



Union Avenue News

KEEPING MEMBERS UP TO DATE

AUGUST 2020

Worship at Federated

Sunday, August 2, 2020	9:30a.m.	Celebration of The Lord's Supper	Pastor Doug Dent
Sunday, August 9, 2020	9:30a.m.	Worship at Kirkbride Park	Pastor Doug Dent
Sunday, August 16, 2020	9:30a.m.		Pastor Doug Dent
Sunday, August 23, 2020	9:30a.m.		Pastor Doug Dent
Sunday, August 30, 2020	9:30a.m.	Worship at Roosevelt Park	Pastor Doug Dent

Christian Education News

Summer 2020 certainly looks different from past summers here at Federated! Our youth groups continued meeting on Zoom during most of June. We will attempt activities as we are able with the current regulations in place due to Covid. Replacing our beloved Vacation Bible School we created Camp-in-a-Bag for families to study stories of hope along with crafts and video suggestions. There are still some activity bags available if you didn't get one! Women's Bible study continues via Zoom every Tuesday morning—we are going through Paul's letter to the Romans. Federated Church family devotions occurred from March through June and will begin again soon. We are now planning our fall schedule and activities including Kidz Club, confirmation retreat and classes, senior high youth group, and Sunday school. We will explore Bible stories illustrating Jesus' commandment in Luke 10:27 to "Love the Lord your God with all your

heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,'"—the core of grace and justice for Christians.

I am SO LOOKING FORWARD to the fall and seeing everyone again! Let's pray that we are able to gather again for learning and fellowship! I've missed you all!

Dates to pray over and mark on your calendar:

September 9th: Youth group kick-off event

September 13th: Rally Day

September 16th: Kids Club begins

September 16th: Confirmation Information Meeting

September 16th: Senior high youth group begins

September 18th-20th: Clearwater Forest Confirmation Retreat Weekend

If you have any questions or ideas to share, please contact me at kmad@prtcl.com.

In Christ, Karen



For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

Matthew 18:20

To paraphrase an old saying, "When God closes a door, he opens a browser window."

Federated Church is now an online worshiping community! With help from those more tech savvy than me (a HUGE thank you to Bill and Brian!), we offered worship services via Facebook and YouTube once our doors closed due to the pandemic. We now also offer live-streaming for worship services on Sunday mornings, so we can worship together, at the same time.

Going online proved to be a steep learning curve! Everything from the liturgy to the lighting to the licensing to the lyrics to the look of the pastor's suit jacket was re-thought and re-tooled for the camera. What's more, all this happened during Holy Week, the week between Palm Sunday and Easter when we offer four, distinctly different worship experiences.

Know what I learned? Preaching to an empty room is harder than preaching to a crowded sanctuary, and there is no one there to laugh at my jokes!

The truth is, however, that closing our doors forced us to try a new medium for worship, and we reaped some unexpected blessings.

More people are worshiping with us now. Online worship reaches into the homes of people who cannot physically join us in the sanctuary, and people can worship when it is convenient for them. Did you know that we had 414 "hits" on our Easter Sunday service? That is more than our sanctuary seats! And many of those hits represented couples or families, so our "online congregation" was HUGE on Easter. Praise God!

Our worship is reaching coast to coast, and beyond. We regularly receive emails from people who viewed our worship service from their homes in Maine, California, Texas, all around Minnesota, and even from a friend in Guatemala! Federated Church is becoming part of the global congregation.

We shared some great music. Brian Jensen really stepped up, purchasing some new sound equipment that allowed us to record individual singers and parts while maintaining safe, spatial distance. In fact, Brian himself is featured on much of our musical offerings. He and I "played" a lot during the at-home time: he at the mic and me at the piano, and we now have a nice library of hymns with Brian's voice. Such a blessing.

We stayed connected, even while we were apart. The marvels of modern technology allowed us to stay connected, to offer our prayer and praise, during a difficult time. I am grateful for that, and for the opportunity to expand our ministry.

Jesus said that wherever two or three are gathered, he is there among them. I believe that Jesus was with us in our virtual worship, and that he smiled on our efforts to be the church at worship.

We are now worshiping in the sanctuary again, and it is good to be back and to see people again. For those who are not yet ready to be in public worship, we support your decision. Please worship with us online – your virtual presence is welcomed.

I imagine this is the first of many things that will be different as we move forward, but I'm not afraid of what will come. We got this!

Pastor Doug

Some Thoughts about Online Worship and Copyright Concerns

Offering our worship services online (YouTube, Facebook, live streaming, etc.) carries with it some new responsibilities, most notably copyright concerns. Adhering to copyright laws is a matter of social justice: it ensures that the artist or author gets credit and/or compensation for their work.

“Copyright” is the legal protection of a creative work. Using a work without permission that is under copyright is against the law and penalties can be financially severe. There is no exemption from copyright law for churches. Creative works are protected for 95 years (if published before 1978), or the life of the creator of the work plus 70 years if published after January 1, 1978. Remember, the work is the property of the person who created it. To use it without permission is stealing.

Copyright law applies as soon as something is documented (written or recorded) even if it is not registered. This includes all “intellectual property” such as music, sermons, and prayers. Federated Church services are accountable under copyright law and may not be “re-broadcast.” Anyone videoing and either uploading to social media or live streaming is open to copyright claims by the music copyright holder.

- An example: taking a personal video on your phone during the service and posting that video on social media is considered re-broadcasting. This is not allowed under copyright law. It is okay to share the link to a Federated Church video in an email or a text. This is not considered re-broadcasting as it directs the viewer to the original post.

Music always requires copyright permission to use, especially for live streaming services. In many cases, two copyrights/permissions are

required: one to use the music and one to broadcast the music online.

- An example: many older hymns are in the “public domain,” which means we are free to use them in worship, but that does not mean we have permission to stream them. A second license is required.

- Another example: when we use a hymn out of our hymnal, and the congregation sings it, we have permission to use it for worship because we purchased enough hymnals for each worshiper. This does not apply, however, to the online worshipers who do not have a hymnal at home. Thus, we need a second license to stream the hymn.

Identifying members or children by name poses a security issue. We will endeavor NOT to name anyone in our recorded services. This pertains specifically to prayer requests.

- An example: if someone asks us to pray for their sister Mary Smith is in the hospital with a broken hip, we have just notified everyone (worldwide!) To whom she is related, that she is incapacitated, that she will be laid up for a long time, and that her home may be empty! When prayers are requested, please limit the request to first name and a general concern: “please pray for Mary who needs healing.”

We are being very diligent about working within the copyright guidelines. Both the PCUSA and the UCC have excellent resources online to assist churches with this. Please know that if we ask you to refrain from posting something, or cannot sing your favorite praise song when you request it, or we cease asking for prayer requests during the service it is because there are copyright concerns. Please extend us some grace as we navigate this complicated issue.

Welcome!

Brianna Schneeberger is a Fargo, ND native. She recently moved to the Fergus Falls area in December of 2019 with her husband Gene. She loves to

spend time with her stepsons, niece, nephews, and godsons. In her spare time she likes to take walks with her dog Maddie, taking photos, and scrapbooking.





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New Directory

Photo sessions for the new church directory are rescheduled for September 22, 23, 29 and 30. Sessions will take place from 2pm-9pm each day.

To schedule your photo session, visit our website at <http://www.federatedff.org/publications/forms/>. Or if you do not have access to a computer, call the church office (218)739-3227. If you need to schedule a session over the phone after office hours, please call Lifetouch at (866)756-0281.

Safe protocols are in place during photo sessions. Lifetouch is following guidelines and recommendations of the CDC. Lifetouch employees will: sanitize camera stations, maintain 6 feet between themselves and subjects, wear masks during entire photography sessions, complete safety training and perform their own health check before a photography event.

August Birthdays

08/01	Rosemary Rundquist	08/16	Rachel Westra
08/03	Phyllis Behrends	08/17	Kathy Gilbert
08/03	Joel Dulski	08/18	Alexis Griego
08/05	Barb Meder	08/20	Tyson Sperling
08/05	Ashley Lien	08/20	Paul Shol
08/07	Natalie Fransen	08/20	Darren Smith
08/08	Jerry Hendel	08/22	Benjamin Kugler
08/09	Vern Youngren	08/23	Beverly Richter
08/10	Arthur Schlepp	08/23	Jane Nelson
08/11	William Kalar	08/24	Titus Christianson
08/12	Mary Pauline Haukos	08/26	Jen Jensen
08/12	Roger Nelson	08/26	Austin Barry
08/12	Clayton Skretvedt	08/27	Lynn Oxley
08/12	Bonnie Gondrez	08/27	Ryndel Vogel
08/12	Mallory Skogen	08/27	Xyola Macheel
08/12	Taylor Thompson-Eckhoff	08/27	Easton Eckhoff
08/13	Joan Ebbighausen	08/28	Lisa Shol
08/13	Emma Runningen	08/28	Connor Youngren
08/13	Michael Styve	08/29	Connie Seltz
08/14	Kim Dean	08/29	Tessa Schierer
08/15	Kyle Garrahan	08/30	Renee Larsen
08/16	Virginia Adams	08/30	Kelsey Nygaard
08/16	Reggie Grecco	08/31	Emma Barry




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