

Federated Church

December 2nd 2018

Calendar of Commemoration and Announcements

Etty Hillesum 1914-1943



Etty Hillesum, a young Jewish woman who lived in Amsterdam during the Nazi occupation, became one of the millions of victims of the Holocaust. Though in her public life she left little trace, her diary, published many years after her death, offered a meticulous record of her inner life. From the day Dutch Jews were ordered to wear a yellow star up to the day she boarded a cattle car for Poland, Etty consecrated herself to an ambitious task: to bear witness to the inviolable power of love and to reconcile her keen sensitivity to suffering with her appreciation for the beauty of existence. Though she identified with no particular religious tradition, Etty's spirituality drew on eclectic sources - the Bible, Christian Mystics, Rilke, Dostoevsky. She believed the most important task was to hold fast to the encounter with God in her soul and other people, to affirm the meaning of life in the face of all evidence to the contrary. Gradually, as the net of persecution drew tighter, her diary became a prayer. When she knew she would be deported she accepted her fate and her calling: to be present at the heart of suffering to be 'the thinking heart of the concentration camp.' She was deported to Auschwitz on September 7, 1943 and there she died on November 30 at the age of twenty-nine.

*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*

 *This week @ Federated*

Sunday December 2nd

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Alternative
Christmas & FCW bake and craft sale
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
One Worship Service
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Cancer Support
Group

Tuesday December 4th

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Federated Men's
Book Club
8:30 AM - 10:45 AM PATH
Exercise
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Engage family dinner
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Engage Adult
fellowship time
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Engage music practice

Wednesday December 5th

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM FCW Luncheon
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Celtic
Communion
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tree of Kindness
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Celebration Singers
practice

Thursday December 6th

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Praise Team Practice

Friday December 7th

8:30 AM - 10:45 AM PATH
Exercise

Saturday December 8th

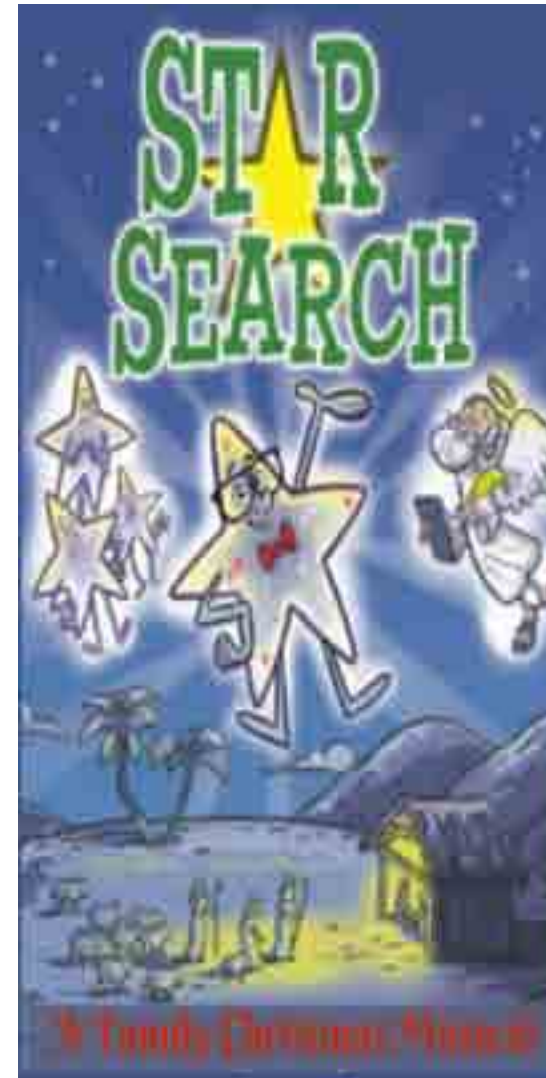
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Christmas
Musical Practice
4:00 PM - Nomadic Shelter

Sunday December 9th

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Pastor's Bible
Study
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Alternative
Christmas & FCW bake and craft sale
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
One Worship Service
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Blood Pressure
checks in Price Hall
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Family
Christmas Musical



SERVING IN OUR
WORSHIP TODAY-
ALL GOD'S PEOPLE



**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
AT 2PM, FOR OUR FEDERATED
FAMILY CHRISTMAS MUSICAL,
"STAR SEARCH" -
A STORY ABOUT LEARNING THAT
IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT
REALLY COUNTS.
WE WILL HAVE COOKIES AND
HOT COCOA IN PRICE HALL
FOLLOWING THE SHOW.
(AND YOU CAN MEET THE STARS!)**



**Do you have a church key that you're no longer
using?
If so, please return it to the office! Thank you**



SHARE SUNDAY will happen twice this month!

We'll be in Price Hall at Alternative Christmas on December 2 and December 9

Bring a can of food or box of pasta or any other non-perishable food item to the SHARE table in Price Hall.

Help us make a FOOD CHRISTMAS TREE

Stop by and see PICTURES of the SHARE food closet

It's an incredible ministry.

These two Sundays are also a great time to put those PAPER or PLASTIC BAGS in your car and drop them off at our table. We'll put them to good use.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sharon Fraser - Federated Liaison to SHARE

Becky Bell - Federated Steering Committee Rep.

Annual FCW CHRISTMAS Craft and Bake Sale!



**December 2nd and 9th
before and after 10 am
Worship, in Price Hall.**



1031 YOUTH FAITH IN PROGRESS

**Are you between 6th-12th grade?
Join us for 1031 Youth Group Meetings!**

Start Date:

Sunday, December 9, 2018

1031 Jr. High's: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

1031 Sr. High's: 5:30-7:30 pm

(First 30 minutes will be for snack.)



Join the PRIME TIME group for an evening of Christmas music

Sunday, December 9th at 4 pm

Placerville Seventh Day Adventist Church

6831 Mother Lode Drive

\$15 tickets | Buy tickets at door between 3:35 and 3:45pm!

After performance "Lite Bites"

at Marilyn and Tom Allen's home - 7157 Field Run

Bring an appetizer to share

RSVP Marilyn Allen 391-9289

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

December 2 & 9, 2018 9:00 - 12:00 in Price Hall

Our market is a wonderful chance to give Christmas gifts that make a difference. Instead of buying typical Christmas gifts, you can purchase fair trade gifts or make donations in the names of loved ones to local or worldwide charitable mission projects of your choice. This year, we feature giving opportunities from these groups.

Support the Guatemalan Mission efforts to make life safer and better for our 3rd world neighbors.

Help the **Homeless** and give a heart. Your donation will help fund our Nomadic Shelter nights staffed by Federated folks.

From **Church World Services**, you can "purchase" items such as blankets, school kits, safe water supplies, or even a water buffalo. Gifts will be distributed by Church World Services in the United States and all over the world for disaster relief or wherever help is needed.

Support **Tree of Kindness** by adopting a family and shopping for stocking stuffers, making a donation to purchase Payless Shoes gift cards, or doing both.

Support **Five Relief** by providing disaster assistance for our California neighbors.

Just Coffee
Coffee with a Conscience.
Purchase coffee direct from the **Café Azules** cooperative, supporting our Border Ministries project.

Support **SHARE** by bringing non-perishable food or making a cash donation.

Global Goods features hand-made clothing and accessories created by fair trade natives in 3rd world countries like Ghana and Haiti. Proceeds go to the people who create the merchandise.

Spirit Boosters FOR THE JOURNEY OF AGING

By Missy Buchanan, Advocate for Older Adults

In this season of life, you recognize the need to live more simply. You have pared down your living space. You surround yourself with less stuff. Now as you prepare to give thanks for your blessings, remember that simplicity gives birth to a season of abundance.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. -James 1:17

Suggested items-
PLEASE no expired or open packages!

- canned vegetables
- canned or dry beans
- canned or packaged soups
- pasta - mac&cheese
- rice
- breakfast items
- canned fruits
- granola bars
- fresh produce is welcomed, please deliver on the Friday or Sunday before we pack!

Do you have 10 minutes twice a month?
We need someone to pop into the office at Sierra School and pick up empty backpacks, and then deliver them the next week once they're filled. This literally takes less than 10 minutes each time, but must be done during school hours (8am-2pm.) If you can help, please let Kate know ~530- 622-0273



FEDERATED CHURCH WOMEN

December Luncheon

This month's General Meeting will be a holiday extravaganza! We meet on Wednesday, December 5th at 11:30 beginning with a Holiday Potluck, followed by a program featuring our own Gabriel Silva with holiday music. He will also share what he has been able to accomplish with the computer software that FCW purchased! So join the holiday festivities December 5th and be blessed with great home cooking and holiday music and sharing our memories with each other.



Tax Deductibility of Donations

With the new tax law passed last year many of us will now be using the standard deduction and lose the ability to itemize deductions. With this we will lose the deductibility of our charitable donations, including donations to the church. What this means to the average person is that the amount that they have in their personal budget for donations will be reduced by more than 30%.

There is one possibility for reducing this impact. If you are over 70 ½ and receiving a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your tax deferred contributions it is possible that you can have these distributions sent directly to your charitable organizations and not be included as income for tax purposes. This was possible even before the new tax law, but for a person that itemized deductions there was no tax advantage because it either came off your income or added to your deductions and the net effect on your taxable income was the same. That changed with the passage of the new tax law. This can be an excellent way to keep donating at the same level., but please don't accept this as tax advice as I am not a tax professional. Contact your financial advisor and tax professional for more information on whether you are eligible and how to do it.

I did contact our Church's financial advisor with Edward Jones, Jeff Wood, and he provided an information sheet regarding this. Our Endowment/Trust Fund Committee has attached these sheets to the Get a Good Thing Growing brochures located in the Narthex.

As always, if you have any questions you can reach me at r.leggett@sbcglobal.net.



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