

Federated Church

September 1st 2019

Calendar of Commemoration and Announcements

St. Monica - Mother of St. Augustine (323-387)



St. Monica is chiefly remembered through the loving testimony of her son, St. Augustine, who gave her special credit for his conversion: "in the flesh she brought me to birth in this world; in her heart she brought me birth in Your eternal life."

Monica was an African, born near Carthage of Christian parents. She married and bore three children, of whom Augustine was the eldest and clearly her favorite. For years she suffered from the fact that her brilliant son did not share her faith, a suffering compounded by his amoral conduct and immersion in the Manichean cult. She prayed constantly for his conversion and wept over his sins. A sympathetic bishop

consoled her saying, "Go now, it is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish."

Monica followed her son to Italy and her prayers were answered when Augustine was baptized. By this time Monica's days were numbered. While awaiting a ship to return to Africa, Monica fell ill. While discussing the eternal Wisdom with her son, Monica confided that she had no need for further life: "There was one reason and one alone why I wished to remain a little longer in this life," she told her son, "and that was to see you a Christian before I died. God has granted my wish....What is left for me to do in this world?"

"Nothing is far from God."

- St. Monica when asked if she feared dying far from home.

*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 September 1st

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 September 3rd

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

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM PATH Exercise

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Qigong

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Historical
Committee

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

Wednesday September 4th

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM FCW Luncheon

12:00 PM Celtic Communion

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

Thursday September 5th

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

Friday September 6th

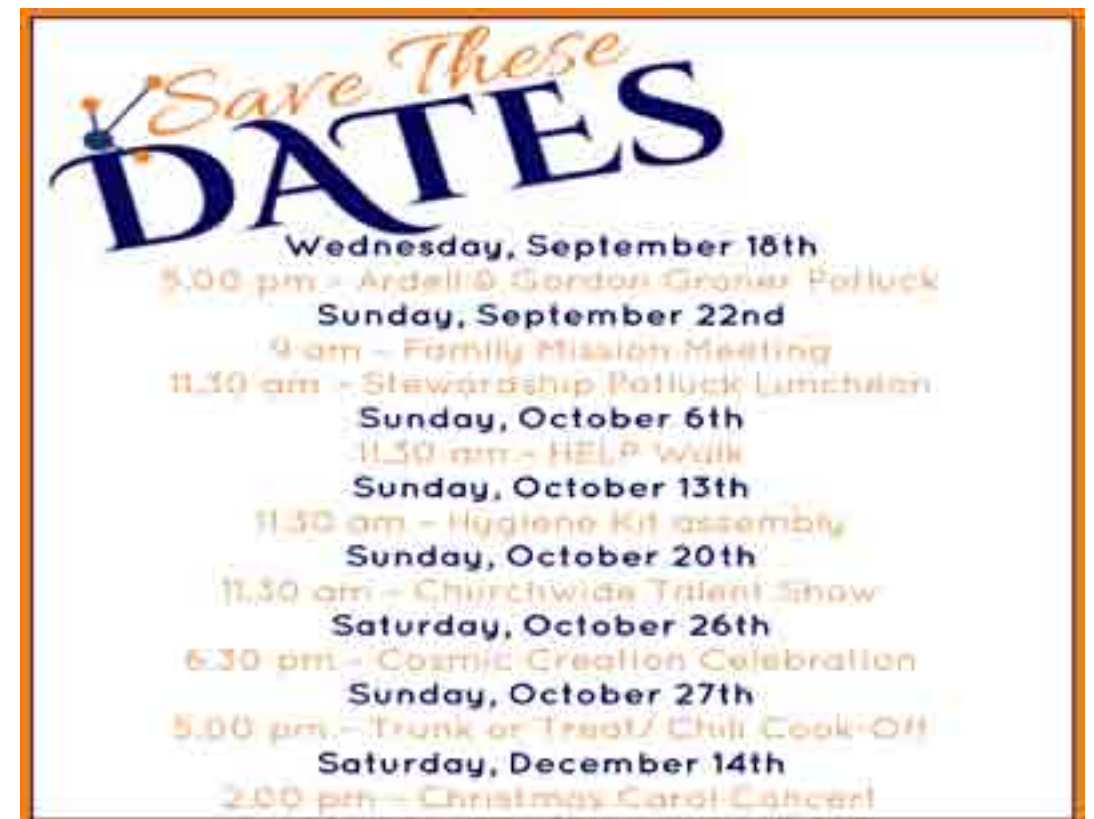
8:30 AM - 10:45 AM PATH
Exercise

Sunday September 8th

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

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

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



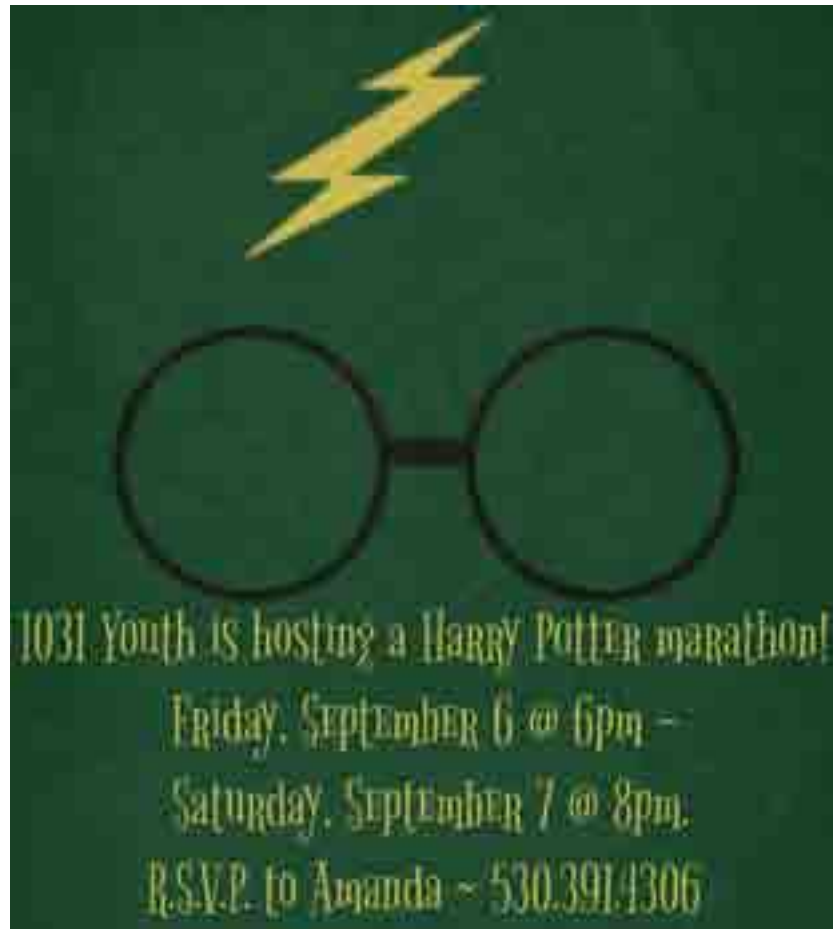
***Come meet and share a meal with
Ardell and Gordon Graner, our Mission Partners working
in the Dominican Republic***

Wednesday, September 18th, 5:00 – 7:00 pm in Price Hall

Potluck dinner and a short presentation including some of their current projects:

- New curriculum around violence in the family for DR children
- The solar oven project

Potluck: please bring a main course, salad/side dish or dessert for 8-10 people.



**Health
Ministry**

QIGONG CONTINUES



We have six more classes in Qigong being offered here at Federated on Tuesdays at 09:45 in Price Hall. Qigong supports the body's natural tendency to return to balance and equilibrium by gently yet profoundly creating strength, flexibility and balance in the muscles and joints through gentle flowing movements. A small \$5.00 donation covers costs, and with a sufficient turn-out, it will be continued. Join us for the experience!

There will be no coffee sales this Sunday, September 1st. Janet and Valerie will return next Sunday, September 8th.



Sierra School is back in session and we will once again be helping 20 families make ends meet. Please put donations of healthy, shelf-stable foods (eg: mac and cheese, tuna, fruit snacks, apple sauce, granola bars) in the purple tub near the office.

We will pack the backpacks on the the third Sunday of each month. Fresh produce is welcome on packing day!



HYGIENE KIT DRIVE

HOW MANY HYGIENE KITS CAN WE PROVIDE?

200? 300?

Children's Ministry and the Mission Connections Team are partnering to gather the materials for hygiene kits to be delivered to the UMCOR Depot in Salt Lake City in October 2019 for distribution to church-run transitional shelters for migrant children along the border.

Your generosity in the donations received since we started this drive on August 4 has been overwhelming! **It has become apparent that financial donations might be preferred over actual kit donations, since it will enable the team to buy the appropriate products in bulk.**

In addition to the value of each kit being \$12, UMCOR also requests \$2 for each completed kit to pay for shipping to the shelter sites, so you see your financial donations will be a huge help in providing as many hygiene kits as possible.

Although financial donations to date have reached an incredible amount -- \$2235.50, there is still time to collect more for our happy shoppers! The deadline for financial donations is 9/22/19.

Questions??? Please contact Kate in the church office at 622-0273 or Linda Gates at (530) 644-5695 or by email at lindagates3@gmail.com.



UMCOR NEWS UPDATE

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church, UMCOR assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. In the wake of 2017's epic hurricane season, United Methodists assembled thousands of cleaning buckets to Houston and other cities within the United States and Puerto Rico to reach devastated communities. UMCOR has shipped material resources to people in need all over the world. Now, UMCOR is making some major changes to its relief supply process.

Last year, UMCOR leadership recognized that shipping relief supplies *abroad* can do more harm than good. Though shipped with good intent, materials bought and packaged in the U.S. displace potential local purchases that can support local economies. With this in mind, UMCOR determined to cease international shipment of relief supply kits.

By awarding *grants* to UMCOR partners abroad, UMCOR can provide more support to local economies in need. This allows communities to use grant money to buy local supplies and use local workers as they respond to disasters in their area, thus empowering local people to become responsible for themselves and their community.

UMCOR now distributes only the most-requested relief supply kits assembled in the U.S. to places in the U.S. and its territories where these items are most needed. As part of these changes, UMCOR has discontinued several kits. The kits remaining are the hygiene kit, school kit, and cleaning kit.

All kits have very specific contents and UMCOR cannot allow any exceptions.

Keeping in mind shipping constraints and the emotional state of recipients as thousands of kits are distributed, it is critical that they each contain identical items as noted on the respective kit list.



At their August 13 meeting, Church Council accepted the resignation of Pastor Search Team (PST) Chair Jason Hall. Sharon Fraser, Council Chair and Liaison to the PST, met with the team on Monday, August 19, when Vice Chair Susan Hunn agreed to chair the PST while Jim Hughes steps into the Vice Chair position.

PST members thank Jason for his valuable contributions and remain committed to the pastor search process. The PST members are: Amy Bennett, Margie Bryant, Ian Cokely, John Gray, Chair Susan Hunn, and Vice Chair Jim Hughes. Please continue to pray for this dedicated team as they proceed.

It's SHARE Sunday!

Time to help fill up the shelves at our food closet.

This month's biggest needs are:

Cans of tuna Cans of chicken
Jam/Jelly Granola bars

Of course, any kind of non-perishable foods is always gladly accepted.

Also, monetary donations can be put in the offering on Sundays.

(Note on the check that it is for SHARE.)

Donations can be placed in the food tub in the church office.

In July, SHARE was able to help out 267 families!

Thank you, Federated friends, for helping to support this very worthy cause!



Longtime SHARE volunteer, Marilyn Allen, is now the Federated Church Liaison to SHARE MINISTRIES. Outgoing liaison Sharon Fraser would like to thank Marilyn for stepping into this leadership role, and to also thank Federated folks for their wonderful support of this valuable ministry.

Faithful Stewardship: God goes before us
Past - Present - Future



Stewardship season will be the next three Sundays,

September 8-22.

Join us for a Stewardship Potluck on September 22nd, after worship.

Save the Date



Cosmic Creation Celebration
Saturday, October 26th
6.30 pm

Spirit Boosters
FOR THE JOURNEY OF AGING

By Missy Buchanan, Advocate for Older Adults

All around you, people are criticizing others.
Television pundits blast political candidates.
Sports stars trash-talk their opponents.
Neighbors complain about neighbors.
Resolved to go through the day without disparaging another person.
Be a joy booster in a critical world.

Do not grumble against one another.
--James 5:9



Share your faith

Please join Federated Church
Women on Wednesday,
September 4, at 11:30am and
listen to our guest speaker,
Pastor Andrew as he introduces
us to the Parables,
"Short Stories by Jesus".

Federated Church Women



El Dorado County Federated Church
1031 Thompson Way
Placerville, CA 95667

530-622-0273 Office 530-622-4684 Fax

office@eldoradofederatedchurch.org Email www.eldoradofederatedchurch.

