

Federated Church

August 5th 2018

Calendar of Commemoration and Announcements

St. Basil the Blessed - Holy Fool for Christ

Basil was known as a fool for Christ. Born in 1468 to serfs, as a teenager he became an apprentice shoemaker in Moscow, he adopted an eccentric lifestyle of shoplifting and giving to the poor to shame the miserly and help those in need. Basil was a prophet who wore no clothing in both summer and winter. His survival in winter is one of the miracles credited to him. Holy fools are harmless and nonviolent, they are typically homeless and penniless. Basil considered clothing to be nothing more than the trappings of society and an indication of one's position or lack thereof. Uninhibited by the shackles of society, Basil could not be compromised and he soon became known for his prophecies and healing miracles.

The most incredible aspect of Basil's life was his relationship with Tsar Ivan IV (the Terrible). Ivan was greatly feared. The last thing anyone would intentionally do was challenge or contradict Ivan. Basil was the exception. As the story goes, Basil gave Ivan a piece of uncooked meat during Lent. The Tsar, claiming to be a devout Orthodox Christian, refused the gift. Basil responded by asking the Tsar why he chose to follow the canon of Lent while he continued to spill the blood of Christians. Basil told Ivan that his murderous actions would doom him to hell if he did not repent. Remarkably, Basil was the one person or thing that Ivan was scared of. Not only did the Tsar not have him beheaded, he sent him gifts instead and insured that no harm would ever come to the Holy Fool!

Basil was so revered by Muscovites that, when he died, his thin body was buried, not in a pauper's grave on the city's edge, but next to the newly erected Cathedral. The people began to call the church Saint Basil's, for to go there meant to pray at Basil's grave. The cathedral still stands in Red Square



*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 August 5th

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Worship -

Contemporary

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Cathy's

Sunday breakfast - Youth Group

Between Services

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship -

Classical

Tuesday August 7th

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Federated Men's

Book Club

8:30 AM - 10:45 AM PATH

Exercise

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Staff Parish Team

Meeting

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Church Council

Meeting

Wednesday August 8th

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Celtic

Communion

Thursday August 9th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Praise Team

Practice

Friday August 10th

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM - 10:45 AM PATH

Exercise

Sunday August 12th

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Worship -

Contemporary

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Blood

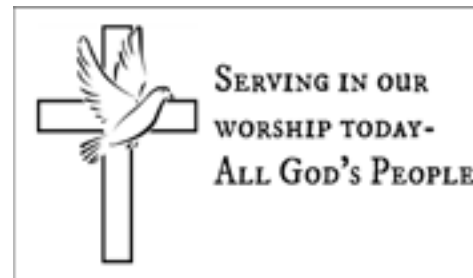
Pressure Sunday

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM Cancer

Support Group

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship -

Classical



The SHARE food pantry needs Federated's help.

Did you know that SHARE is open from 10am-1pm, 5 days a week? It takes a small army of volunteers from local churches to load and unload donations and to help clients.

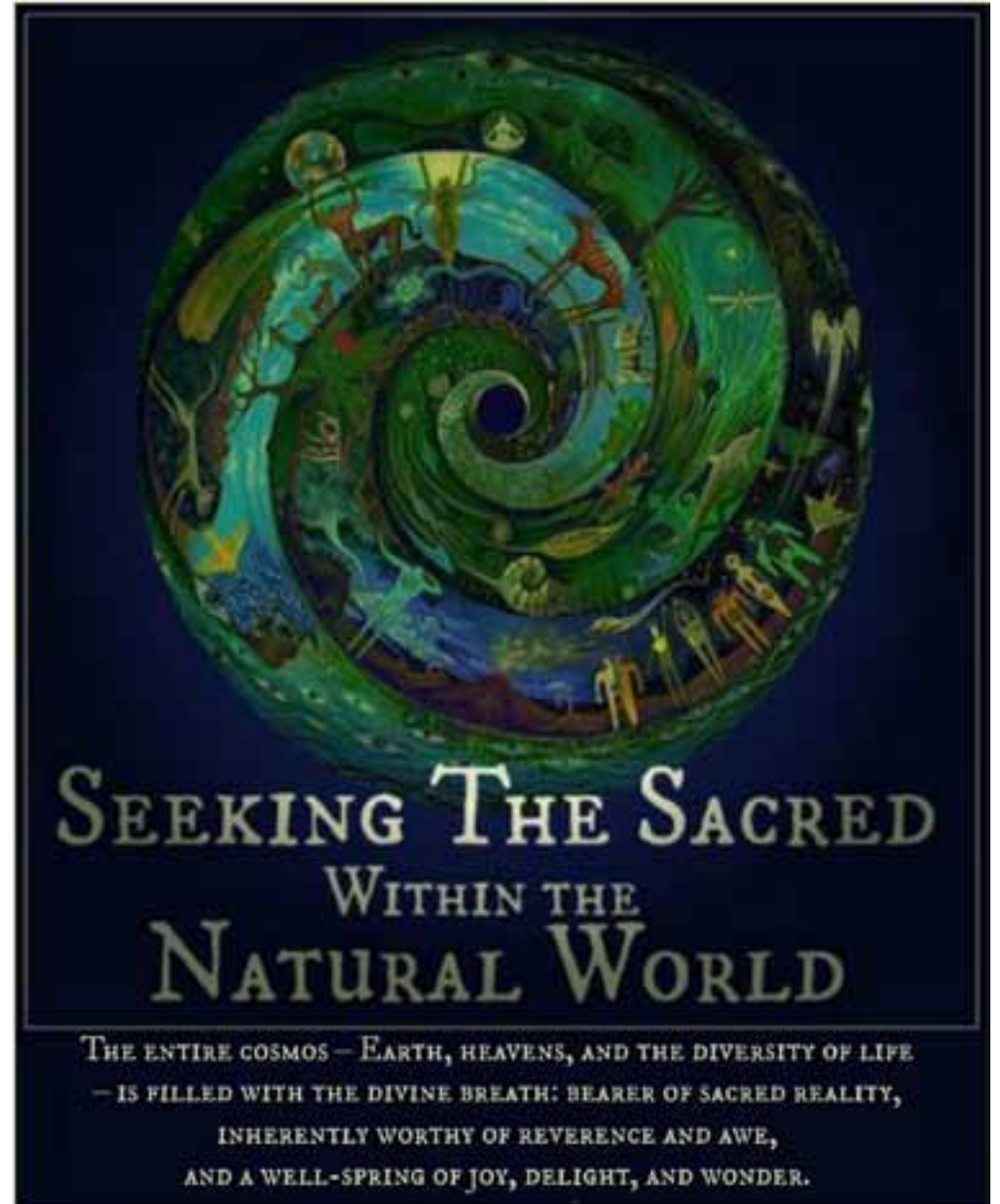
Out of all these wonderful volunteers there are currently only TWO from Federated.

We need someone with a pick-up truck to help load donations at the distributor in Shingle Springs and bring them here on Wednesdays from 9am -10:30am.

Please contact Tom Allen for more information - 530-391-8264

JUST COFFEE: There will be no coffee sales this Sunday 8/5. The coffee ladies are both out of town. Sales will return on 8/12. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Beginning Tuesday August 14th the new office hours will be 8am-1:30 Tuesday-Thursday and 8 am -11:30 on Fridays





Do you have fun pictures of our faith family from the past year? FCW, retreat, game nights etc. If so the Stewardship Team may use them during Stewardship season. Please email Ericka - fedchurchppt@gmail.com



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