

## June & July Worship

<b>JUNE 4</b> 10 a.m. Worship	<b>WORSHIP IN THE PARK</b>
Tiny Bubbles <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Pentecost Sunday <i>Celebration of the Lord's Supper</i>
<b>JUNE 11</b> 10 a.m. Worship	
Cosmic Elation <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a
<b>JUNE 18</b> 10 a.m. Worship	<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>
A Look at the Book of Jonah <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Jonah 1
<b>JUNE 25</b> 10 a.m. Worship	
Jonah: Embrace God's Call <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Jonah 1
<b>JULY 2</b> 10 a.m. Worship	<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>
TBA <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	<i>Celebration of the Lord's Supper</i>
<b>JULY 9</b> 10 a.m. Worship	
Jonah: Receive God's Provision <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Jonah 2
<b>JULY 16</b> 10 a.m. Worship	
Jonah: Ask for God's Help <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Jonah 2
<b>JULY 23</b> 10 a.m. Worship	
Jonah: Believe God's Word <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Jonah 2
<b>JULY 30</b> 10 a.m. Worship	
Jonah: Affirm God's Grace <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Jonah 3

## Dates to Remember

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2

12:30 p.m. Federated Friday at the Food Shelf

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4

#### Worship in the Park

10 a.m. Worship at Roosevelt Park  
Bubble Sunday in celebration of Pentecost

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29

6:30 p.m. Concert in the Park - Roosevelt Park  
The Fancy & The Functional (Elizabeth Hatling)

### FRIDAY, JUNE 30

12:30 p.m. Federated Friday at the Food Shelf

### TUESDAY, JULY 4

#### Independence Day

Church Office Closed

### THURSDAY, JULY 6

6:30 p.m. Concert in the Park - Roosevelt Park  
Dave Stoddard

### FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 7-9

#### Canoe Trip lead by Paul Shol

See p 3 for details

### MONDAY - FRIDAY, JULY 10-14

#### Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Daily

See the Christian Ed column for more details

### THURSDAY, JULY 27

6:30 p.m. Concert in the Park - Roosevelt Park  
The Academy (Tommy Bowman)

### FRIDAY, JULY 28

12:30 p.m. Federated Friday at the Food Shelf

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

#### Worship in the Park

10 a.m. Worship at Roosevelt Park  
Blessing of the Animals



*The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai...*  
Jonah 1:1

Jonah and the whale is a beloved story from Sunday School. It's also a challenging story for many: how can a man survive in the belly of a whale for three days? And if we stop with the obvious lesson – you can't run from God – we may miss the larger context and purpose of the story.

The Book of Jonah is rich with detail and import for modern readers. And while it is about God's call on our life and our response to that call, it is also about drawing near to God, placing God at the center of our life, and realizing our God-given potential. There are

also many surprising parallels to Jesus and the new life we all have in him.

I plan to preach through the book of Jonah this summer. After all, summer is a great time for fish tales, right? Using Pastor Colin Smith's book, *Jonah: Navigating a God-Centered Life*, as a guide, we will explore the book of Jonah in greater depth. I invite you to join me in this voyage of discovery, in the hope that Jonah's story may impact each of us and our ministry in ways that are positive, helpful, and spirit-filled.

Blessings,  
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 the month of April, we were able to help **8** families or individuals with a total of **\$445**, used for food, household goods, rent or utilities. As of May 25, we have helped **25** families or individuals with **\$1,540.00** towards food, household goods, rent or utilities.

We keep a supply of soap, lotion, toothpaste, conditioner, toothbrushes, toilet paper, etc. on hand at the church to give to people who come in needing assistance. If you have extra at your home, bring them in! We'll give them away.

The Salad Luncheon brought in close to \$1700 for the local mission fund! Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed! Our friends and neighbors in need are grateful for the extra help they receive because of your generosity.



## Remind Text Alerts

The Federated Church is now using Remind, a text alert system to send out cancellations, reminders, schedule updates, and other time-sensitive announcements. If you would like to receive text updates from Federated Church, please **text the message @federated to the number 81010**. You will receive a confirmation text, followed by a text asking if you are a parent, student, or teacher. There's no need to respond to this text. You'll receive another text tell you about the app available to use with Remind. You can use the app, but it is not essential to have the app in order to receive text alerts. Feel free to contact the church office with any questions!





# Parish Nursing Notes

Connie Seltz  
Parish Nurse Coordinator

The lawn needs cutting, the flowers need weeding, the garden needs planting, the windows need washing, and fish need catching. We delight in the longer sunlight hours and the chance to get outside to do all the things summer offers. It's also time to think about taking care of our largest organ, our skin.

According to the American Cancer Society, each year more than 2 million Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer. Of these, more than 70,000 people will be diagnosed with melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer.

There are 3 main types of skin cancer. Most are either basal cell or

squamous cell carcinomas. These two seldom become life threatening. Melanoma is less common but is the most serious. If diagnosed and treated early, melanoma can be cured. Those with the highest risk of melanoma have many moles, irregular moles, or large moles. Those with blood relatives who have had melanoma before are also at high risk. Remember too, that those with fair skin and a lifestyle of frequent sun exposure also have a higher risk.

Since no one is entirely free from the risk of getting melanoma, all should recognize the warning signs. Check moles for:

- Asymmetry: one half doesn't match the other half
  - Border irregularity: borders may be uneven, blurred, or notched.
  - Color: common moles are usually one color, melanomas may have several colors or an irregular pattern of colors.
  - Diameter: common moles are generally less than ¼ inch across, Melanomas are often larger.
  - A sore that does not heal
  - Change in surface or sensation
- Early detection is critical. Examine your skin monthly for changes. Enjoy full sun, but wear a hat and sun screen with at least a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Happy summer!

## Federated Church Canoe Trip

FRIDAY - SUNDAY | JULY 7 -9

CROW WING RIVER, NEAR PARK RAPIDS

COST: <\$50 PER PARTICIPANT

LEAD BY PAUL SHOL

Come experience God in His beautiful creation! Unplug from modern technology (cell phones, iPods/iPads, computers, video games). Allow yourself the place and space to be present, slow down, and listen to/find your Creator. Expect a lot of good fellowship, GREAT camp food, and a lot of laughs!

This is a "down-river" canoe experience. In other words, you don't have to be a canoe expert to be on this trip! No major lake crossings, no winds and waves, no portaging. This will be a nice introduction to the world of canoe camping for someone new to canoeing, and a relaxing get-away for the experienced.

If you have any questions, or would like to register, contact Paul Shol at 218-205-5739 or email at [pmschol@cord.edu](mailto:pmschol@cord.edu). Registration deadline is Friday, June 23rd.

Everybody needs beauty  
as well as bread.  
Places to play in  
and pray in,  
where nature may heal,  
and give strength to the  
body and soul alike.

John Muir



## Vacation Bible School

**MONDAY - FRIDAY, JULY 10-14 | 9AM - 3PM**

Mark your calendars for July 10-14, 2017. Counselors from Clearwater Forest Camp will lead us in an awesome week of Bible School (9AM – 3 PM each day) with songs, Bible stories, and fun activities. Registration forms are available at [www.federatedff.org/publications/forms/](http://www.federatedff.org/publications/forms/) or outside the church office. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help during the day. In particular, we need two more people to provide lunch on Monday, July 10. Call the church office if you are able to help with lunch or volunteering during the day. Thank you!



## Confirmation

There's still some time before 7th - 9th grade confirmation classes start again in October, but we're already planning the 2017 Confirmation Retreat! We had a blast at Clearwater Forest last year, so much so that we've decided to rent out Eagle Lodge again this year! The retreat is set for October 6th - 8th. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

## Youth Groups

Regular Wednesday youth group is taking a break for the summer, but that doesn't mean there's nothing going on! Youth Groups will be getting together for various activities and events this summer, starting with *The Amazing Race!* dinner and scavenger hunt at Federated Church on June 8 at 5:30 pm. All ages are invited to this multigenerational event! Come join the fun! And invite your friends!

See below for the current summer schedule; stay tuned for more events and details!

## Summer Youth Events @ Federated

DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST	OPEN TO
June 8	5:30pm	<b>The Amazing Race!</b> Scavenger hunt downtown; Dinner @ Federated	FREE	Everyone
June 29	6:30pm	Concert in the Park The Fancy & The Functional (Elizabeth Hatling)	FREE	Everyone
July 6	6:30pm	<b>Concert in the Park</b> Dave Stoddard	FREE	Everyone
July 7-9		Canoe Trip with Paul Shol	\$50	Everyone
July 10-14	9am to 3pm	<b>Camp-in-a-Van</b> Jr/Sr Highers are invited to be part of the fun as helpers!	FREE	K-6th grades
July 19	2:30pm to 7pm	Picnic & swim at Michelle Loomer's on Swan Lake	FREE	Jr/Sr High
July 21 or 22	6:30pm	<b>Dinner Theater @ Elmer's Texas BBQ</b> "The Phantom of Darkgrove" (Tommy Bowman acting)	\$25	Jr/Sr High
July 27	6:30pm	Concert in the Park <i>The Academy</i> (Tommy Bowman)	FREE	Everyone
August 17	6:30pm	<b>Concert in the Park</b> <i>Dixieland Band</i> (Jim Worner)	FREE	Everyone



# Bible studies and discussion groups

## Women's Bible Study

THURSDAYS 10:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study will not be meeting during the summer months. Starting in September, women will be studying the Gospel of John on Thursdays at 10:30am. All women are invited! Friends of Federated, too!

## Men's Bible Study

MONDAYS 12 p.m.

Men's Bible Study will not be meeting during the summer months. They will meet at noon on Mondays starting in September. All men are welcome! Friends of Federated are invited, too!

## Church News

### Federated Church Jewelry

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Arms. Local artist, Sarah Karsnia, has made designed a beautiful pendant for the Federated Church using the updated logo and vision statement. A limited number of these pendants are available in the church office for \$35 each. If you are interested, contact the church office!



### Federated Church Decals

We have Federated Church car decals available in the church office! If you didn't receive one the first time around, and would like one, please stop by to pick one up.

### Federated Church is Hiring! Administrative Assistant

Federated Church seeks an Administrative Assistant for reception, communications, staff & committee assistance and website maintenance. 30 hours/week. Application and job description at [www.federatedff.org](http://www.federatedff.org) or 224 N. Union Ave., Fergus Falls. Applications due by June 9.

### House of Hope

We are looking for some intrepid, mission-minded travelers to join the House of Hope Team! Our next trip is tentatively scheduled for February 3-10, 2018. The approximate cost per traveler is \$1,500. We will have an informational meeting on May 31 at 6pm in the fellowship hall. If you have to miss the meeting, but are interested in going, contact the church office. We need commitments soon so we can begin re-searching flights. Dios de Bendiga!



HOUSES OF HOPE  
INTERNATIONAL

## Congratulations!

Jerry & Donna Hendel on the birth of their granddaughter, Stella June!

Tommy Bowman who received Fergus Falls Concert Association scholarship!

Our graduating seniors: Dan Anderson, Jaden Brown, Shane Harthun, Janie Lee, Abby MacFarlane, Paige Westra, and Amanda Woessner

## Thank you!

Thank you for all the support and prayers for my granddaughter, Avery. We really appreciate it!!

- Judy Friedrich

## Our Condolences

Karen Hauck on the death of her son, Paul.

Craig Jorgensen on the death of his brother-in-law, Earl.

*"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."*

John 11:25-26



# ✦ Denomination News

## The Academy

JULY 2017 - AUGUST 2019

Would you like to grow in your faith and knowledge? Or grow as a leader? Would you like to have more opportunities to serve God as needed in your area? The Presbytery of MN Valleys, Presbytery of North Central Iowa, Presbytery of Prospect Hill and Synod of Lakes and Prairies are excited to be offering The Academy, an 11 course series starting July 2017 and ending August 2019. This series is designed to develop well-equipped, thoughtful people to better serve in a variety of capacities. More information is available in the church office or at <http://presbynciowa.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2016/09/The-Academy-Brochure.pdf>.

## Minnesota Conference UCC

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 9-11TH, 2017 | COLLEGE OF ST BENEDICT

The Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ will be holding their 55th Annual Meeting June 9-11th, 2017 at the College of St. Benedict. If you are interested in being The Federated Church's delegate, please contact the church office for more information. All fees would be paid for by The Federated Church.

## A Thank You from the Minnesota Conference UCC

On behalf of the Minnesota Conference Board of Directors, thank you for your support of Our Church's Wider Mission, OCWM. Because of your congregation's consistent support we are able to embody the good news of the Stillspeaking God. As a Board member I see many Conference ministries at work across the State thanks to volunteer efforts and financial contributions from members like you. OCWM contributions are used to support the Conference's mission. Current programs include congregational vitality resources, faith formation activities at Pilgrim Point Camp and across the Conference, training and leadership development for clergy and lay persons, assistance to congregations in their search for a new pastor, local and national disaster recovery support, and assistance to individuals discerning a call to ministry. With a heart for ministry and service, we are also good and faithful stewards of the resources you share with us. We do not take your gifts for granted. Knowing that these are difficult times for many settings of the church, it is ever more important that we as a Conference use these resources wisely. As we continue to share a message of God's blessings and love for all, we thank you for the generous spirit and breadth of vision that leads you to share your financial resources. I hope you will send delegates to the Conference Annual Meeting at the College of St. Benedict on June 9-11. I will be seated to the left of the stage, taking notes throughout the weekend. If you are there, I hope to greet and thank you in person!

Maureen Engelhardt, Board Secretary  
Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ



## Committees

### Mission Committee

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Ready for summer? Enjoy the warm weather (fingers crossed!) and worship with Federated family at 10am on June 4 at Roosevelt Park! The Mission Committee will provide coffee and muffins, and the proceeds from a free-will offering will support our mission initiative for 2017, Fergus Falls Habitat for Humanity.

Our committee also thanks the congregation for your generous donations to One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday. Donations given totaled \$1551.00! The Mission Committee voted to match contributions from the congregation up to \$500, and we're happy to report that we will be donating the entire \$500! This annual event benefits victims of disasters, the hungry, and the poor worldwide.

### Multigenerational Learning and Fellowship Committee

AMAZING RACE & TACO-IN-A-BAG SUPPER  
THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH | 5:30PM

All are invited to participate in this fun event!! We'll meet at Federated Church before dividing into teams to go around the church area and downtown to complete tasks and document with pictures. The first team back to the church building with the most tasks completed correctly wins! (There will be prizes!!) No need to sign-up, just come and have some fun! There will be some walking involved, approximately one mile. All who come are encouraged to wear their Federated Church t-shirt! (If you don't have one, there are still some available in the church office). The race/scavenger hunt will be followed by taco-in-a-bag supper for all participants.





# Business as usual

## Service Groups

### JUNE SERVICE GROUP GROUP #9

Dale Anderson  
 Mark and Lisa Becker  
 Grant and Mariah Davenport  
 Tim and Desta Hunt  
 Wayne and Patti Link  
 Chuck and Linda MacFarlane  
 Bill and Mary Ann Nead  
 Lynn Oxley  
 Mae Reich  
 Ben and Tessa Schierer  
 Jo Schmidt  
 Beth Strom  
 Matyas Sundheim  
 Gail Welle  
 Jim and Arlene Worner

### JULY SERVICE GROUP GROUP #10

Doris Enderson  
 Joel Enderson  
 Gail Green  
 Terry and Cheryl Harrington  
 Gerri Hilden  
 Jim and Janet Knapp  
 David and Mary Lundeen  
 Millie Pearson  
 Paul and Bev Richter  
 Mark and Sheila Rodning  
 Heather Rundquist  
 Wade Ugstad  
 Perry and Peg Werner  
 Linda Wolfe

### AUGUST SERVICE GROUP GROUP #1

Mark and Tami Anderson  
 Jim and Robin Andrews  
 Erik Anthonisen and Marna Brown  
 Dennis and Bonnie Bergerud  
 J. Pat and Tami Collins  
 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 Sperling

## Greeters and Coffee Hosts

### JUNE 2017

#### Sunday, June 4

10 a.m. Mission Committee

#### Sunday, June 11

10 a.m. Mark & Lisa Becker  
and Chuck & Linda MacFarlane

#### Sunday, June 18

10 a.m. Gail Welle  
and Jim & Arlene Worner

#### Sunday, June 25

10 a.m. Grant & Mariah Davenport  
and Ben & Tessa Schierer

### JULY 2017

#### Sunday, July 2

10 a.m. Jim & Janet Knapp  
and Bev Richter

#### Sunday, July 9

10 a.m. Terry & Cheryl Harrington  
and Millie Pearson

#### Sunday, July 16

10 a.m. Mark & Sheila Rodning  
and Linda Wolfe

#### Sunday, July 23

10 a.m. Doris Enderson, Joel  
Enderson and Wade Ugstad

#### Sunday, July 30

10 a.m. Gail Green, Gerri Hilden,  
and Heather Rundquist

**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.

## 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

## Stewardship Report

### General Fund Report

Revenue	\$33,131.23
Expenditures	\$30,138.37

### Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$113,354.00
Actual Received	\$123,453.40

## Grocery Receipts

### THE GROCERY RECEIPTS FOR MAY

#### Sunmart

May	\$3,011.00
Total as of 5/1/17	\$73,418.00

#### Service Food

May	\$5,756.13
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## 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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Please deliver by May 31st.

## June Birthdays

06/01	Jerry Nuss	06/16	Nancy Malchert
06/02	Bob Johnson	06/16	James Michael
06/02	Cindy McDougall	06/17	Peg Werner
06/03	Gary Snyder	06/18	Gene Mjelde
06/03	Ken Garrahan	06/18	Kristen Kugler
06/04	Shane Harthun	06/18	Kathy Hatling
06/04	Ayla Hoff	06/19	Valerie Haavig
06/05	Matyas Sundheim	06/19	Marianne Stone
06/05	Jackie Gondrez	06/20	John Erickson
06/05	Harrison Saurer	06/22	Colin Dethlefsen
06/05	Jordan Salgat	06/24	David Nelson
06/06	Maryjane Westra	06/24	Jim Andrews
06/07	Loran Johnson	06/25	Lois Tassler
06/07	Eunice MacFarlane	06/25	Melissa Saurer
06/09	Deb Tabbut	06/25	Elizabeth Hatling
06/10	Kindree Ebert	06/28	Yvonne Marts
06/10	Clyde Schlepp	06/28	Hannah Nelson
06/10	Dustin Lien	06/30	Lisa Anderson
06/10	Delaney Schara	06/30	Erik Anthonisen
06/12	Bonnie Bergerud		
06/12	Danielle Anderson		
06/12	Anna Schlepp		



## July Birthdays

07/02	Jodie Nuss	07/18	Mary Link
07/03	Leila Allen-Ugstad	07/19	Ruth Anderson
07/03	Cameron Haas	07/19	Stephanie Kohlhase
07/03	Rebecca Michael	07/19	Bill Rodning
07/03	Joean Schmidt	07/21	Gloria Ronning
07/05	Jeanette Haas	07/21	Sarah Bowman
07/05	Mary Westra	07/23	Hayden Westra
07/05	Vanessa Westra	07/24	Kim Erickson
07/05	Ben Dulski	07/26	Joanne Styve
07/07	Anne Worner	07/26	Piper Andrews
07/09	Lori Kugler	07/27	Dominic Facio
07/09	Emma Childs	07/27	Alan Haavig
07/09	Emily Stoddard	07/27	Nicole Tabbut
07/09	Benjamin Rundquist	07/28	Linda MacFarlane
07/10	Jean McKenzie	07/28	Tina Jo Kohlhase
07/11	Joel Anderson	07/29	Adam Schlepp
07/11	Charles MacFarlane	07/30	Wally Moe
07/11	Emma Michael	07/30	Wayne Ronning
07/11	Emily Nuss	07/30	Mark Becker
07/13	Tom Gehring	07/31	Ken Schuetze
07/13	Fiona Rundquist	07/31	Kym Nygaard
07/15	Jozee Lee	07/31	Lorna McCabe
07/16	Patty Link		
07/18	Kenneth Anderson		

## Ministry Nite:

### June 13 - 6:30PM

Please email your minutes to [church@federatedff.org](mailto: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. **Reminder: Committees do not meet in July.**

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

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