The Monday Memo

Federated Church members look at the week ahead

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." ISAIAH 40:3 (NRSV)

May the God of love and comfort, fill you with the good news of Jesus Christ and give you peace in his salvation. Amen

Last week — In review

December 10, 2017: We gathered together for worship at 9:30am with coffee and Sunday School following at 10:30am. At worship, Viktor Lionel Gustafson was baptized and welcomed into the church. Pastor Doug preached the sermon for the morning titled Thank You for Waiting. To read a copy of the sermon, visit *www.federatedff.org*.

This week — Looking ahead

Prayer Service for Peace: A prayer service for peace will be held tonight, Monday, December 11th at 7:00pm. With the recent disasters and tragedies in our world, nation and our community, please join us for a time of prayer.

Blue Christmas is Thursday, December 21 at 7:00pm. This service is for those experiencing loneliness, sadness and loss during the Christmas season. Gather together for a night of worship of song, readings and a reflection of God's hope. This year's speaker is Ryan Retzlaff who lost his young son, Carter, at Christmastime in 2008.

Christmas Pageant: The kid's are rehearsing this Wednesday, December 13th at 3:30pm. This Sunday, kid's should arrive by 9:00am for info and costumes. The pageant will begin at 9:30am. Thank you!

No Bell Practice the rest of December. Practice will resume again in January.

No Christian Ed meeting tomorrow for Ministry Nite.

Habitat for Humanity: Calling all painters! Habitat is looking for painting volunteers Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:30pm. There will also be opportunities to work on trim, flooring and cabinets. (All the work will be in the warm indoors) This will be one of last chances to help with the build before the house is finished.

We are looking for 2-3 greeters and servers for Sunday, December 31st. If you can help, please contact the church as soon as you can. Your willingness is appreciated! church@federatedff.org (218) 739-3227.

Week of December 11, 2017

Weekly Calendar

MONDAY (12/11)

12:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Prayer Service

TUESDAY (12/12)

9:00am Parish Nurse 10:00am Ladies Coffee Hour 5:30pm Budget Committee 6:30pm Ministry Nite

WEDNESDAY (12/13)

3:30pm Kid's Club

4:20pm 7th-8th Confirmation

6:30pm 9th Grade

Confirmation

7:30pm Choir practice

7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group

THURSDAY (12/14)

10:30am Women's Bible Study

FRIDAY (12/15)

Newsletter Deadline

SUNDAY (12/17)

9:30am Worship (Pageant) 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00PM LESSONS AND CAROLS 6:00PM POTLUCK SUPPER

11:00PM CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN ARMS