

Federated Church

May 5th 2019

Calendar of Commemoration and Announcements

Thomas à Kempis 1380-1471



Thomas à Kempis was born in the town of Kempen, near Düsseldorf. His early formation came in the Brethren of the Common Life, a society that gathered laypeople and clergy in a religious brotherhood committed to living in the spirit of the Gospel. In 1399 he entered an Augustinian monastery in Zwolle and was ordained a priest. Though his life as a monk was unremarkable, he is remembered for his book, *The Imitation of Christ* - probably the most influential handbook of spiritual devotion ever written. Although addressed chiefly to his brother monks, it epitomized the spirituality of the Brethren, showing how a life of religious devotion could be lived in the world, not just in a monastery or convent.

For Thomas, the imitation of Christ does not mean emulating his external deeds but adopting the inner pattern of his piety: humility, detachment from the world, prayer and obedience to the will of God. The path to holiness is available to everyone, requiring no particular setting, occupation or station in life. The spiritual life is concerned not with one's outward activities but with the spirit that underlies them. The world judges according to appearances; God sees what is in the heart. Thus, "God regards the greatness of the love that prompts a man, rather than the greatness of his achievement."

*"A humble knowledge of yourself is a surer way to God than
a deep search after learning."*

*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 May 5th

ENGAGE SUNDAY

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Cancer Support Group

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Cathy's Cafe- Hosted by Youth Group

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Jr. High Youth Group

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group

Tuesday May 7th

7:00 AM - 8:15 AM Federated Men's Book Club

8:30 AM - 10:45 AM PATH Exercise

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Historical Committee

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

Wednesday May 8th

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM FCW Board Meeting - FR

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Celtic Communion

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Women at the Well

Wednesday continued.....

2:00 PM HELP

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Celebration Singers practice

Thursday May 9th

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM SHARE General Meeting

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM SHARE Leadership Meeting

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

Friday May 10th

8:30 AM - 10:45 AM PATH Exercise

May 12th

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Blood Pressure checks in Price Hall

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Jr. High Youth Group

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group

UMC States Commitment to Inclusion:

Bishops, clergy and laypersons around the US are protesting the exclusionary actions of the UMC General Conference in February, many of which were supported by the UMC Judicial Council last week. In a powerful statement for inclusion, our bishop for the California-Nevada area, Minerva Carcaño, claims *"I believe that the full inclusion of ALL God's children is the necessary first step to being the Church God calls us to be."*

Read her full statement here: <http://calnev-email.brtapp.com/viewinsite/dce24ee53d67fbbd91510b3315c7d0d8?email=shunn@comcast.net>, or go to www.cnumc.org and click on "Bishop Carcaño responds to Judicial Council ruling."

Likewise, the Western Jurisdictional Conference affirms that *"We remain committed to ministry as one church for all... Even now, efforts are underway to coalesce our plans and energy to help forge the future of our church. If you are interested and energized in assisting, we invite you to visit the Western Jurisdiction website to volunteer and join this movement."* (<http://westernjurisdictionumc.org/ahomeforall>).

Read the full statement here: <https://mailchi.mp/westernjurisdictionumc/an-update-from-the-western-jurisdiction-107097?e=dd3d4d3951>





Our Cancer Conversation and Prayer Group meets today, after worship, in the Fireside Room. All battling cancer and their caregivers are invited to attend to listen, share, pray, and support each other. For more information please call Tish Langston, Heath Ministry, 622-0273, extension 20.

The coffee ladies will be out of town this week. Returning with Cafe Justo on May 12.

Spirit Boosters
FOR THE JOURNEY OF AGING

By Missy Buchanan, Advocate for Older Adults

Spring is the season when young shoots push up from the ground and tiny leaves open in vivid green. It is a season to commune with the Creator. Take time to smell the sweet fragrance of a new blossom today. Feel the soft breeze on your face. Fellowship with the Creator of the universe and give thanks.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command. --Hebrews 11:3 (NIV)

GRADUATES?? GRADUATES?? GRADUATES?? GRADUATES??

We would like to recognize those people in our Federated family (or close to it) who are graduating this spring, by listing them in the announcements. If you know of someone who should be so honored, please supply the information requested below and drop in the offering plate or turn it into the office before May 15th. The names will appear in the May 19th announcements. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name: _____

School: _____

Eighth Grade, High School or College? _____

Degree (for college grads) _____

Names of parents and/or grandparents who are part of Federated:

If you would like to make a contribution in honor of your graduate, please make a note on the "memo" section of your check or place your check in an offering envelope with a note on the envelope. An acknowledgment of your gift will be sent to the honoree - please provide us with their address.



Don't forget to register for the FEDERATED FAMILY RETREAT!

JUNE 7-9

SEE THE PROCKS OR THE HEEREN'S FOR DETAILS!

at beautiful Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe

Welcome children and families!

God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles and giggles in God's house! Children are a big part of our faith family.

A short while into the service we will have "Children's Time" the Children's Minister, or the Pastor will invite the children to the front of the church for a short children's sermon.

Then we head downstairs to our classrooms. We have fun play and lessons with Miss Stephanie for 3-5 year olds and with Miss Kate for 7-11 year olds, and most weeks we also have loving childcare for toddlers - you are welcome to accompany your little one until they are comfortable.

If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, our "Family Comfort Room" is adjacent to the Sanctuary with a changing table, comfortable seating, toys, books and a TV where the live worship service is broadcast. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

For more information on Sunday School and Children's activities, please contact Kate Evans, Minister to Children and Families at federatedchildren@yahoo.com - 530.622.0273 x 17



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