



Federated Church

A Place to Belong

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From lockdowns to travel bans to masks to school closings to socially distant worship to online worship to social unrest to political theater, this has been quite a year. Added to that has been a great loss of life, leaving many families shattered in the wake of this pandemic. Even in our little village the virus continues to make inroads. And, if all that just wasn't enough, we now end the year with the news of the passing of Father Silvester Sarihaddula, a friend, colleague, and parish priest for St. Joseph the Worker. I can see why so many people are hoping and praying that 2021 is a better year.

But the truth is that January 1st is just a day on the calendar. There is nothing magic about it. It will not reverse the fortunes of the previous year as the previous year was also just a series of days on a calendar. Yes, it gives us a new page, a fresh start, but so does January 2nd and 3rd and so on. Come to think of it, Hank Williams died on New Year's Day back in 1953, and yet that year went on to include the introduction of the Chevy Corvette, the end of the Korean war, and the New York Yankees defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series.

Good year? Bad year? It all depends on our perspective. 2020 saw both great sacrifice and great selfishness, trust and distrust, hope and fear, unity and division. Many are calling for healing, but no one seems exactly certain as to what or who needs the healing. That's where the church can shine, for we can be that place where all can come for healing, for understanding, and for a fresh perspective not grounded in the stuff of earth but in the Kingdom of God.

Join us between now and Lent as we Embrace Curiosity and explore healing for ourselves and our neighbors through the eyes of Jesus Christ. Happy New Year!

ANNUAL MEETING

2021

Due to the current social distancing guidance from local, state, federal and judicatory leadership, all in person meetings (other than our socially distant worship services) have been suspended for reasons of public health. Because of this current situation, we will not hold our annual meeting during the month of January as is our normal pattern. Based on best guess estimates of vaccination rates and other public health factors, we have tentatively scheduled the annual meeting for this coming September.

The annual report will be completed in January and distributed at worship services and through the church office beginning on January 24th.

Annual Reports

All year-end reports for the annual report need to be in the church office by Friday, January 15th. Financial reports are due by Wed., January 20th.

Thank you.

Poinsettias that have been in our sanctuary may now be picked up. Thank you for loaning them to us this Christmas!





FOOD PANTRY

The December surplus food give out was on the 7th with 143 families served. Thank you to all the helpers we couldn't do it without your help.

The January surplus food give out will be on Monday the 11th from 1:30pm – 4:00pm.

No one will be allowed in line before 1:15.

Thanks again Miriam & Kathy

FED TEENS

Will be resuming on January 10th

Fed Teens are currently meeting at 7:00 pm on Sunday nights. This is on Zoom, anyone wanting to join please contact Rayanne Schoonover at:
RayanneSchoonover@gmail.com



If you would like to join
Coffee, Clergy and Conversation, Tuesday at 10 am
please send an e-mail to
PastorKen.FedChurch@yahoo.com.

**We did have Poinsettias adorning our sanctuary this year
and here is a list in memory of loved ones.**



Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

Raymond and Judy Jones

By Liz Jones & family

John Brooks

By Luanne Brooks & family

Loved Ones

By Deb & Dan Lloyd

George & Rita Will

By Steve & Sue Will

John Brooks

By Liz Jones

Dave Peterson

By Alice Peterson & family

D. Jay Gifford

By Craig & Theresa Gifford

Tony Baldino

By Craig & Theresa Gifford

Reba Crewell

By Bill Crewell

Loved Ones

By Don & Connie Pope

Gerald & Catherine Drake

By Clarissa Hoyland, Miriam
Marriott, & Patti Layman

Lynda Light

By her Mom, Kathleen, Todd, &
Grandma

Warren Marriott

By Miriam Marriott & Family

Loved Ones

By Don & Linnea McDonald

Larry Taylor

By Barbara Taylor &
Karen & Don Livingston

Rena & John Dye, David Lohnas,

Pete & Shirley Hammond

By Nancy Cooper

Andy Criscolo

By Heidi Barrette

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2
3 9:30 am Worship Service	4	5 10:00-11:00 am Coffee, Clergy & Conversation On Zoom	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 am Worship Service	11 Surplus Food Give out 1:30 – 4:00 pm	12 10:00-11:00 am Coffee, Clergy & Conversation On Zoom	13	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Worship Service	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Office Closed	19 10:00-11:00 am Coffee, Clergy & Conversation	20	21	22	23
24/31 9:30 am Worship Service	25	26 10:00-11:00 am Coffee, Clergy & Conversation On Zoon	27	28	29	30

Applying Bible Principles

When he was president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Gordon MacDonald said, "One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us."

We own nothing. We have been given material means to use, but not to own. All that we have belongs to God. God is our Source according to Psalm 62:5. We are only managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

Because all that we have belongs to God, and because he gives us the ability to obtain wealth, every spending decision is in reality a spiritual decision. According to First Corinthians 10:31, our constant goal must be to glorify God in all of life, including how we use his resources.

Stephen Olford wrote this: "... man's chief end is 'to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.' We are to glorify God by our worshipful praise (Psalm 50:23). We are to glorify him by our consistent fruitbearing (John 15:8). We are to glorify him by our spiritual unity (Rom. 15:6). We are to glorify him by our entire dedication (1 Cor. 6:20). And we are to glorify him by our good works (Matt. 5:16). In this last category is included the matter of giving. Only in this way can we provide for 'honest things in the sight of the Lord.' The glory of God should motivate us to give and to give our best."

If our goals and ambitions are truly set on spiritual things, if our emphasis in life is to glorify God, we will use the funds he has "loaned" to us on a temporary basis to glorify him. We will put his money and possessions to good use by giving to his work and by storing up "treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:19-21).

There are two key questions to be asked concerning money and possessions: First, are you glorifying God in how you are using the money and possessions God has entrusted to you? And second, are you viewing these things as yours or as God's?

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