

# Federated Church

April 29th 2018

## Calendar of Commemoration and Announcements

**Juan José Gerardi Conedera - Born: December 27, 1922 - Died: April 26, 1998**



Juan José Gerardi Conedera was born in Guatemala City on 27th December 1922. He won a scholarship to study theology in the United States and after the Second World War returned to Guatemala where he was ordained as a priest. In May 1967 Gerardi Conedera was appointed as Bishop of Verapaz. He developed a reputation for being deeply concerned about the indigenous communities in Guatemala. For example, he played an important role in securing authorisation for two radio stations to broadcast in Mayan languages.

In August 1974, Gerardi Conedera was appointed Bishop of Quiché. He was elected President of Guatemala in 1978. Over the next few years the government resorted to political repression and assassinations of major progressive opposition figures. Conedera led the protests against the military government. While serving as president of the Guatemalan Conference of Bishops, he spoke out openly about the 31st January 1980 Spanish embassy fire in which 39 people lost their lives and in which government instigation was widely suspected. On 24th April, 1988, Bishop Gerardi released a Recovery of Historical Memory (REMHI) report entitled "Guatemala: Never Again." According to this report, 150,000 civilians had been killed and another 50,000 "disappeared" during the internal armed conflict. Two nights after Bishop Gerardi released his report he was attacked in his garage as he got out of his car. Gerardi was battered to death with concrete slabs.

***First visit to Federated today? Welcome!***

***We would like to know that you were here. Please fill out a "Connection Card" and place it in the offering basket.***

*Federated Church is a Christian Community shaped by servanthood, inclusivity, peace making, and simplicity. All persons are invited to participate fully in the ministries of Federated Church, regardless of age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, cultural background, disabilities, marital status or financial circumstances.*

*United Methodists ~ Presbyterians ~ Everyone*

# What's Happening!

## Sunday April 29th

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Worship -  
Contemporary  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Cinnamon  
Buns in the Courtyard Retreat  
Scholarships  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship -  
Classical

## Tuesday May 1st

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Federated Men's  
Book Club  
8:30 AM - 10:45 AM PATH Exercise  
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM Jr. High Youth  
Group  
5:45 PM - 6:30 PM Engage music  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Staff Parish Team  
Meeting

## Wednesday May 2nd

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Women at the Well  
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Celtic  
Communion  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM FCW Meeting  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Sr. High Youth  
Group  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Celebration Singers  
practice

## Thursday May 3rd

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parenting Classes  
from Choices for Children

## Friday May 4th

8:30 AM - 10:45 AM PATH Exercise

## Saturday May 5th

7:00 PM Prime Time visits Cuba

## Sunday May 6th

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Worship -  
Contemporary  
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Cancer Support  
Group  
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Cathy's Sunday  
breakfast hosted by Youth Group  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship -  
Classical



## **SUPPORT SHARE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY**

(and all month long)! A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have brought items for the food closet. I've been checking the tub frequently - it's like Easter every time I open the lid and find a donation - and then I take the food downstairs to the SHARE food closet housed in our basement. Good News! The black SHARE tub is now located in the office, behind the door as you enter. You can bring food items all month long or bring them on the first Sunday of the month. A specific need right now is large bags of dried beans, which are then measured into smaller baggies by MORE volunteers. Thanks for your continued care for those in our community who find themselves short on food. Sharon Fraser, Federated Liaison to SHARE Leadership Board.

## **Prime Time Visits Cuba**

**Karen and Doug Tustin will be sharing experiences from their recent trip to Cuba on Saturday, May 5th at 7pm in Price Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Questions? Bill and Dianne Ettlich. 916-984-9387**



**Health  
Ministry**

Saturday, April 28th is DEA National Prescription TakeBack Day.  
"Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back."  
Robinson's Pharmacy on Main Street is your local collection site.  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.





Your Federated Church Mission Connection Ministry Team would like you to know about two short videos about immigration that are available for viewing on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website. They are also working on a video on gun violence and we will let you know when that is released.

<https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/video-immigration-detention/>

<https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/to-breathe-free/>

*Mission Connections Ministry  
Team of Federated Church*

*from local to global*

Check out the A-Z Guide to local and global missions on our new website. We meet at 5:00 the 2nd Tuesday of most months in the Health Ministry Office (AKA Susan's office). Come find out how you can get involved.

# let all creation sing

Worship, Wisdom  
& Warthogs

Faith Family VBS 2018

Tuesday, June 12th - Friday, June 15th

5:30pm - 7:00pm



## Four fun evenings ALL together

*Join with all generations of our Federated faith family to eat, learn, laugh and grow together.*

*We will have a big family dinner each night (GF, Vegetarian and Child-Friendly options will be available!)*

*We will then split into smaller groups to participate in various activities; crafts, music, games and study - Pastor Andrew will help us learn more about the Why's and How's of our Sunday worship liturgy. Then we will join together each night for Communion in the Historic Church.*

*Our week together will conclude with a Blessing of the Animals Service, carnival games and a bbq potluck dinner - we will provide burgers, hot dogs and buns.*

*Please fill out the registration form on the reverse - we look forward to being with you for this special time!*





Have you ever wondered why we do what we do on Sunday mornings? The flow and order of our worship liturgy has meaning and purpose. Each evening we will dig deeper into the why's and how's of what we do every Sunday morning.

On Friday evening, bring your animal companion to be blessed. We will congregate in the courtyard for a short service then enjoy a bbq potluck dinner and some fun games. We will provide the buns, burgers and hot dogs (veggie and non-veg.)



**Sign Up Today!**

Place this form in the offering basket, in the basket in the Narthex, or drop it off at the office.

Adults/Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Names/Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any dietary restrictions or needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I would like to help out.

Mary Morisset helping M.O.R.E. volunteers fill the backpacks with items bought by generous Federated Church members.



Patrick Machado-Derdowski helping a very confused shelter guest organize his meds.



Darlene Harrison with her two M.O.R.E. Action Club volunteers



Linda Gates and Jeanne Machado-Derdowski ready to distribute 51 backpacks! Thank you FCW!!

Some of the 51 backpacks ready for happy recipients! Jeanne and Patrick negotiated great prices with Big 5 in Folsom!



This loyal pet is not letting anyone grab his master's backpack!



Schelly Cartee with shelter guests and her crew on distribution night.

On Saturday, March 24th, 51 happy Nomadic Shelter guests received their new backpacks, thanks to FCW and the generous Federated community. Many thanks to Big 5 and Dollar Tree for their donations! Big hugs and thanks to Linda Gates, Mary Morisset, Jeanne and Patrick Machado-Derdowski, Darlene Harrison, M.O.R.E Action Club volunteers, and Schelly Cartee for loving labor to make it all come together. We could not have done any of this without each one of you!  
**THANK YOU!!!**



## H.E.L.P. Needs help!

The house that we have used for the past 15 years is for sale. A family has supported our efforts for years by charging a very reasonable rent for the two-unit house. We have been able to shelter two families at a time, for 4-6 months with weekly mentoring to discuss budgeting, job search and social services available in our community. All housing expenses are covered by the non-profit H.E.L.P (Housing Emergency Lodging Program) program during their stay. This includes rent, electricity, garbage service, internet and heating. Our success rate is great in getting families back on their feet.

Here's what you could do:

- purchase the property (appraised at \$250K) with the intent of renting to the HELP organization to continue the program;
- do you own a rental that you, or someone you know would be willing to rent to HELP?

Join the Federated  
youth for Cathy's  
Breakfast next  
Sunday

Mexico  
2017



SSP 2017



See you between services  
for food and fellowship.  
Thank you for supporting  
our Mission trips.



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