isaiah 40:8

## October Birthdays

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10/01 Dorothy Porter   | 10/18 Louetta Hanneman   |
| 10/01 Tami Collins     | Savoy                    |
| 10/01 Zayne Weinrich   | 10/19 Phil Kugler        |
| 10/02 Terry Haas       | 10/19 Courtney Meis      |
| 10/03 Evan Westra      | 10/20 Nate Donoho        |
| 10/04 Tanya Sundberg   | 10/21 Dennis Bowman      |
| 10/04 Don Westra       | 10/23 Drew Johnson       |
| 10/07 Doris Enderson   | 10/25 Mary Moe           |
| 10/07 Grant Davenport  | 10/25 Tyler Harthun      |
| 10/09 Jaden Beck       | 10/26 Jon Steinbrenner   |
| 10/13 Kym Christiansen | 10/27 Carol Rose         |
| 10/13 Madison Weinrich | 10/28 David Lundeen      |
| 10/14 Austin Nygaard   | 10/28 Joshua Whipple     |
| 10/14 Caitlyn Nygaard  | 10/28 Alexis Nelson      |
| 10/16 Kathy Zimmerman  | 10/28 Ivy Iverson        |
| 10/16 Jo Kohlhase      | 10/29 Beatrice Schierer  |
| 10/16 Heidi Lien       | 10/31 Angelo Griego, Jr. |
| 10/17 LaVane Ugstad    |                          |

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