

# The Monday Memo

Federated Church members look at the week ahead

Week of December 17, 2018

So with many other exhortations, [John the Baptist] proclaimed the good news to the people. LUKE 3:18 (NRSV)

Lord Jesus, may the good news of your coming fill our hearts with love for you and compassion for others. Amen

## Last week — In review

**December 16, 2018:** It was a blessed and busy Sunday! We gathered for Worship at 9:30am where the Kids presented the Christmas Story. After worship, we celebrated Carol Hoivik's 90th Birthday. The youth also hosted a Soup Sale to raise funds for their 2019 Guatemala Mission Trip. Thank you for your support! Since the Christmas Pageant was the message for the morning, we will not have a sermon booklet posted to the website this week. However, sermons from past weeks are available to read online.

## This week — Looking ahead

**Soup Sale:** If you are still interested in purchasing soup in support of the youth's 2019 Guatemala Mission trip, soup will be for sale throughout this week. Please make a free will donation with the church office and choose your soup from the freezer in the kitchen downstairs.

**Wednesday Activities** are still this week! Remember, Kids Club and Confirmation will not meet Dec 26th nor Jan 2nd. We will meet again Jan 9th.

**Blue Christmas:** Loneliness, sadness and loss can make the Christmas season difficult. We're not alone. Join us Friday, Dec 21st at 7pm in a simple service of songs, readings and reflection of God's hope. Our speaker is Maria Willits, founder of the suicide prevention group, *Shatter the Silence*.

**Recognizing:** On Sunday, Dec 23rd, we will honor Karen Hauck and Gloria Ronning during worship. Karen is retiring as our Choir Director and Gloria is retiring as our Accompanist. We are thankful for their faithful years of ministry at The Federated Church.

**Christmas Eve:** Join us for Christmas Eve worship! At 5pm, Federated presents their version of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*; a play about a boy, 3 Magi and the Christ Child. We'll also sing Christmas songs. At 6pm, we will have a Potluck supper, and at 11pm, we will worship at our Candle light and Communion Service. All are welcome!

**Remember:** The Church Office is closed Dec 24th, 25th and 28th.

## Prayer requests

If you have a prayer request, please notify the church office.

## Weekly Calendar

### TUESDAY (12/18)

- 10:00am Ladies Coffee Hour
- 10:00am Men's Bible Study
- 11:15am Women's Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY (12/19)

- 3:30pm Kid's Club
- 4:30pm 7th-8th Confirmation
- 6:30pm 9th Confirmation
- 7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group
- 7:30pm Choir Practice

### THURSDAY (12/20)

- 6:30pm D&E Meeting

### FRIDAY (12/21)

- 10:00am Men's Coffee Hour
- 7:00pm Blue Christmas

### SUNDAY (12/23)

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Kids Sunday School
- 10:30am Coffee Hour

### MONDAY (12/24)

- 5:00pm Amahl and the Night Visitors (Play)
- 6:00pm Potluck supper
- 11:00pm Candlelight and Communion Service



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