

# The Union Avenue News

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November 2014

## Consecration Sunday - October 19th

Pastor Doug spoke to the youngest members of The Federated Church about using what they've been given.



The Federated Choir sang *Let Us Joyfully Praise Our God*



Rick Carus, Designated Executive Presbyterian spoke on Extravagant Generosity.



All were invited to stay for a brunch following the service provided by the Stewardship Committee.



The Praise Band led the congregation in singing songs of worship.



We all gathered together at one service as one faith family.

### Mission Dinner

The Mission Dinner will be on Sunday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. We will have one worship service at 10AM. Come for good food, great speaker(s), and a great cause! Past participants from the House of Hope trip will share stories of their time in Guatemala. All proceeds go to school fees for the kids at House of Hope in Zacapa, Guatemala.



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#### Worship Schedule

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
9:45am Education Hour  
10:00am Coffee Hour  
11:00am Traditional Worship

#### First Sundays of the Month

*Communion* served at each service.

*Blood Pressure clinics* held during the Fellowship hour by the Parish nurse.

*Know your Neighbor Sunday* Name tags distributed before each service.

*First Sundays with Pastor Doug.* From October to May, Join Pastor Doug the first Sunday of each month for an in depth look at some exciting and eclectic topics.

#### Ministry Nite

Committees meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

**Reminder: Committees do not meet in July**

#### Other Meetings

*Deacons & Elders* meet the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

*Stephen Ministry* meets the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

Call the Church office if  
you have any questions!  
218-739-3227



Growing together in God's love...  
From generation to generation.

Come as you are...  
Visitors expected

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Turkeys and cornucopias and pilgrim hats. Seasoned stuffing hot from the oven. Creamed onions, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Uncles and aunts and cousins. Grandmothers and grandfathers with family gathered round. Children waiting for the Great Pumpkin to rise over Charlie Brown's pumpkin patch and Dads watching college football. A day to relax and maybe rake leaves in the afternoon.

But Thanksgiving? How much will our celebrations that day have to do with giving thanks?

A glance at the first Thanksgiving brings it all back. On December 21, 1620 the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Through the dead of winter the colony struggled with poor and meager food, strenuous labor, a biting wind that chilled to the bone, and the ravages of disease. Nearly half the 102 Mayflower passengers did not live to see spring refresh Cape Cod Bay.

But God sent Native Americans - Samoset, Squanto, and Massasoit - to help the English settlers plant and hunt and fish. The bountiful harvest that autumn led Governor Bradford to invite the Native Americans to celebrate God's goodness. Ninety tall braves accepted the invitation to join the Pilgrims in a feast of Thanksgiving to God for His blessings.

The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's Providence. They had learned to thank God in the midst of the bitterness of winter past. And they were quick to thank God during abundant blessing, too.

We teach our children to say "please" and "thank you" as the rudiments of courtesy, yet it is so easy to be rude and unthinking toward God. How often we forget to gratefully acknowledge God's goodness towards us.

This Thanksgiving let your prayers and expressions of love rise toward your Heavenly Father.

*What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.* (Psalm 116:12-13)

### **Deacons & Elders**

At their October 16, 2014 meeting, the Deacons and Elders:

- Approved a report from Treasurer Mark Rodning;
- Recorded with sadness the death of Barbara Johnson (October 16, 2014);
- Celebrated the marriage of Derek and Sabrina Bopp (October 11, 2014);
- Appointed Elder Connie Seltz as the voting commissioner to the Presbytery of MN Valleys meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2014 in Willmar, MN;
- Received with gratitude \$555 in memorial gifts in memory of Esther Esser and allocated them to the General Fund according to the family's wishes;
- Granted Pastor Doug Dent's request for some vacation days during November and December 2014;
- Instructed the Bookkeeper to move \$100,000 from the savings account to a new Money Market Account;
- Hired John Gutz as the new maintenance person for the church, effective November 1, 2014;
- Reviewed the ideas generated at the Leadership Dinner (October 14, 2014).





Doug Snaza. Director of Christian Education

## Jr/Sr High

Jr/Sr high youth will be having a lock-in on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9pm until 10am Saturday morning. There will be snacks, breakfast, conversation, games and good fellowship! All 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend!

During the month of October, the youth group talked about trust and worry; watched a couple episodes of *Drive-Through the Bible*, where we learned history about King David and discussed the validity of the bible; and played several games of hide-and-seek in the dark and Psychiatrist.

### Upcoming Events:

5th	3:30pm Jr High Youth Group & Confirmation 6:30pm 9th Grade Confirmation 7:30pm Youth Group volunteering
7th & 8th	9PM—10AM Jr/Sr High Lock-In at Federated
12th & 19th	3:30pm Jr High Youth Group & Confirmation 6:30pm 9th Grade Confirmation 7:30pm Sr High Youth Group
26th	No youth events—Thanksgiving Break



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The youth are getting excited about the trip! It's less than two months away! They've been doing a lot of raking lately to

continue raising funds. We will be flying out on Christmas Day, and celebrating Christmas with the youth at the House of Hope the day after Christmas. We will be receiving a Christmas list for the kids at House of Hope and will include that in the December newsletter. If you would like to purchase a gift, please see that list for ideas.



walk and Talk for youth group—youth and leaders walked to Taco Johns and on the way, talked about trust and worry.

## KIDS

### Sunday School

We are still in need of nursery attendants for Sunday mornings (8:30am—noon), Ministry Nite, and special services. In the meantime, we are asking for volunteers to help in the nursery on Sundays. The sign up sheet is next to the nursery door. If no one is signed up for a particular day, the nursery will be open, but we ask parents to stay with their children.



### Upcoming Events:

5th, 12th & 19th	3:30pm Kids Club 5:30pm Dinner
26th	No Kids Club
Dec. 7th	3:30pm Advent Workshop

### Kids club

Kids Club is off and running. We have an enthusiastic group of kids and have a blast every Wednesday! If you would like to help out in crafts or gym, please let us know. We'd love to have your help on Wednesday afternoons. We have snack time from 3:30-4:00; crafts, music and gym from 4:30-5:30; and dinner at 5:30, provided by a wonderful volunteer, for any who are able to stay.

**There will be no Kids Club on November 26th for Thanksgiving Break.**



### Prayer Partners

Studies show that one of the keys to quality youth development is for young people to receive support from at least three non-parent adults in their lives. Would you like to invest in the life of one of our youth by being a Prayer Partner? Youth K-12 will be creating a short bio to hang up in the Narthex along with a photo. If you are interested in being a Prayer Partner with any of the youth, please fill out the short bio form and submit it, along with a photo, to the church office. It will be hung up in the Narthex next to the youth you are partnered with.

# Worship at The Federated Church

November 2, 2014 9 AM and 11 AM All Saints' Sunday	"My-Cloud" Hebrews 12:1-2	The Rev. Douglas Dent
November 9, 2014 10 AM Mission Dinner	"I Was Adopted – Twice!" Galatians 4:5-7	The Rev. Douglas Dent
November 16, 2014 9 AM and 11 AM	To Be Announced Exodus 3:1-14; 4:1-6, 10-17	The Rev. Douglas Dent
November 23, 2014 9 AM and 11 AM Christ the King Sunday Baptism of Harrison Jason Smsky and Lincoln Daniel Smsky	To Be Announced Jeremiah 29:4-14	The Rev. Douglas Dent
November 30, 2014 9 AM and 11 AM Advent I	"Watching and Waiting Expectantly" Mark 13:32-37; Habbakkuk 1-2:4; Jeremiah 33:14-16	The Rev. Douglas Dent

**Special Sundays!** One Sunday each month we will worship together at 10AM and celebrate a special event in the life of our faith family. Please mark your calendars – you won't want to miss this!

November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Dinner	Brunch following worship
December 28 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Sunday	Coffee hour following worship
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Meeting of the Congregation	Brunch following worship
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Confirmation Sunday	Reception following worship
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	Coffee hour following worship
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Brunch	Brunch following worship
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ice Cream Social	Sundaes following worship

## Parish Nursing Notes – *Connie Seltz, Parish Nurse Coordinator*

A huge thank you to The Federated Church and The Ashley Foundation for again being major sponsors of the "You are not Alone: Suicide and Depression Event for Teens and Adults" held at M-State on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The event was declared a success when 140 teens squeezed into a lecture hall to listen and question high schoolers from the Stephanie Goetz Foundation about ending the stigma of mental illness. The panel presentation for adults featured Superintendent Jerry Ness sharing his touching personal story about his brother's death by suicide. The panel of "experts" answered questions and provided resource information. For those who were unable to attend, some literature is available from me or the Parish Nurse bulletin board. Do take a "Toolkit" of intervention resources from the bulletin board. It lists Emergency and Crisis phone numbers, Web Resources, Continuing Care options and some support services available in our area.



### Newsletter Deadline

Articles and announcements for the monthly newsletter are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please send them in electronic form (email) whenever possible. The church staff reserves the right to edit articles for content and space.

### November Service Group (Group #8)

Virginia Adams  
Carolyn Anderson  
Ken and Ruth Anderson  
Ruth Aulds  
Brent and Tara Barry  
Karen Bush  
Cy Grover  
Terry and Jeanette Haas  
Kurt and Sonja Johnson  
Brad and Barb Meder  
Marcus and Rebekah Meder  
Pam Phillips  
Wayne and Gloria Ronning  
Ted and Lois Rotenberger  
Jon and Jessica Steinbrenner  
Evan and Tanya Westra

### December Service Group Group #9

Dale Anderson  
Mark and Lisa Becker  
Grant and Mariah Davenport  
Kirk and Marcie Hexum  
Tim and Desta Hunt  
Wayne and Patti Link  
Chuck and Linda MacFarlane  
Lynn Oxley  
Mae Reich  
Ben and Tessa Schierer  
Jo Schmidt  
Perrie and Lucille Sheldon  
David and Molly Stoddard  
Beth Strom  
Matyas Sundheim  
Gail Welle  
Jim and Arlene Worner

### Greeters and Coffee Hosts

November 2014



# S E R V I C E

#### Sunday, November 2nd

9AM— Terry & Jeanette Haas

11AM— Evan & Tanya Westra

#### Sunday, November 9th—Mission Dinner

10AM— Karen Bush

#### Sunday, November 16th

9AM— Ken & Ruth Anderson

11AM— Jon & Jessica Steinbrenner

#### Sunday, November 23rd

9AM— Kurt & Sonja Johnson

11AM— Brad & Barb Meder

#### Sunday, November 30th

9AM— Carolyn Anderson

11AM— Marcus and Rebekah Meder

**\*\*Reminder, you 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.**

### Condolences to...

- ✦ Bob Johnson on the death of Barb.
- ✦ Mary Jones Olson on the death of her sister, Marlys Hove.
- ✦ Doug Snaza on the death of his grandma.

### Congratulations to...

- ◆ Derek and Sabrina Bopp who were married at The Federated Church on October 11, 2014.

### Thank you to...

- ☺ Elizabeth Hatling for the delicious brunch on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ☺ All the volunteers who helped with Consecration Sunday.
- ☺ Thank you to all who surprised me with cans and bottles of Coca-Cola on October 5<sup>th</sup> for Pastor Appreciation month. Daily, as I enjoy your gifts, I am reminded just how blessed I am to live and work among the amazing saints at The Federated Church. Many thanks! Doug Dent

## November Birthdays

Andrew MacFarlane 11/02  
McKenzie Olson 11/03  
Maximillian Jensen 11/04  
Paul Richter 11/05  
Brandon Truax 11/07  
Mike Walls 11/07  
John MacFarlane 11/08  
Lance Nygaard 11/09  
Ann Porter 11/10  
Laurie Skogen 11/10  
Bailee Griego 11/11

Mark Sundberg 11/11  
Austen Tabbut 11/12  
Dennis Bergerud 11/14  
John Lindholm 11/14  
Erik Lindholm 11/14  
Alexandria Haas 11/14  
Karen Hauck 11/15  
Rick Schara 11/15  
Tommy Bowman 11/15  
Terry Harrington 11/16  
Donna Solin 11/18  
Tessa Becker 11/19

Maury Skogen 11/20  
Ross Johnson 11/22  
Molly King 11/22  
Landon Link 11/23  
Brayden Aasen 11/24  
Michelle Loomer 11/24  
Katelyn Sperling 11/24  
Elaine Snyder 11/25  
Meg Garrahan 11/26  
Franklin Schierer 11/26  
Duane Rose 11/29  
Erik Loomer 11/29



*We apologize if we missed your birthday! Please email your birthday information to [church@federatedff.org](mailto:church@federatedff.org)!*

Thanks to all of you who leave your receipts at church. There is a box in the Narthex for the receipts and also a blue envelope for receipts right outside the office.

Here are the last amounts: August 10 to October 14, 2014 -- Service Food - \$14,364.06 Sunmart - \$5,071.61

Kathy Zimmerman





### First Sundays - Pastor Doug Dent

First Sunday Bible Studies are designed to be one-time, one-topic programs. We gather after worship for a light lunch and discussion. Each spring, members of the bible study choose the topics; then Pastor Doug spends time researching and preparing. Here is the lineup for 2014-2015:

Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Appreciating Spiritual Gifts
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parables of the Lost
Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	What is Heaven Like?
Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Does Hell Exist?
Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Simplicity as Spiritual Discipline
Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>	The Book of Revelation (Date changed due to Easter!)
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	James, the Brother of Jesus



### Sunday Morning Bible Study - Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday Morning Bible Study, led by Pastor Doug, meets in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 10AM. All are welcome!

Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup> – Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	The Fall Festivals of Judaism (6 weeks – no class Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> or Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup> )
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> – Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Held in God's Grace: an Advent Study About Waiting (4 weeks)
Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup> – April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel: A Christ Centered Approach (12 weeks)
	(No class on Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup> , Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> or 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup> or Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup> )

### Men of the church!

Join us Mondays at noon for prayer and bible study in the church parlor. All are welcome. We are currently studying "All For One: Experiencing the Exclusive Claim of Christ."



### Women of the church!

Join us Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM for prayer and bible study in the church parlor. All are welcome. We are currently studying "In Harmony with the Word" based on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.



## 2014/2015 Classes at Federated

### Making Your Children Mind without Losing Yours

*How to bring out the best in kids by doing what is best for them*

**October 26 through November 30, 2014—Sundays, 5-7 PM**

This six session course is for parents who want to raise happy, healthy, hardworking and honest sons and daughters. We'll begin each session with a light supper followed by a DVD presentation and time for discussion. Cost is \$10 per person.

Childcare provided.

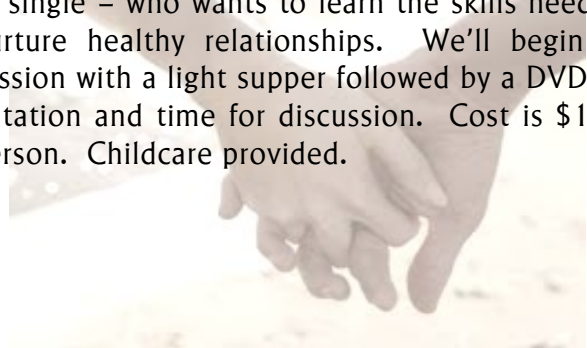


### Balanced & Blessed

*Experiencing Marriage the Way It's Meant to Be*

**February 15 – March 29, 2015—Sundays, 5-7 PM**

This seven session course is for anyone – married or single – who wants to learn the skills needed to nurture healthy relationships. We'll begin each session with a light supper followed by a DVD presentation and time for discussion. Cost is \$10 per person. Childcare provided.



## Lefse-Making Workshop

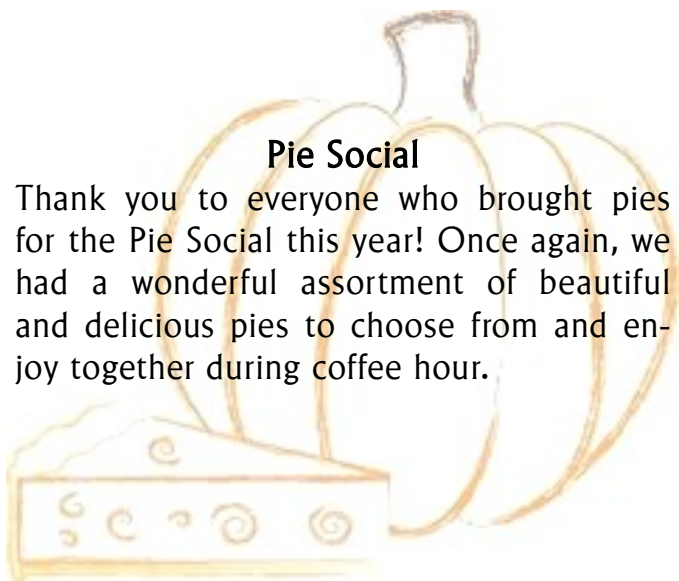
Sunday, November 16th @ Noon (following 2nd service)  
in the Fellowship Hall

Just in time for the holidays! Dennis and Jean will present step-by-step directions in making your own lefse. Recipe and instructions will be distributed to all attendees after the presentation. Suzanne Halvorson, a local Norwegian teacher, will teach us how to say the Norwegian table grace. We'll order Italian lefse (pizza) for lunch. This event is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.



## Pie Social

Thank you to everyone who brought pies for the Pie Social this year! Once again, we had a wonderful assortment of beautiful and delicious pies to choose from and enjoy together during coffee hour.



## Worship Committee

On Sunday, November 9th, during the 10AM worship service, the choir will premiere *The Final Harvest*, the final piece written for The Federated Church by Composer in Residence Jonathon Strommen-Campbell. *The Final Harvest* is dedicated in memory of John Hatling.

## House of Hope Mission Trip (February 2015)

Anyone interested in participating in the House of Hope Mission Trip (February 7-14, 2015) should contact Mike Loomer or Pastor Doug as soon as possible. The team is forming now! Join us and get a respite from the Minnesota winter while ministering to God's people in Guatemala. The approximate cost for the trip is \$1500.



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### Stewardship Report *Millie Pearson and Greg Truax*

#### General Fund Report—as of September 30, 2014

Revenue—\$30,634

Expenditures—\$27,185

#### Year to Date Pledge Offering Budgeted —\$227,565

Actual received—\$219,853

#### 2014 Pledge Drive

Status as of February 28, 2014  
\$290,418



Thank you for your continued generosity with the Local Mission Fund! As always, funds go out as quickly as they come in. Donations can be put in the offering plate with *Local Mission Fund* in the memo line or dropped off in the church office.

#### Local Mission Fund Report

September	As of Oct. 26th
4 families or individuals helped with \$170.00 towards food, rent or utilities	11 Families or individuals helped with \$550 towards food, rent or utilities

## Ministry Nite!

November 11th is Ministry Nite. Please email your minutes to [church@federatedff.org](mailto:church@federatedff.org). If you are unable to attend, 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. Reminder: Committees do not meet in July.

