## The Monday Memo

Federated Church members look at the week ahead

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him... JOHN1:9-10.

Last week — In review

**Peace Service:** We held the Prayer Service For Peace last Monday. Federated Members joined others in the community to pray for peace in a hurting world.

**December 17, 2017:** We gathered together for worship at 9:30am with coffee hour and Sunday School following at 10:30am. The sermon for the morning was delivered by our Christmas Pageant. The kids did an amazing job recreating the story of Luke 2 and reviewing the Jesse Tree. A Big thank you to our volunteers who helped make the Christmas Pageant a success. To read a copy of the pageant, visit our website (www.federatedff.org)

## This week — Looking ahead

**Christmas Eve:** This coming Sunday, December 24 is Christmas Eve. We look forward to seeing you join together to celebrate the birth of our savior. A service of Lessons and Carols will be held at 5:00pm. At 6:00pm, we will host our Potluck Supper. The Candlelight and Communion service will take place at 11:00pm. All are welcome!

**Blue Christmas** is this Thursday, December 21 at 7:00pm. Join us for a service of hope, healing and comfort. This year's speaker is Ryan Retzlaff. Hear the story of how he lost his young son, Carter, at Christmastime in 2008. Childcare will be provided during the service.

**Canceled Activities:** There are no youth activities this Wednesday, 12/20 or next Wednesday 12/27. This includes Kids Club, Confirmation and Youth Groups. Also, Women's Bible Study on Thursday mornings will not meet again until January 4th. There will be no Bell practice until January, as well.

**Office Closed:** The church office will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

## **Prayer requests**

Please remember the people on our prayer list.

Week of December 18, 2017

## **Weekly Calendar**

MONDAY (12/18)

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY (12/19)

9:00am Parish Nurse

10:00am Ladies Coffee Hour11:00pm Making Christmas

**Dinner Baskets** 

WEDNESDAY (12/20)

No Kids or Youth Activities

No Bells

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:30pm Choir Practice

**THURSDAY (12/21)** 

No Womens Bible Study

7:00pm Blue Christmas Service

SUNDAY (12/24)

9:30am Worship

10:30am No Sunday School

10:30am Coffee Hour

5:00pm Lessons and Carols 6:00pm Potluck Supper 11:00pm Candlelight and

Communion Service



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN ARMS.