

Federated Church

Welcome and Announcements

January 29, 2012



“Paul says, “If you have to choose between being loving and being right, be loving. If you see someone wavering on the brink of their faith in God, think about what you can do for that person on their terms, not on your terms.” Paul calls us to humility before God and our fellow human beings...”

~ Frank L. Crouch

First visit to Federated today? We would like to know that you were here.

Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering basket.

You are welcome to worship and to the table of communion. Come to the table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been to the table often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Andrew Headden

Worship Services: 9:15 Contemporary ~ 11:00 Traditional

Communion celebrated weekly at all services.

All are welcome at Christ's table.

Presbyterians ~ United Methodists ~ Everyone

We are a Christian Community shaped by servanthood,
inclusivity, peace making, and simplicity.

Announcements for Sunday January 29

Sunday, January 29

2 Cents-a-Meal Sunday

Upper Room Sunday

Worship 9:15 and 11:00 Sanctuary

Christian Life Practices Study 9:30am

YES Choir Practice 11:00am

Monday, January 30

T'ai Chi Chih Class 8:00am

Tuesday, January 31

Federated Men's Book Club 6:30am

PATH Exercise 8:30am & 9:45am

Celtic Communion 12:00pm

Staff Meeting - Office Closed 12:30pm

Tuesday's Dinners 5:00pm

God's Promises Choir 5:30pm

Christian Life Practices Study 6:00pm

Kids of the Kingdom Choir 6:00pm

Haiti Team Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 1

T'ai Chi Chih Class 8:00am

FCW Luncheon 11:30am

Jr. High Youth Group 4:30pm

Praise Team Choir 5:30pm

Sr. High Youth Group 6:00pm

Celebration Singers Choir 6:30pm

Thursday, February 2

Book Club 1:00pm

Friday, February 3

PATH Exercise 8:30am & 9:45am

Saturday, February 4

PATH Exercise 8:30am & 9:45am

Sunday, February 5

SHARE Sunday

Worship 9:15 and 11:00 Sanctuary

Christian Life Practices Study 9:30am

YES Choir Practice 11:00am

**Deadline for Articles to be Included
in the Lent Issue of The Gathering
~ February 6th**

MISSION OF THE GATHERING

The Gathering is published by El Dorado County Federated Church to witness to the goodness of God as evidenced in the ministries of the church and expressed in lives filled with the hope and mercy of Jesus Christ. Contributions to the Gathering will be edited as appropriate to the mission and limitations of the publication.

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Andrew Headden*

Ministers: *All of God's People*

9:15 Worship Service

Deacons: *Peg Vanderkar, Tish Langston*

Special Music: *Celebration Singers*

11:00 Worship Service

Organ: *Leslie Bush*

Special Music: *Celebration Singers*

Worship Leader: *Carol Brinkerhoff*

Deacon: *Carol Olmstead*

Ushers: *Bart & Betty Bawden,*

Gene Barton, Scott Huston

Communion Prep: *Marilyn Allen*

FEDERATED MEN

Our next meeting will be on February 4 at the Waffle Shop on Broadway at 8:00 A.M. All men of the church are invited to join us. For any questions please call Carl Hagen, 622-1231 or Bart Bawden, 621-3332.

Prime Time - Fort Bragg Crab Feed February 12, 13, & 14

Further details are located in the "PrimeTime" box in the office, or call Ruth Boyle at 642-0944.

INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A FEDERATED TEAM TO WORK FOR A WEEK IN HAITI?

Last April six Federated folks went to Haiti with a UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers In Mission) team. Right now one of those six, Sara Munday, is back in Haiti doing ground-work for a possible on-going relationship with the village we worked in. Another UMVIM team is currently scheduled for May 20-29 this year. We hope to go back to that village to deepen our connection. Already five people have signed on, Carol Olmstead, Sara Munday, Andrew Headden, Gail McGuire and Don Vanderkar. A number of others are thinking about it. We are planning a first meeting at the end of January (when Sara is back) for all who are committed or interested in going. For more details contact Carol Olmstead at 295-5561 or carololm@aol.com.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PHOTOS ABOUT HAITI AND OUR INVOLVEMENT VISIT THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE SIDE ENTRY WAY. (HEAD TOWARD PRICE HALL AND THE REST ROOMS.)



Mental Health First Aid USA is coming to Federated on Mondays: February 13th and 27th from 9-4 in Price Hall. Sign up in Price Hall this Sunday. Free class, book and lunch! Such a deal. See flyer for more details....Space limited ... sign up soon!

PRACTICING HOSPITALITY – Federated Church is in the process of discerning our readiness to make a covenant that "All persons are welcome to participate fully in the ministries of the church, regardless of age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, cultural background, disabilities, marital status or financial circumstances." Congregation members wearing rainbow-colored stoles are available to listen to your questions, your concerns and your celebrations. Please let your voice be heard. For more information, or to reach any member of the More Light/Reconciling Ministries Team, contact Susan Hunn, shunn@comcast.net, 647-9337.



A Note From Gina:

2011 End of Year Statements will be available in Price Hall until the end for February. The statements will not be mailed unless requested.



HEALTH MINISTRY AT FEDERATED

Karen Shelnutt, Faith Community Nurse (FCN) is available for individual or family appointments Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays regarding health concerns, community resources, prayer, conversation, and more. Contact: 530-622-0273 ext. 13 or kshelnuttrn@hotmail.com.



Family Flu Prevention Tips!

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- If you get sick with flu-like symptoms, stay home from work or school or church until your fever is gone for at least 24 hours. Limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw the used tissue in the trash.



Spiritual Direction is offered at Federated!

What exactly is spiritual direction? How does one find a spiritual director? The 2012 Seek and Find Guide is available on www.sdiworld.org or in the Health Ministry room. For more information about this practice, contact Spiritual Directors Lucie Chalifour at 530-723-0723 or Karen Shelnutt at 530-318-5268.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!

A 10-week study in Christian Life practices.

Searching for “everyday sacredness in the ordinary” will be the theme of an interactive study. Participants will use the book *Finding Our Way Again: The Return of the Ancient Practices*, by Brian McLaren. McLaren asserts that “spiritual practices could be called life practices or humane practices, because they help us practice being alive, and humanely so...and are a way of becoming available and staying awake to God.”

Participants may attend either:

Tuesday evening classes Starting January 10th facilitated by Andrew Headden or Karen Shelnutt from 6-7pm in the Fireside Room.

Sunday morning classes Starting January 15th, facilitated by Bob and Carol Olmstead, from 9:30 - 10:45am in the Historic Church.

Children at Federated Church

Children are a beloved part of our family worship! wiggles, giggles are welcome.
Activity bags are in the church entry for your use.



How do our Sunday Mornings work?

Families stay together for candle lighting, singing, and praying,
kids gather at the front of the sanctuary for a short
“Children’s Message”, then leave for their Children’s Classes/Activities.

After worship, parents come downstairs to gather their children
and see what they’ve created.

Toddlers & Preschoolers are invited to our Nursery across the courtyard.

Ages 3, 4, and 5 This sweet and gentle group learns about God with Laura Bonham. The Class meets every Sunday morning in the preschool classroom next door to the main classroom downstairs.

Grades 1-4: After children’s time, the children go downstairs for lessons and activities with Jodie Regan, our Minister to Children and Families.
Parents come downstairs after worship to pick up children and see what they’ve created.

765Alive Class: (Kids in 5th, 6th and 7th Grades)
Meet with their teaching team in their classroom downstairs.



Coming Soon:

2nd Annual 2-Can Talent Show

Last year was a huge success. Plan to bring TWO CANS of food for the SHARE food closet and bring your TALENT to share with us all. This is an INTERGENERATIONAL event, so we hope you will all join us.

Date to be announced.

From the mouths ... and the hearts... of babes

Ever wonder what's on the minds of our children? When we go downstairs for our lessons, we first gather in a circle. We light a candle to remind us of God's presence with us, and then we share our stories. Here is a glimpse for you. Please remember our sweet children and their families in your prayer life.

My brother needs surgery on his heart...

My "Poppie" has cancer on his cheek.

My grampa is sick in New York.

I'm thankful for the rain.

I hope my mom can afford health insurance.

I need fillings.

Would you pray for Mrs. Reeves?

My Aunt Nicole has breast cancer.

Granddad is sick in South Africa.

I want people to have food.

My brother got bitten by a bunch of wasps.

I saw dog and he had lost his leg.

I saw a rainbow!

My mom's dad died and my mom is so sad.

My parents are helping our neighbor, Ray. He's a cancer survivor.

Skip passed away.

My grandpa is having testing for cancer.

I've been having tummy aches and I have to go to the doctor.

I'm happy that my cousin Kevin's cancer is gone!

Poppie's face is all healed.

Don't forget to pray for Uncle Jay.

My grandma is having cancer surgery.

My sister met a homeless man in San Francisco and he had a dog.

My brother, we haven't heard from him in a long time.

My friend Destiny fell off a roof.

My cousin died.

My aunt broke her foot.

Larry died.

My dog is too fat.

My sister is sick with any autoammunie disorder, she has an appointment in SF

Me and my mom are going to try to help the homeless people and I hope it goes over good."

ALL WOMEN OF FEDERATED CHURCH! Saturday, March 3, FCW is sponsoring a continental brunch for ALL our women to share a morning together. We will meet, mingle, and share some treats in Price Hall, then assemble in the Sanctuary to hear Shari Fitzpatrick, of chocolate-dipped strawberry fame, share her story of making her dreams a reality with her faith and perseverance. She will show us that we can all aspire to achieve our highest goals. Her book, *Berried in Chocolate: How I Built a Multimillion-Dollar Business by Doing What I Love to Do and How You Can Too*, will be on sale for those who wish to buy it. Join women of every age for a fun and inspiring morning. Time is 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Cost of the event is \$5 per woman, to cover expenses. Tickets are available through FCW representatives. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

CRC Needs Financial Help and Volunteers!!

The Community Resource Center (CRC) on Upper Broadway, acts as a triage center for El Dorado County's at-risk and homeless families so they can become sustainable and productive. **Many volunteers give their time, but the center operates on a shoestring and needs financial support.**

Goals of the CRC:

1. To develop an environment in which clients feel safe and respected
2. To be an advocate for individuals needing crisis services
3. To provide a location for El Dorado County's homeless population to be productive and meet daily goals

Contact René Evans, Executive Director for more information and to help any way you can.
530.344.1864/www.edcrc.org

For more information about our work and witness, contact us at:



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