

KEEPING MEMBERS UP TO DATE

JUNE & JULY 2021

Sunday, June 6	10:00AM	Susan Clambey, Keyboard
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
"Buildings from God"		
Pastor Doug Dent		2 Corinthians 4 <i>A Celebration of The Lord's Supper</i>
Sunday, June 13	10:00AM	
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
"Living in the Meantime"		
Pastor Doug Dent		2 Corinthians 5
Sunday, June 20	10:00AM	Father's Day
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
"The Still Point"		
Pastor Doug Dent		1 Samuel 17
Sunday, June 27	10:00AM	
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
"A Touching Tale"		
Pastor Doug Dent		Mark 5
Sunday, July 4	10:00AM	Susan Clambey, Keyboard
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
"Doing What is Possible"		
Pastor Doug Dent		Independence Day Mark 6:1-13 <i>A Celebration of The Lord's Supper</i>
Sunday, July 11	10:00AM	
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
"What Blessings?"		
Pastor Doug Dent		Ephesians 1:3-14
Sunday, July 18	10:00AM	
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
"The Compassion of Christ"		
Pastor Doug Dent		Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Sunday, July 25	10:00AM	
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
"A Quality Miracle"		
Pastor Doug Dent		John 6:1-21

Dates to Remember

JUNE 6

COMMUNION

JUNE 7

6:30PM FELLOWSHIP MEETS

JUNE 8

6:30PM MINISTRY NITE

JUNE 13

MUFFINS FOR MISSION

JUNE 16

6:30PM SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

JUNE 17

6:30PM D&E MEETING

JUNE 20

FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 21-25 MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00AM - 12:00PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY
COMMUNION

JULY 5

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

JULY 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

I am not a runner. I wish I were a runner, but lower back pain and childhood asthma prevent me from running anything longer than a sprint. And getting older (with the accompanying aches and pains) does not help matters.

I have great respect for runners, especially marathon runners. The training and discipline required to accomplish 26.2 miles is incredible. The name Marathon comes from the legend of Philippides (or Pheidippides), the Greek messenger. The legend states that, while he was taking part in the battle of Marathon, he witnessed a Persian vessel changing its course towards Athens as the battle was near a victorious end for the Greek army. He interpreted this as an attempt by the defeated Persians to rush into the Greek capital and claim a false victory in the Battle of Marathon, which took place in August or September, 490 BC, hence claiming their authority over Greek land. It is said that he ran the entire distance without stopping, discarding his weapons and even clothes to lose as much weight as possible, and burst into the assembly, exclaiming νενικήκαμεν (nenikēkamen, “we have won”), before collapsing and dying.

The original Olympic marathons stretched 24-25 miles, varying according to the terrain of the host city. In 1908, when London hosted the Olympic games, the royal family asked that the marathon begin at Windsor Castle (where the royal children watched the race begin from their nursery windows) and end in front of the royal box at White City Stadium, London: a total distance of 26.2 miles.

The Bible is filled with images of runners. The apostle Paul particularly liked to use running as a metaphor for faith. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (1 Timothy 4:7).

For many people (including me) the prospect of reading the Bible cover-to-cover is nearly as daunting as running a marathon! But in one respect reading the Bible is like a marathon: slow and steady wins the race.

With that idea in mind, I am suggesting we covenant to read portions of the Bible together this summer. Homiletics, a journal for preachers, is offering a course of reading called “Running the Race.” Each course is broken into 26 segments – just like the miles of a marathon – which can be read consecutively in just under one month.

Starting June 1st, I invite you to read portions God’s Word with me. I am including an adult and a youth reading plan in this newsletter. And just like a real race, there will be a PRIZE for those who finish (a Dairy Queen gift card or a Higher Grounds coffee gift card). Make this a family exercise this summer! Or read with a neighbor, a prayer partner, or a friend.

Happy reading!



Happy Father’s Day

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

Proverbs 23:24



Christian Education and Youth Rev. Karen Anderson

Summer is here and our much anticipated activities for this beautiful season are well underway!

Vacation Bible School

CREATING WITH GOD!

We are excited to announce in person Vacation Bible School during the week of June 21st-25th from 9am-12pm. Our theme is "Creating with God" and we will be exploring ways that we can participate in the process of creating with our incredible Creator. Each day will focus on a different feature of CREATING: art, music, and drama to name a few. As in previous years, our older youth will be student assistants along with our adult volunteers. We will NOT be utilizing camp counselors from Clearwater Forest Camp this summer as they are staying on the campgrounds for the duration of the summer season. Please note the time change this summer—we will be running our program from 9am-12pm each day! Letters and postcards will be sent to households with more details!

Middle School Youth

Several of our middle school youth are gearing up to be student assistants at Vacation Bible School in June. We will hold a training and

get ready to work with our younger kids (date TBD). I am working on some special activities for our helpers during that week. Our summer schedule is being planned right now and I will be sending the activity calendar along with a permission slip and covenant of conduct to be filled out and returned before our first activity. They are interested in helping with Meals by Wheels, having a lake day, Nerf night, and other gatherings. We are looking forward to a great summer with you all!

Senior High Youth

Our senior high youth are hoping for opportunities to get together as we didn't get to do much last summer. We are working on a lake day, Valley Fair day trip, kayaking, and other fun activities. It is such a blessing to be able to gather once again and have fun! A letter will be sent out with our activity calendar along with a permission slip and covenant of conduct to be filled out and returned prior to our first activity.

Christian Education and Youth

Connect with Federated



If you would like to receive text updates from Federated Church, please **text the message @federated to the number 81010**.



Church News

Summer Edition

The next newsletter you receive will be in August. If you have news for that month, please submit that information to the church by July 15th.

Office Hours

The church office hours will remain the same in June and July. Phones and emails will be answered from 10AM-2PM Monday-Thursday and 9AM-12PM on Friday's. If you need access to the church building, please call ahead of time to make an appointment

Church Office

The church office is closed Monday, July 5th.

Worship Notes

Here is a quick guide to make worshipping with Federated Church easier!

Online Worship

To access Federated Church's online worship services, visit the church website (www.federatedff.org).

There are three ways to retrieve worship videos:

1. Click the worship slide on the homepage.
2. Click the YouTube or Facebook icon at the bottom of the homepage.
3. Click the "Resources" tab (top right), click "Live Stream Worship," and click a service to view.

Communion Cups Available

We celebrate communion on the first Sunday each month. If you plan to worship from home, you may pick up prepackaged communion cups (bread and juice included) at the church office between 10AM-2PM, Monday-Thursday or 9AM-12PM on Fridays. A gluten free option is available. Call Brianna (218-739-3227) to reserve your communion cups.

Home Communion

We are now offering home communion. Teams of Deacons and Elders who are fully vaccinated will bring the elements to your home or residence. If you would like to receive communion, please contact the church office (218-739-3227).

For safety reasons, we must comply with the requirements and restrictions of your residence. If your residence is not yet allowing public visitation, we will be unable to serve communion to you at this time.

If you are an ordained Deacon or Elder, are fully vaccinated, and would like to help us with this important outreach ministry, please contact Pastor Doug.

Rides to Worship

The Deacons & Elders are developing a ride-sharing plan for Sunday mornings. If you would like a ride to worship, or if you would like to be a driver on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office (218-739-3227).

Church Softball

We would love to see lots of fans pack the stands on Tuesday nights. Let's cheer on our softball teams. Go Federated! To see the schedule check the bulletin boards or contact Brianna in the church office.

SummerFest

The Fergus Falls SummerFest is June 11th and 12th. On Friday, June 11th, events take place at the RTC from noon-9pm. On Saturday, June 12th, events occur from 9am-6pm at the RTC. The parade is at 6pm on Saturday.



Worship in the Park All Summer

We will be worshipping at Kirkbride Park every Sunday from June 6th through September 12th (Rally Day). Here is what you need to know about worship in the park this summer:

- * Worship will be at 10:00AM.
- * If the weather is bad, worship will be at Federated Church.
- * Notice of any change will be by REMIND (to enroll, text @federated to 81010), email, Facebook, website.
- * Safety protocols still apply. Please stay 6-feet apart and wear masks if in close conversation.
- * Worship will be broadcast on 107.3 FM if you prefer to listen from your vehicle (within 1 mile).
- * Singing is permitted! We will provide song sheets each week.
- * Song sheets will also be posted on the church website (www.federatedff.org).
- * Online worship will be available after 1:00 PM on Sundays (no internet at the park!).
- * There will be fellowship time weekly after worship, alternating between lunches and pastries.

Out Of The Office

Brianna will be on vacation July 6th - 12th. Terri Skretvedt will be in the office on the 7th, and 8th from 10am-2pm and 9th from 9am-12pm. If anyone is able to help out in the office on the 6th and 12th from 10am-2pm let Brianna know.

Pastor Doug is on vacation August 11th-31st. Pete Konrad will preach August 15th, Liz Mahan will preach August 22nd, and John Lindholm will preach on August 29th.

UCC MN Conference

The UCC MN Conference Annual Meeting will be June 7th-13th, 2021. This will be an all-virtual meeting. This year's theme is "Courageous Church." The cost is \$50 for delegates and \$25 for non-voting attendees.

The schedule for the week:

Monday, June 7th–Thursday, June 10th will feature daily workshops, open to all registered attendees.

Friday, June 11th (afternoon) is the "business" portion of the meeting, open to voting delegates only.

Saturday, June 12th will feature a keynote address by Susan Beaumont, author of "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going" and a panel discussion on racial justice work facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson.

Sunday, June 13th is a worship service with guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Associate General Minister of the UCC and Co-Executive of Global Ministries, Wider Church Ministries and Operations.

Our congregation is allowed two (2) voting delegates to this meeting (delegate costs covered by Federated Church). Anyone wishing to attend this virtual meeting should contact the church office for registration materials.

2021 Synod School

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is hosting Synod School from July 25th-30th, 2021 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA. This is a great event for anyone seeking a fun and faith-based learning experience during the summer. There are activities for children, teens, and families. The workshop catalogue and registration materials are available in the church office or www.lakesandprairies.org.





Committee News

Mission Committee

Muffins For Mission

Join us in Kirkbride park on June 13th after worship for Muffins for Mission. The Mission Committee will be serving muffins and all donations will go towards Boxes of Blessings at the Cancer Center. Muffins for Mission will also be held on August 8th and all donations will go towards Jail, Inc.

Federated Church Receives Grant from Porter Family Foundation

Federated Church recently received an extremely generous grant of \$10,000 from the Dorothy & Gene Porter Family Foundation. The terms of the grant stipulate that funds are to be used “only for charitable, scientific, literary, education or religious purposes.” THANK YOU to the Porter family for this tremendous blessing.

The Deacons and Elders would like input from the congregation on how to use these funds to further God’s mission through our ministries. If you have an idea on how to spend this grant, make a pitch! Please include: your name and contact information; the name and contact information for the group you wish to bless; a brief description of the mission or ministry; the amount requested; and a simple budget detailing how the funds will be spent. Email requests to the church office (church@federatedff.org) by July 31, 2021. Help us pay this unexpected blessing forward!

Heritage Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

The Endowment Committee is authorized by the Board of Deacons & Elders to offer up to \$10,000 in Heritage Grants from the income earned on unrestricted endowment funds in 2021. Funds may be designated for new projects or ministries within our church, support for charitable organizations in our community, or support for global missions focusing on education, nutrition, or spiritual development. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2021. Information and application forms are

available on the Federated Church website (www.federatedff.org). Click the “Resources” tab (top right) “Heritage Grants”. Contact Terri Skretvedt (218-731-5878) or John Erickson (218-205-3039) if you have questions.

Ottertail River Canoe/Kayak Float - Orwell Dam to Foxhome bridge

Join us on Sunday, July 18 for a Canoe/ Kayak Float. Come enjoy a beautiful part of the river with big bluffs and wildlife that many people do not see. We will enjoy good fellowship with other Federated members. The float trip will take 3-5 hours and shuttles will be set up prior. We will meet for lunch right after the worship service served by the Fellowship Committee and then head over to the river. Please bring your own canoe, kayak, and gear. Paul is working on trying to get several canoes and gear from the Boy Scouts of KSS for those who need one. If you would like to sign up for this event or have any questions, please contact Paul Shol at (218-205-5739) or (pmschol@cord.edu).

Habitat Build Day

Join us on Thursday, June 10th from 8:45am-3pm for Federated Church Habitat Build Day. We need at least 5-8 volunteers. No building experience is required, and everyone can help make a difference. The fellowship Committee will be serving lunch that day. The location of the house is 1337 Lenore way. Please contact Paul Shol at (paul@ffhabitat.org) or (218-205-5739) if you are interested in signing up or have any questions.





Bible Study and Coffee Hour

Women's Bible Study

Our women's Bible study will continue on Zoom during the month of June and possibly into July as we complete the Gospel of John. We will take a break until the fall and resume with a new study. If you would like to join us feel free to contact the church office for info.

Women's Coffee Hour

Women's coffee hour is on Tuesday's in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00AM.

Men's Coffee Hour

Men's coffee hour is on Friday's in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00AM.

Graduation Party for Xyola Holm

Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 (2:00pm-5:00pm)

The Federated family is invited to join a graduation party Honoring Xyola Holm. Join us on Wednesday, June 9th (2:00pm-5:00pm) at Delagoon Park, 1941 Delagoon Park Dr, Fergus Falls. Please RSVP to 218-770-0479.

Jim Worner Funeral

Jim passed away on January 3, 2021 at the age of 79. Jim was a life-long member of Federated Church and a tireless advocate for our community through his work with Kiwanis, Lake Region hospital, and the arts/music. Although Jim's life ended before we were ready, the time that he spent in our lives was memorable and filled with joy.

Saturday, June 19th the funeral for Jim will be held at Federated Church at 1pm. Visitation will be held from 11am-1pm.

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

Ministry Nite:

June 8 - 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. Reminder: **Committees do not meet in July.**

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report	
Revenue	\$43,064
Expenditures	\$31,930
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$122,032
Actual Received	\$158,618

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food	
May	\$13,333.53

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 June 1st

June Birthdays

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| 06/01 | Jerry Nuss | 06/17 | Peg Werner |
| 06/02 | Cindy McDougall | 06/18 | Kristen Kugler |
| 06/03 | Gary Snyder | 06/18 | Kathy Hatling |
| 06/03 | Ken Garrahan | 06/19 | Valerie Haavig |
| 06/04 | Shane Harthun | 06/19 | Marianne Stone |
| 06/04 | Ayla Hoff | 06/20 | John Erickson |
| 06/05 | Matyas Sundheim | 06/22 | Colin Dethlefsen |
| 06/05 | Jackie Gondrez | 06/24 | David Nelson |
| 06/05 | Harrison Saurer | 06/24 | Jim Andrews |
| 06/05 | Jordan Salgat | 06/25 | Mary Bressler |
| 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 | | |
| 06/16 | Nancy Malchert | | |
| 06/16 | James Michael | | |



July Birthdays

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| 07/02 | Jodie Nuss | 07/21 | Gloria Ronning |
| 07/03 | Leila Allen-Ugstad | 07/21 | Sarah Bowman |
| 07/03 | Cameron Haas | 07/23 | Hollis Davenport |
| 07/03 | Rebecca Michael | 07/23 | Hayden Westra |
| 07/05 | Jeanette Haas | 07/24 | Kim Erickson |
| 07/05 | Mary Westra | 07/26 | Joanne Styve |
| 07/05 | Ben Dulski | 07/26 | Piper Andrews |
| 07/07 | Anne Worner | 07/27 | Dominic Facio |
| 07/09 | Lori Kugler | 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 Enderson | 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 |
| 07/12 | Kristian Fransen | 07/31 | Ken Schuetze |
| 07/13 | Jacki Knapp-Raaen | 07/31 | Kym Nygaard |
| 07/13 | Fiona Rundquist | 07/31 | Lorna McCabe |
| 07/15 | Jozee Lee | | |
| 07/16 | Patty Link | | |
| 07/18 | Mary Link | | |
| 07/19 | Stephanie Kohlhase | | |
| 07/19 | Bill Rodning | | |
| 07/21 | Timothy Olson | | |



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