

# Union Avenue

#### THE SUMMER EDITION

#### June/July Worship

JUNE 2 9:30 a.m. Worship

JOEL: Chose Hope Pastor Doug Dent

JUNE 9 9:30 a.m. Worship

AMOS: The Worst of Years Pastor Doug Dent

JUNE 16 9:30 a.m. Worship

**OBIDIAH: Get Off the Sidelines!** *Pastor Doug Dent* 

JUNE 23 9:30 a.m. Worship

JONAH: A Missionary Posture Pastor Doug Dent

JUNE 30 9:30 a.m. Worship

MICAH: The Stuffless Soul Pastor Doug Dent

JULY 7 9:30 a.m. Worship

NAHUM: Understanding God's Judgment Pastor Doug Dent

JULY 14 9:30 a.m. Worship

HABAKKUK: Fortuitous Events Pastor Doug Dent

JULY 21 9:30 a.m. Worship

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Pastor John Lindholm

JULY 28 9:30 a.m. Worship

TBA Pastor John Lindholm WORSHIP IN THE PARK Joel 2:23-32 Celebration of the Lord's Supper

THIRD IN SERMON SERIES Amos 7:7-17

FOURTH IN SERMON SERIES Obadiah 1:4, 8-15

FIFTH IN SERMON SERIES Jonah 3:1-5,10

SIXTH IN SERMON SERIES Micah 6:1-8

SEVENTH IN SERMON SERIES Nahum 1:1-9 Celebration of the Lord's Supper

EIGHTH IN SERMON SERIES Habakkuk 1:1-4; 21-4

#### JUNE/JULY 2019

**Dates to Remember SUNDAY, JUNE 2** 9:30am Worship In The Park: Roosevelt Park

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11** 6:30pm Ministry Nite

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16** FATHER'S DAY

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19** 8am Youth Valley Fair Day Trip

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20** 6:30pm D&E Meeting

**MONDAY, JUNE 24** Vacation Bible School Starts

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28** Vacation Bible School Ends

THURSDAY, JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY: OFFICE CLOSED

**FRIDAY, JULY 5** 12:30pm Federated at Food Shelf

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 3:00pm Youth Lake Day

MONDAY, JULY 15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 Youth at Glendalough



Some parts of the Bible tend to get all the spotlight – the gospels, Paul's letters, the psalms, Genesis, Isaiah. But it's rare that we hear the names of Nahum, Habakkuk, or Obadiah on Sunday morning. The twelve books known as "the minor prophets" are often left out of the worship rotation because of the harsh nature of words and ideas they contain. (They are "minor" only because their books are shorter than the "major" prophets. Their words pack a powerful punch!)

Inside these twelve books, we find some of the Old Testament's most shocking images and terrifying judgments: slavery, exile, genocide, sexual debauchery, and wanton immorality. The words spoken by the minor prophets are very specific words to very specific people. Israel is being devastated by wear and is in the grip of idolatry God sends the prophets to plead with Israel so they will denounce evil and turn back toward God. Amid the sorrow we find God's great grace: an unconditional love for God's people and a desire to save them from their own wickedness and the wickedness of the world around them.

The minor prophets live in Israel's "dark night before the dawn." They speak to Israel in the time before the hero comes, when everything is looking hopeless. After the minor prophets conclude, we are left with 400 years of silence – a silence that is finally broken by the birth of the Messiah.

Although it's tempting to gloss over these difficult books, it's a temptation we should resist. Through

the entire Old Testament, we see the world's need for a Savior. The books of the minor prophets represent the pinnacle of that need. Alongside (and inseparable from) some of God's harshest judgments are God's greatest promises of mercy.

This summer we will explore the world of these minor prophets, draw parallels to our own day, and discover God's timeless and limitless grace for us.

Each week during the summer series, we will hand out Minor Prophet Trading Cards. Come each week. Collect all twelve!

-Pastor Doug Dent



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him. Proverbs 20:7

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#### 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!

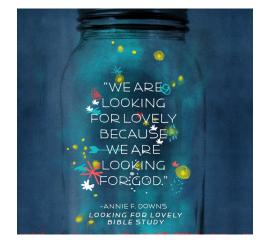


#### Women's Bible Studies

There are two opportunities for women's Bible study this summer!

We will be running a 7-week study based on the book *Looking for Lovely* by Annie F. Downs. This study will draw us into the lives of ordinary people in the Bible—fishermen, gardeners, women, soldiers—to reveal the moments they found beauty in everyday circumstances and hope in God's timing. Because they trusted in this: He makes everything beautiful in His time. We will meet on **Mondays at 5:00pm beginning on June 3rd**. Childcare will be provided with a free will offering. Karen will do a book order on May 30th for those who wish to attend, and the cost (payable the first day) is \$15.

Our second Bible study is **Tuesdays at 11:15am beginning on June 4th** and will also run 7 weeks, and will go into detail about the minor prophet that Pastor Doug will preach on each week during our summer sermon series. Please feel free to join us when you are able as this will be a "one-shot" study each week. If you miss one or two, you can join in anytime and learn more about the previous sermon's featured prophet!



## The Minor Prophets

-Karen Anderson-Dent

#### **Connect with Federated**

The Federated Church is using Remind, a text alert system to send out reminders, schedule updates, cancellations 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**. This feature is great for staying up to date on summer events!

UNION AVENUE NEWS





### Christian Education and Youth Rev. Karen Anderson

#### Youth News:

After the success of last year's high school leadership during Vacation Bible School, we will once again offer those who have completed 7th grade through 12th grade applications for a student assistant position! Applications have been sent, and form are still available outside the main office. Forms are due by June 10th. Those who serve as student assistants can apply time earned toward a future mission trip!

#### Youth Group Summer Schedule:

June 12th (Wed.) Bowling 6-8pm

June 19th (Wed.) 8am-10pm	Valley Fair
June 23rd (Sun.) 5-7pm	VBS Leader Training
June 24th-28th 9-3pm	VBS (Vacation Bible School)
June 26th (Wed.) 6-8:30pm	Games/Supper at Dents
July 11th (Wed.) 3-6pm	Lake Day at Loomer's
July 31st (Wed.) (TBD)	Glendalough Day
Aug 14th (Wed.) 9am-12pm	Community Garden Help
Aug 28th (Wed.) 6:30-9pm	Game night/Food at Dents
Sept. 4th (Wed.) 6-8pm	Fall Kick-off for everyone including those who are beginning 7th grade!

The youth schedule is for those who have completed 7th grade through 12th grade. The complete schedule with details was mailed in mid-May. If you did not receive your letter, please let us know so we can get your information into our data base!

For more information or any questions, please contact Karen at kmad@prtel.com or (218)205-4879.

#### Vacation Bible School:

Vacation Bible School is coming up—June 24th-28th! This year's theme is Peacworks! We invite all youth ages Kindergarten through those who have completed 6th grade to join us for a week of fun and learning! We will add a new component to this year's session: those who have completed 6th grade will have a special focus to "transition" to the next phase of church life! So if you fall into that age category, PLEASE join us for some special team-building/ leadership/fellowship opportunities with Karen! Questions? Contact Karen at kmad@prtel.com.





## Photos: Pastor Doug's Graduation









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#### Summer Office Hours Begin June 3rd

Monday-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm and Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

#### Worship In The Park

On June 2nd at 9:30am, we will worship in Roosevelt Park. We will also worship at Roosevelt on August 25th for Blessing of the Animals. We will NOT gather at the church building either of those days unless poor weather forces us indoors.



#### **Ministry Nite**

Church committees gather for Ministry Nite Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30pm. Please check with your chair if you are unsure your committee is meeting. Ministry Nite will NOT meet in July.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

We are so excited for this year's VBS theme: PEACEWOKS! Clearwater Forest Camp and Federated volunteers bring you an empowering summer for a generation of peacemakers. Kids going into K-6th grade are invited to VBS June 24th-28th. We meet each day from 9am-3pm for music, fun and Bible lessons. This event if FREE! Lunch and snacks are provided. It is going to be a great week! Registration forms are available through the church office and on our website at http://www.federatedff. org/publications/forms/. You can also register the first day of VBS.

#### **Church Office**

The church office is closed Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day. Happy 4th!

#### **Church League Softball**

Let's fill the stands with fans! Church League Softball is in full swing. Federated plays every Monday at 7pm and at 8pm at Delagoon Park. A complete schedule is posted on the church bulletin board closest to the North Door church entrance. Go Feds!!

#### **Out Of The Office**

Pastor Doug is on vacation July 16th-August 7th. Pastor John Lindholm will preach July 21st and July 28th and Liz Mahan will preach August 4th while Rev. Dr. Doug Dent is gone.

#### Coffee: Village Co-op

Join us for coffee at the Village Co-op (1124 Village Circle in Fergus Falls) this summer! We will gather at 1pm on the following days: June 17th, July 23rd and August 21st.

#### Summerfest

The Fergus Falls Summer Fest is June 7th-8th. On Friday, June 7th, events take place at the RTC from noon-8pm. On Saturday, June 8th, events occur from 9am-5pm at the RTC. The parade is at 6pm on Saturday.



#### 1919 Cyclone: Honoring Victims

On Saturday, June 22nd, churches in Fergus Falls will honor victims of the 1919 cyclone with a community bell toll. There will be a brief commemorative ceremony at the Lake Alice monument where all names will be read aloud at 4pm. At 4:46pm (the same time the cyclone hit in 1919) all churches will ring their bells a total of 60 tolls. Wendy at St. James Episcopal Church needs to know how many would like to participate in the toll. If you have bells and are willing to participate in the honorary toll, please respond to Wendy at (218)731-1817 or by email at info@stjamesff.org. Thank you.



## Business as usual

#### Service Group

JUNE SERVICE GROUP Group #11

Grant and Mariah Davenport Hollis and Melissa Davenport Tim and Desta Hunt Millie Pearson Ben and Tessa Schierer Ross and Marianne Stone Beth Strom Jim and Arlene Worner Skip and Char Zielin

#### JULY SERVICE GROUP Group #12

Doris Enderson Joel Enderson Terry and Cheryl Harrington David and Mary Lundeen Paul and Bev Richter Mark and Shelia Rodning Heather Rundquist Mark and Tanya Sundberg Greg and Kathy Truax Perry and Peg Werner Molly Stoddard

#### **Greeters and Coffee Hosts**

JUNE 2019 Sunday, June 2nd Worship In The Park Mission Committee

**Sunday, June 9th** 9:30am Grant and Mariah Davenport and Hollis and Melissa Davenport

Sunday, June 16th 9:30am Skip and Char Zielin and Ben and Tessa Schierer

Sunday, June 23rd 9:30am Millie Pearson and Tim and Desta Hunt

Sunday, June 30th 9:30am Jim and Arlene Worner and Ross and Marianne Stone

#### JULY 2019

**Sunday, July 1st** 9:30am Doris Enderson and Joel Enderson and Molly Stoddard

Sunday, July 8th 9:30am Mark and Shelia Rodning and David and Mary Lundeen

Sunday, July 15th 9:30am Greg and Kathy Truax and Heather Rundquist

Sunday, July 22nd 9:30am Perry and Peg Werner and Mark and Tanya Sundberg

**Sunday, July 29th** 9:30am Terry and Cheryl Harrington and Bev Richter

**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.

#### Ministry Nite: June 11 - 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	\$44,856.77	
Expenditures	\$28,627.77	
Year to Date Pledge Offering		
Budgeted	\$119,668.00	
Actual Received	\$126,633.60	

#### Grocery Receipts THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food	
April	\$6,635.27
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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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#### June Birthdays

06/01	Jerry Nuss
06/02	Cindy McDougall
06/03	Gary Snyder
06/03	Ken Garrahan
06/04	Shane Harthun
06/04	Ayla Hoff
06/05	Matyas Sundheim
06/05	Jackie Gondrez
06/05	Harrison Saurer
06/05	Jordan Salgat
06/06	Maryjane Westra
06/07	Loran Johnson
06/07	Eunice MacFarlane
06/09	Deb Tabbut
06/10	Kindree Ebert
06/10	Clyde Schlepp
06/10	Dustin Lien
06/10	Delaney Schara
06/12	Bonnie Bergerud
06/12	Danielle Anderson
06/12	Anna Schlepp
06/16	James Michael
06/17	Peg Werner
06/18	Kristen Kugler
06/18	Kathy Hatling
06/19	Valerie Haavig
06/19	Marianne Stone

06/20 **John Erickson** 06/22 **Colin Dethlefsen** 06/24 David Nelson 06/24 Jim Andrews 06/25 Lois Tassler 06/25 Melissa Saurer 06/25 **Elizabeth Hatling** 06/28 **Yvonne Marts** 06/28 Hannah Nelson 06/30 Lisa Anderson 06/30 **Erik Anthonisen** 



#### July Birthdays

07/02	Jodie Nuss
07/03	Leila Allen-Ugstad
07/03	Cameron Haas
07/03	Rebecca Michael
07/03	Joean Schmidt
07/05	Jeanette Haas
07/05	Mary Westra
07/05	Vanessa Westra
07/05	Ben Dulski
07/07	Anne Worner
07/09	Lori Kugler
07/09	Emma Childs
07/09	Emily Stoddard
07/09	Benjamin Rundquist
07/10	Jean McKenzie
07/11	Joel Enderson
07/11	Charles MacFarlane
07/11	Emma Michael
07/11	Emily Nuss
07/13	Jacki Knapp-Raaen
07/13	Tom Gehring
07/13	Fiona Rundquist
07/15	Jozee Lee
07/16	Patty Link
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