



April 22, 2020

Dear Federated Family:

“Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.”

Psalm 27:14

I hate to wait! Waiting is difficult and boring and... These days there is nothing to do but wait. We cannot control the coronavirus: we must wait it out. But as we wait, we rely on God's strength to see us through. When we wait for the Lord, scripture promises, God is quick to answer our prayers. Pray this virus passes quickly so we can be together again!

Worship services cancelled at Federated Church on Sunday, May 3rd and 10th. Since we cannot yet meet for worship, we will continue to provide worship and devotions online. Links will be sent on Tuesdays and Thursdays (devotions), and a link for the Sunday worship service over the weekend (FF Federated on YouTube).

New Audio Equipment. Just before the stay-at-home order took effect, Federated Church received an unexpected (and anonymous) donation “to be used as needed.” The Deacons & Elders used part of this gift to purchase some new recording equipment. Thank you to our generous benefactor. God provides!

Pledges. Please keep up with your pledges if you can. Federated Church still has employees and bills to pay. Thanks to all who have mailed in their pledges. We appreciate your continued support of our mission and ministries. We are exploring some online options for giving...more information will be coming soon!

Church office is closed to the public. Staff will still be at work and will answer phones and emails from 10AM-2PM (M-Th) and 9AM-12PM (F). If you urgently need access to the church, please call ahead for an appointment.

Daily Prayer. A reminder that we are “gathering” at 2:24 PM each day to pray for those who are sick, for medical personnel and first responders, for families and communities, and for government leaders. Pray, too, for God’s healing and Holy Spirit to sustain us!

Families and Youth. Karen is providing devotions for everyone to use. They are emailed out weekly. Karen is also “meeting” with Jr. and Sr. High youth via ZOOM. If you know someone who did not receive the link and wants to be included, please contact the church office.

Women’s Bible Study continues Tuesday mornings (11:00 AM) by ZOOM. Contact the office if you would like to get the link.

Ministry Nite arrangements. Committees will not meet at church on Ministry Nite, May 12th. Chairpersons may arrange meetings via ZOOM (contact Ada to set this up) or email. Please keep minutes of any discussions or decisions made.

If you need anything, please contact us: church@federatedff.org or 218-739-3227.

Blessings and be safe!

The Rev. Dr. Douglas Dent