

The Union Avenue News

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February 2015

Coming in March: United Way Food Drop

The Federated Church is sponsoring a United Way Food Drop on **Friday, March 27th** at the Fergus Falls National Guard Armory. Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:

9:30AM – 11:00AM	—Set up and unload truck
11:00AM – 1:00PM	—Program & food distribution
1:00PM	—Clean up

Other volunteers are needed for the following:

1. Walking participants to programs/tables
2. Participant intake
3. Managing long lines
5. Cleanup
4. Delivering food to participants' vehicles
5. Crushing cardboard



Please contact Christi Stoll at 218-770-9406 or volunteeruwotc@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Doug Snaza's last Sunday with us will be Sunday, February 1st. Join us as for ice cream sundaes during fellowship hour on Sunday, Feb. 1st at 10AM as we express our appreciation and wish him farewell.



February Fun Nights!

The weather is cold, but the fellowship is warm. Bring friends and family to join in the fun. Free! No RSVP needed! Bring your favorite board games and a snack to share. Teach old friends some new tricks!

Fridays in February 6:30-9PM
Questions? Call Dennis Bowman—998-0717

HOP INTO SPRING



It's time to start planning for The Federated Church Salad Luncheon!

The luncheon and bake sale date is **Thursday, April 9th from 11AM-1PM. Cost is \$6 per person.** This year's theme is *HOP INTO SPRING*.

There will be a planning meeting on **Thursday, February 5th at 11AM** in the fellowship hall. Several people have offered to help plan this event; we encourage you to join us! It is a great way to meet and visit with other members of the church. If you would like to help with the following, please contact:

Donating a salad—Jan Nelson (736.7324) or Arlene Worner (739-9467)

Rolls or bread—Bonnie Bergerud (736-5723)

Baked goods for bake sale—Carol or Deb Rose (739-9582)

Volunteer time or have questions—Janet Knapp (736-5711)

Thank you for your help!

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Jan. 31st

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 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

Reminder: Committees do not meet in July

Other Meetings

Men's Bible Study meets every Monday at noon in the parlor.

Women's Bible Study meets every Thursday at 10:30am in the parlor.

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

The Federated Church is
a joint ministry of
The Presbyterian Church (USA)
and
The United Church of Christ



Garrison Keillor is fond of saying that coffee is the third sacrament in Minnesota. It sure is an important part of our fellowship. And what with the cold, damp weather lately, a warm drink of coffee, tea, chai, or hot chocolate can feel like a blessing at times. If coffee shops had been around in the psalmist's day, we might have a coffee psalm like this one in our Bible!

Psalm 151

A Coffee Psalm

You percolate... and the mere sound of you stirs me from sleep.

I thirst for you, O God, in the morning when I wake up.

Your aroma permeates my soul when I come into your presence.

You pour yourself out and shower me with blessings.

You fill my cup with good things.

Your heat and steam rise as incense and fill my nostrils.

I lift you up with my hands and drink you into my being.

Your warmth penetrates my mouth.

O taste and see that the LORD is good!

Your warmth continues to travel through me, warming my gut.

You dwell ever within me.

You energize me, O God.

After a time, you give me energy to set about the tasks you lay before me.

I return to you, O God, throughout the day, and get renewed and refreshed every time I drink you in.

O taste and see that the LORD is good!

You restore my soul and fill my senses.

You help me get through the day when my sleepiness tries to keep me from doing your will.

O taste and see that the LORD is good!

O God, you are like coffee to me!

Enjoy a warm drink with a friend this week, and may God bless your fellowship.

Pastor Doug

Annual Report additions:

On Good Friday, 2014, musicians from The Federated Church and from the community came together under the direction of John Hatling and performed *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore Dubois. This cantata was an inspiration to John. May his memory live on forever. I would like to thank you for the support and the benefit concert on Sept. 21, 2014. It was wonderful.

Musically yours,
Carol Andstrom

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting was Sunday, Jan. 25th, following the 10AM worship service. Pastor Doug spoke on the Prayer of Relinquishment, and encouraged us to not only pray that prayer for ourselves, but also for The Federated Church as a whole.

Following the service, everyone was invited to lunch downstairs, provided and served by the Deacons & Elders. The meeting began after lunch, and was completed shortly after noon. There is still one spot to fill for the Stewardship committee; please contact the church office if this interests you! It is good to be the church together and to look ahead to another great year of ministry in Fergus Falls and beyond.



Doug Snaza. Director of Christian Education

Jr/Sr High

The month of January was spent preparing to say goodbye to Doug Snaza and look ahead to what's next for the youth group. Youth picked out topics they'd be interested in exploring at future youth groups. We also heard stories from the team that went to House of Hope during Christmas break, went skiing/snowboarding, and attended Snow Camp at Clearwater Forest Camp.

Upcoming Events:

1st	10AM	Farewell coffee hour for Doug Snaza
4th	3:30PM	Jr High Youth Group & Confirmation
	6PM-8PM	6th-12th grade pool party @ AmericInn
	6:30PM	9th Grade Confirmation
11th	3:30PM	Jr High Youth Group & Confirmation
	6:30PM	9th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Sr High Youth Group
16th	2PM	Family skiing/Snowboarding @ Andes
18th	7PM	Ash Wednesday service
	8PM	Youth Group
22nd	10AM	Confirmation Sunday
25th		No Youth Group

All 6th—12th graders are invited to a pizza & pool party on Wed. Feb. 4th from 6-8PM. (This is Doug S.'s last Wednesday!) Meet at the AmericInn at 6PM, and plan to get picked up at 8PM.



Confirmation

Pastors Doug Dent & Karen Anderson-Dent

Confirmation Sunday is February 22, 2015. We will worship together at 10AM that morning, then celebrate with our confirmands at a special reception following the service.

Confirmation Sunday marks the end of three years of study for our youth, their first public profession of faith, and their welcome as full members of our congregation. Please pray for our confirmands – Camen Andrews, Ronnie Becker, Tommy Bowman, Ben Nuss, and Rosemary Rundquist – as they complete their course, write their statements of faith, and meet with the Deacons & Elders.

Confirmation

KIDS

We need a volunteer to be a helper in Molly Stoddard's 2nd—4th grade Sunday school class. If you are able to help, or know of a high school student or two who may be interested, please contact the church office.



Families are invited to come skiing/snowboarding at Andes Tower Hills on Monday, Feb. 16th. RSVP to the church office by Feb. 7th to receive the group rate of \$21 for lift tickets; \$14 for ski rental; \$24 for snowboard rental. Meet at church at 1PM on Monday to carpool, or meet everyone at Andes at 2PM. We'll organize group rates there at the front desk.



Upcoming Events:

1st	10AM	Farewell coffee hour for Doug Snaza
4th	3:30PM	Kids Club
11th	3:30PM	Kids Club
16th	2PM	Skiing/Snowboarding @ Andes

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.



Kids Club

The last day of the winter session of Kids Club is on Wednesday, Feb. 11th. Kids have been learning about the Fruit of the Spirit. Thank you to everyone who has provided snacks and dinners, volunteered time, and participated in Kids Club. It wouldn't have been the same without you!

Worship at The Federated Church

February 1, 2015 9AM and 11AM	"Me with You" Daniel 4 Celebration of The Lord's Supper (both services)	The Rev. Douglas Dent
February 8, 2015 9AM and 11AM	"Loving Enough to Warn" Daniel 5 Ordination and Installation of New Officers (11AM)	The Rev. Douglas Dent
February 15, 2015 Transfiguration Sunday 9AM and 11AM	"The Song of a Broom" Daniel 6	The Rev. Douglas Dent
February 18, 2015 Ash Wednesday 7PM	"Internal Shrinkage" Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	The Rev. Douglas Dent
February 22, 2015 Confirmation Sunday 10AM	TBA	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!

February 22nd	Confirmation Sunday	Reception following worship
March 29th	Palm Sunday	Coffee hour following worship
April 26th	Senior Brunch	Brunch following worship
May 17th	Ice Cream Social	Sundaes following worship



Wednesday Lenten Services (5:30 pm) & Suppers (6:00pm)

February 25, 2015	TBA
March 4, 2015	TBA
March 11, 2015	TBA
March 18, 2015	Cindy Spidahl
March 25, 2015	Cheryl Harrington



Newsletter Deadline

Articles and announcements for the monthly newsletter are due on the 15th 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.

February Service Group Group #1

Mark and Tami Anderson
Jim and Robin Andrews
Erik Anthonisen and Marna Brown
Dennis and Bonnie Bergerud
John and Tami Collins
Nathan and Stephanie Hoff
Jeff and Jo Kohlhase
Norma Loomer
John and Eunice MacFarlane
Nick and Erika Mariotti
Jay and Cindy McDougall
Chad and Elizabeth Nelson
Roger and Jane Nelson
Jerry and Jodie Nuss
Clayton and Terri Skretvedt
Doug Sperl

March Service Group Group #2

Kim and Martin Anderson
Doug and Barb Becker
Jerry and Nancy Bogen
Jacob and Karoline Gustafson
Jerry and Donna Hendel
Tim and Lila Hiedeman
Carol Hoivik
Phil and Lori Kugler
Russ and Renee Larsen
Phil and Mary Link
Jean McKenzie
Ken and Marjan Schuetze
Mike and Patty Shol
Darren and Erin Smith
Bonita Stock
Joyce Stock
Mark and Tanya Sundberg

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

February 2015

Sunday, February 1st

9AM— Erik Anthonisen & Marna Brown
11AM— Jerry & Jodie Nuss

Sunday, February 8th

9AM— Roger & Jane Nelson
11AM— Jim & Robin Andrews

Sunday, February 15th

9AM— Chad & Elizabeth Nelson
11AM— Nathan & Stephanie Hoff

Sunday, February 22nd

Confirmation Sunday

10AM— Clayton & Terri Skretvedt and
Nick & Erika Mariotti

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****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.**

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.

Condolences to...

✠ The family & friends of Ruth Lindholm on the death of Ruth.

Happy Birthday...

◆ Mary Anderson is turning 90! There will be an open house birthday party on Feb. 1st at Pioneer Care from 2-4PM. Everyone is invited!

Ruby Whipple's new address:

c/o Wayne Soliah
13623 Indigo Spires Drive
Cypress, TX 77429
land line [281-304-8130](tel:281-304-8130)
cell [218-770-5168](tel:218-770-5168)

February Birthdays



02/01 Ella Childs
02/02 Robin Andrews
02/03 Donna Hendel
02/03 Karen Orcutt
02/03 Jona Brown Stout
02/03 Robert Stout
02/04 Norma Loomer
02/04 Anna Sundheim
02/05 Olivia Jensen
02/06 Joanne Lenning
02/06 Jim Knapp

02/08 Patty Lindholm
02/09 Lee Syverson
02/10 Kurt Johnson
02/10 Andrew Link
02/11 Kitt Schara
02/12 Greg Truax
02/12 Alicia Paulzine
02/14 Perrie Sheldon
02/14 Douglas Dent
02/16 Brennan Olson
02/16 Tanya Westra

02/19 Love Ell Hultin
02/19 Marjan Schuetze
02/20 Shana Johnson
02/21 Barb Flom
02/22 Bruce Bopp
02/22 William Johnson
02/25 Marsha Sperl
02/27 Benjamin Schierer
02/27 William Nuss
02/28 Gary Nelson
02/28 Mark Thompson

We apologize if we missed your birthday! Please email your birthday information to church@federatedff.org!

Ministry Nite!

February 10th is Ministry Nite. New Chairperson training is at 5:30PM that night. Committees meet at 6:30PM in the fellowship hall. Please email your minutes to 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.



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:

Feb. 1st Does Hell Exist?

Mar. 1st Simplicity as Spiritual Discipline

Apr. 12th The Book of Revelation (Date changed due to Easter!)

May 3rd James, the Brother of Jesus



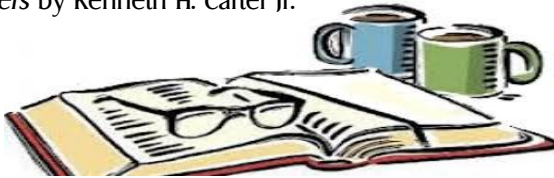
Sunday Morning Bible Study - Pastor Doug Dent

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

Jan. 4th – April 26th Daniel: A Christ Centered Approach (12 weeks) (No class on Jan. 25th, Feb 8th or 22nd, Mar. 29th or Apr. 5th)

Men of the church!

Join us Mondays at noon for prayer and bible study in the church parlor. All are welcome. Starting in January, we will be reading and discussing the book *Pray for Me: The Power in Praying for Others* by Kenneth H. Carter Jr.



Women of the church!

Join us Thursday mornings at 10:30AM for prayer and bible study in the church parlor. All are welcome. We are currently studying starting in January, we will be reading and discussing the book *Pray for Me: The Power in Praying for Others* by Kenneth H. Carter Jr.



Deacons & Elders

At the stated meeting on January 15, 2015, the Deacons & Elders:

- Accepted the resignation of Doug Snaza as Director of Christian Education, effective February 4, 2015;
- Accepted the resignation of Connor Younggren as Sound Board Operator effective January 15, 2015;
- Accepted the resignation of Pam Phillips as Clerk of Session;
- Appointed Jean Bowman as Clerk of Session for 2015;
- Appointed Mark Rodning as Treasurer for 2015;
- Appointed Ross Stone as the voting commissioner to the Presbytery of MN Valleys meeting on February 7, 2015 in Redwood Falls, MN;
- Noted with sadness the deaths of Jim Solin and Tim Rundquist;
- Noted with gladness the wedding of Elizabeth Link and John Thill on January 3, 2015;
- Approved the 2015 budget, pending approval of the pastor's compensation by the congregation;
- Authorized the distribution of the 2014 Annual Report;
- Amended the Funeral Policy and the Wedding Policy;
- Tasked Pastor Dent with presenting a new staffing model for the congregation by February 19, 2015;
- Eliminated the Pastor-Parish Relations task force;
- Received the Audit Report and dismissed the audit team with thanks;
- Authorized Pastor Dent to arrange for The Federated Church to be an internship site for seminary students (summer 2015);
- Granted permission for Pastor Dent to attend the Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference in St. Louis, MO on March 9-11, 2015

Parish Nursing Notes – Connie Seltz, Parish Nurse Coordinator

It is again Influenza season in Minnesota. I just read an article about places in our homes that provide a place for bacteria and viruses to grow, places sometimes forgotten. Consider:

1. That sponge in the kitchen sink. Change it regularly, or get it wet and heat it for 60 seconds in the microwave, or send it through a dishwasher cycle.
2. The remote. The article suggested that it is the dirtiest article in our homes. Wipe it regularly with a cleaning product safe for electronics. That goes for the “mouse” and other electronics too!
3. The phone. Look carefully! This may be a shocking discovery if it hasn’t been cleaned recently!
4. Door knobs and handles on kitchen cupboards collect debris from normal kitchen activities.
5. The reusable grocery bags. Wash often as they become contaminated from both the inside and outside.
6. Mittens, scarves, and gloves. Do wash and dry them whenever soiled and several times during and after the winter season.
7. The hands. Do the “elbow bump” instead of shaking hands if you’re recovering from a cough or cold. Clean hands are the best infection control practice!



Mystery Dinner



All who attended the mystery dinner said it was a great evening of entertainment, delicious food, great acting, and fun with all those involved. There have already been requests for another one soon! See the back of the calendar for a few photos from the evening. Thank you to the fellowship committee for all their hard work in making this event happen!

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.



Grocery Receipts

We are on our way towards the \$150,000 goal at Sunmart --- from November 14, 2013 (this is when we made the last \$150,000) until January 11, 2015, the Sunmart amount equals \$29,128.33.

November 17, 2014 - January 11, 2015 the amounts for grocery store receipts brought in to The Federated Church are:

Sunmart \$3,648.60

Service Food \$7,224.17

Thank you!

Kathy Zimmerman



Stewardship Report Millie Pearson and Greg Truax

General Fund Report—as of December 31, 2014

Revenue—\$42,284

Expenditures—\$31,219

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted —\$303,418

Actual received—\$329,098



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

December

15 families or
individuals helped
with \$1,018
towards food, rent or
utilities

As of Jan. 26th

20 Families or
individuals helped
with \$1850
towards food, rent
or utilities