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Union Avenue News

KEEPING MEMBERS UP TO DATE

SEPTEMBER 2019

September Worship

SEPTEMBER 1 9:30a.m. Worship

MALACHI: Going Through the Motions
Pastor Doug Dent

FINAL IN SERMON SERIES

Malachi 1:1-14
Celebrating the Lord's Supper

SEPTEMBER 8 9:30a.m. Worship

You Are Needed
Pastor Doug Dent

RALLY DAY

Romans 12:1-8

SEPTEMBER 15 9:30a.m. Worship

How Do You Spell KOINONIA
Pastor Doug Dent

Philemon 1-21

SEPTEMBER 22 9:30a.m. Worship

Faithful Worship
Pastor Doug Dent

John 4:7-26

SEPTEMBER 15 9:30a.m. Worship

Open-Hearted Generosity
Pastor Doug Dent

TBD



Dates to Remember

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

LABOR DAY: OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6pm Senior High Youth Group Starts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

RALLY DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:30pm Ministry Nite

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

3:45pm Kid's Club Starts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:30am Sunday School Starts

10:45am Adult Bible Study Starts

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:30pm Confirmation Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:30pm D&E Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

3:45pm 7th-8th Confirmation Starts

6:30pm 9th Confirmation Starts

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Confirmation Retreat



Pastor's Pen

Pastor Doug Dent

*An intelligent heart acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
Proverbs 18:15*

"No more pencils, no more books..." Ahhhh! Summer vacation. My first summer in four years without a schoolbook to read or a term paper to write. I admit, it felt good! I've caught up on some neglected house projects, read a few novels, and spent quality time fishing with my kids. It's been a good summer!

Now it's time to dig in and get back to work. I'm excited to be teaching again this year. In especially pleased to be offering my "Breathing with God" course this fall. Based on my research project, this course is designed to help discern our spiritual gifts and how they complement our individual personality traits.

The six sessions of this course will cover:

- Breathing with God
- Spiritual Practices and Spiritual Capacity
- Personality Preferences
- Spiritual Gifts
- The Work of the Holy Spirit
- God's Mission for Us

Using surveys, inventories, and reflection questions we will reveal how God uniquely made you to fulfill a part of God's ultimate plan. We will also reflect on how God might be calling our

congregation to new ministries on behalf of the community.

My hope is that you will join me on this journey of self-discovery. As the writer of Proverbs says, "the intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." Learning how to breathe with God, what God's purpose is for each of us, is a lifelong endeavor. Let's discover together what God has planned for you and for our congregation.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug



Local Mission

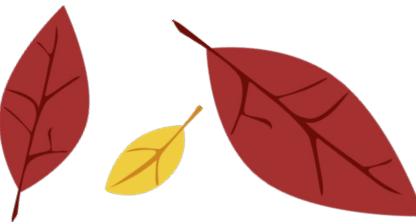
Thank you for your continued generosity with the Local Mission Fund! Those who are helped by this fund are extremely grateful for the extra support they receive during tough times. According to our policy, we are able to help each family or individual three times during a 12 month period, with up to \$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!

During August, we were able to help 3 families or individuals from the local mission fund. We gave a total of \$300 for food and rent needs.

LOCAL
mission



New Bible Studies



Breathing with God

Mondays from 7-8:30pm in the Parlor

Everybody breathes. How well we breathe depends on a variety of factors. How well we breathe with God – aligning our lives with God's purpose – also depends on a variety of factors: spiritual practices, personality, and spiritual gifts among them.

Based on Pastor Doug Dent's doctoral work, "Breathing with God" is designed to guide you through a time of self-discernment about your place in God's greater purpose. How did God make me? What spiritual gifts do I have? How does my personality influence how I use those gifts? Where is God calling me to serve? Where is God calling our congregation to serve? Come and discover how to breathe easier with God's plan for your life!

This six-session course meets Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4 and 11, 2019.

For ease of discussion, this course is limited to 12 participants. We may create a second class if there is enough interest.

Pastor Doug plans to run this course again in March-April 2020 and October-November 2020.

The Artist's Bible

Sunday mornings beginning September 15th at 10:45am in the Parlor

Artists often find inspiration in the pages of scripture. Using the stories of God's people, artists create beautiful images that evoke powerful emotions. Join Pastor Doug as we explore a different masterpiece each Sunday and the Bible story it portrays. All are welcome! Grab your coffee and a treat after worship and meet in the parlor.

Artist	Painting	Scripture
Michelangelo Buonarrotti	The Creation of Adam	Genesis 1-2
Pieter Brugel	The Tower of Babel	Genesis 11
Andrei Rublev	The Trinity (or) The Hospitality of Abraham	Genesis 18
Marc Chagall'	David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 11-12
Charles Beck	The Holy Family	Matthew 1
Bernardo Luini	Salome with the Head of John the Baptist	Mark 6
Rembrandt van Rijn	The Return of the Prodigal	Luke 15
Leonardo da Vinci	The Last Supper	Matthew 26
Antonio Ciseri	Ecce Homo ("Behold the Man")	John 19
He Qi	Coming of the Spirit	Acts 2





Christian Education and Youth

Rev. Karen Anderson

Kid's Club—CATCH THE SPIRIT!!!

Kid's Club begins on Wednesday, September 11th after school from 3:45-5:30pm followed by a light supper. This fall we will be looking at how the apostles spread the message of Jesus Christ to the world around them through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is because of their mission and God's work in them through the Holy Spirit that so many are Christians today! We will also learn about Christians in other countries and how they live their faith. Come join us for an exciting autumn!

Kids in public school can ride the Wednesday church bus to get to Federated Church each week. Our bus is usually the last bus in the line-up with a sign indicating *Federated Church*. Find your Federated friends and hop on!



Sunday School

Sunday School for children and youth begins on September 15th at 10:30am after worship. We have classes for everyone—Pre-K through Adult!

• **Our Pre-K+ Parents class** meets once a month with Carri and Steve Thompson in the youth room for stories, music, and fellowship.

• **Kindergarten through 6th grade** meet together briefly for Music Time with Brian Jensen before going with their class teachers for learning and crafts. This fall we will be

starting where we left off last spring with Jesus ascending into heaven—what happens next?? We will be discovering the book of Acts. Come find out!

Sunday School teachers this year include: Jona Brown and Madalyn Dent, and Sammy Ebert, and Karen Bush and Karen Anderson-Dent.



• **Our middle school/high school Sunday School class** meets in the narthex with Hollis Davenport. Hollis taught all-church Sunday school for years at Western Presbyterian Church. He has great passion and knowledge to share with our youth!

• **Adults can join Pastor Doug in the parlor** for a series on "The Artist's Bible" during Fellowship Hour. Each week you will examine a different masterpiece and the Bible story it portrays. See page 3 for more information.

Youth Group

High school youth group kicks off on Wednesday, September 4th at a special place and time: The Dent's home at 6:00pm. Come join us for dinner and games! Regular youth group time starts up the following Wednesday, September 11th at 7:30-9:00pm. Feel free to come early for dinner and just hang out before we "officially start" at 7:30pm!

Our fall schedule is being finalized and will include an Airsoft Day (for high school AND middle school students!), a lock-in (probably Friday, November 8th) and various fellowship, learning, and service opportunities! Be sure to join us!



Church News

Music Rehearsals

Become a part of Federated's music ministry!
Praise Team Practice: Tuesdays at 6:00pm
Bell Practice: Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Choir Practice: Wednesdays at 7:30pm

The Church Office is closed Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day. New office hours begin the next day. We will be open M-TH from 9am-3pm and F from 9am-12pm.

Rally Day

Rally Day is set for Sunday, Sept 8th! Take a look at our fun filled schedule:

At 9:30am

- Worship
- Blessing our students' backpacks
- K and 4th grade will receive Bibles

At 10:30am

- Lunch: Pulled Pork BBQ sandwiches, corn on the cob and chips
- Team Trivia for all ages in Fellowship Hall
- Bingo in the Parlor
- Bouncy House on the lawn
- Bean Bag Toss Tournament for youth



Kid's Activities

As we begin the church school year, we'd like to encourage families with kids to engage in the many terrific activities Federated Church offers:

Sr. High Youth Group begins	Sept. 4th
Kid's Club begins	Sept. 11th
Sunday School begins	Sept. 15th
Confirmation begins	Sept. 25th

Coffee Time

Starting in September, Federated will meet at Pioneer Care for coffee and fellowship the 3rd Tuesday of every month. We will gather in the Boardroom at 10am.



Meetings

Ministry Nite is Tuesday, Sept 10th at 6:30pm
D&E is Thursday, Sept 19th at 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study

Our Tuesday morning women's Bible study will begin on October 1st at 11:15 am in the narthex. We will go through the Book of Acts, which covers the work of the Holy Spirit through the apostles after Jesus's crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. The apostles had such tremendous adventures of faith and endured much persecution in order to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will be challenged in our own faith journeys as we learn and fellowship together! Feel free to join us, we always welcome new students of the Bible!

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee spent the summer months preparing for our "Focusing on Discipleship" initiative which will kick off on September 22nd. In the 20 months leading up to our 150th anniversary of worship and service to the community (May 2022), we are promoting 20 congregational goals in five key areas:

Faithful Worship

Open-hearted Generosity

Courageous Mission & Service

Unconditional Hospitality

Strategic Faith Development

See the back of the calendar for details!



Meet a Member: Yvonne Marts

Paper, Pencil and a Pastime

By Yvonne Marts



I don't know just how old I was when I first held a pencil as it seems I have always had pencil and paper at hand. I began by copying characters from the comic strips in the newspaper, but soon I tried replicating characters in single-frame cartoons. The magazines we had at the farm were *Saturday Evening Post* and *Successful Farming*, and they both featured many cartoons.

While in grade school, I made cards for special events in my family. How do I know? My mother saved them. I also illustrated the stories I wrote while learning to write. They also were saved by Mom. She did one more thing for me which I consider best of all. The two weeks before she re-papered the walls in our house, she let me draw everywhere in those rooms. I used my dad's carpenter pencil with the broad lead and made giant figures floor to ceiling, getting help from a stepladder. Not one photo was taken of my drawings in those days, it wasn't popular nor so easy as now.

In High School I took 9th grade art (required) and gained some confidence in my ability. I have a framed charcoal drawing which I made by enlarging a very small photo. My daughter has this one in her apartment. As a senior, I drew the full-sized figures illustrating the songs our choir sang for a late fall concert, and other choir members painted. We were on our hands and knees in the hall doing this work on the heavy brown paper used to line railroad boxcars. There is a photo of this mural in the yearbook for 1950.

In college, I took three basic drawing classes to fill out my requirements for graduation, and again was reassured as to my ability to draw. My big artist-sized portfolio with my college work is at the home of my son Eric. As a teacher, I used my skills to make posters and handouts for professional organizations and games for my students. During my teaching career, I was privileged to get to know various art teachers in the Fergus Falls School, among them Bob Bruns. He also was fascinated by "cartooning." Thanks to him I have a booklet con-

taining copies of many of the comic strips I used as learning tools when I was just a kid. I should have saved the scrapbook I filled with cartoons I cut from the magazines, but I donated it to the local museum, and I don't dare ask if they still have it.

For 23 years I designed the T-Shirts for Prometheus Motorcycle Club, (my sons organized the club) as they raised money for the Chahinkapa Zoo in Wahpeton, ND. Each design featured a specific animal with a theme invented by my youngest son, Eric. Eric also asked me to draw an Otter wrestler for the Fergus Falls School Wrestling team, and again he came up with a slogan. I believe my daughter still has one of those sweatshirts. I have a photo of her wearing it ... somewhere.

I went to a Labor Union banquet, and after the meal, I drew a sketch of the speaker. I had a ball-point pen and a cocktail napkin (paper and pencil). At the end of the evening, my husband and I went up to the speaker and greeted him, I showed him the sketch, and he asked me if I had drawn it. I said "yes", and asked for his autograph. He signed the napkin, Jimmy Hoffa. That napkin, with my ticket and a short article on Hoffa's disappearance, is framed and hanging in the house of my #3 son, Steven. The event took place about 18 months before Jimmy Hoffa disappeared.

The largest cartoon I ever drew is framed and hanging in the workshop of my accordion repair instructor, Dr. Helmi Harrington, owner and curator of the world's largest accordion museum. I have asked to get a photo of it. She said she'd take it down and see about having a print made for me. It tells a story of a frustrated accordion repair technician and the tools which would be needed for working on broken instruments.

I have attended many meetings for various organizations over the years, and almost always come away with a paper full of sketches, drawings on annual reports, blank pages in a three-ring-binder, or sometimes a regular sketchbook. I have five drawings framed by Jadie Dahlen, four are pages he chose from my sketchbook. The other is a drawing which evolved during a meeting on a blank piece of typing paper, and I have used it as an illustration for the "book" I've written on my personal philosophy.

I made a charcoal reproduction of my sister's graduation photo, and I thought it was really good. (Flip to the back page to continue reading)



Business as usual

Service Groups

September SERVICE GROUP

Group #1

Mark and Lisa Becker
Dennis and Jean Bowman
Dennis and Lu Echelberger
Jon and Thea Fransen
Craig and Rebecca Jorgensen
Wayne and Patti Link
Yvonne Marts
Mary Jones Olson
Ann Porter
Al and Connie Seltz

October SERVICE GROUP

Group #2

Walter and Bonnie Gondrez
Loran Johnson
Anne Kalar
William and Peg Kalar
Patty Lindholm
Michelle Loomer
Ed and Ingrid Morgan
Gary and Roxane Nereson
Gary and Karen Orcutt
Lynn Oxley
Mae Reich

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday, September 1st

9:30am Dennis and Lu
Echelberger

Sunday, September 8th

9:30am Greeting Only Ann Porter
and Al and Connie Seltz

Sunday, September 15th

9:30am and Mary Jones Olson
Dennis and Jean Bowman

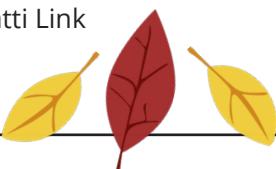
Sunday, September 22nd

9:30am Jon and Thea Fransen
Mark and Lisa Becker

Sunday, September 29th

9:30am Craig and Rebecca
Jorgensen and Wayne and Patti Link

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.



The church staff wants to know...

We rely on you to contact us with your email, phone or address changes. If you are not receiving our emails, but would like to, please contact the church office. Also contact us for pastoral care needs. Please call 218-739-3227 or email church@federatedff.org

Ministry Nite: September 10 - 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. Church committees do not meet in July.

Stewardship Report For June

General Fund Report

Revenue	N/A
Expenditures	N/A
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	N/A
Actual Received	N/A

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food

July	\$26,326.55
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Newsletter Deadline

Articles and announcements are due the 15th of each month. Please send them by email whenever possible. The church staff reserves the right to edit articles for content and space.



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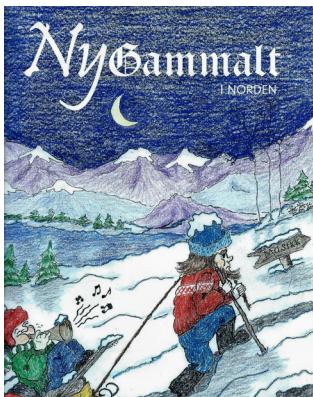
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Please deliver by September 1st**

Unfortunately, I was the only one who thought so. I did a drawing of the family of Stella Fox when she was nominated as Fergus Falls Teacher of the year. She liked it.

Now, I am in my late eighties, and I have had the honor of being asked to submit a cartoon to the editor of *NyGammalt i Norden* (New/Old in Norway), a magazine about music, mostly accordions, which has an international subscription base. So far six of my drawings have been featured as the cover art for this magazine. I was asked, and gave permission, to have my name, email, and phone number listed on page 3, the editorial page, as a contact person. That listing appeared in the most recent issue of the magazine.

Well, that's my story, but I admit to being a little surprised at the length of this brief overview of my drawing story.



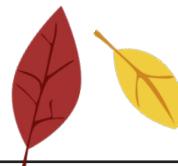
Dilemma- Chop wood or play music? Cover #4

**Illustrated by
Yvonne Marts**

**(See page 6 to read the
entire story)**

September Birthdays

09/02	Jake Wendland	09/18	Amy Underdahl
09/04	Lucinda Dix	09/19	Bill Ressler
	Echelberger	09/19	Paige Undseth
09/05	Teri Nygaard	09/19	Leo Schierer
09/05	Doug Sperling	09/20	Donna Ohe
09/05	Alex Jensen	09/23	Ruth Aulds
09/06	Wade Ugstad	09/23	Russell Larsen
09/07	Mark Becker	09/24	Gail Green
09/08	Erika Mariotti	09/25	Wesley Beske
09/08	Iona Saunders	09/25	Jean Bowman
09/10	James Underdahl	09/26	Amanda Mandelke
09/12	Janice Borowski	09/27	Tim Hunt
09/12	Jessica Nelson	09/28	Christopher Anderson
09/13	Makiya Cavalier	09/29	Carolyn Anderson
09/14	Nicole Krohn	09/30	Ben Schierer
09/14	Troy Anderson		
09/14	Erin Smith		
09/14	Max Wolfe		
09/16	Peg Kalar		
09/17	Chad Nelson		
09/18	Lizzy Thiel		



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