

## Next Week is Commitment Weekend!

Next weekend, August 27 is Commitment Sunday for our critically important “*Rejoice & Renew*” Campaign. Many volunteers have already been recruited and will be tasked with visiting members in their homes and/or by phone to more fully explain our campaign effort, to answer questions and to invite them to consider their campaign commitment.

Please open your hearts and homes to this dedicated group. Listen thoughtfully to our case and request. Then, please do your part to help make our campaign a success. The future of our faith family depends on all of us and on you and what you ultimately decide to do.

If you’d like to save us a call or trip to your home, you can stop by the Fellowship Hall after our scheduled service next Sunday. Many of these same volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about our campaign and guide you through the Campaign Commitment process.

Let’s show how committed we are!



## Creative Giving Seminar and Prayer Vigil Planned

### Creative Giving Seminar

For those who want to learn about the beneficial ways that gifts can be made to our church campaign, we are offering another Creative Giving Seminar on Monday, August 21 at 7:00 pm in the Lounge. The seminar in June was wonderful and we want to repeat that experience!

Refreshments will be served, workbooks distributed, and a brief video presentation will be shown.

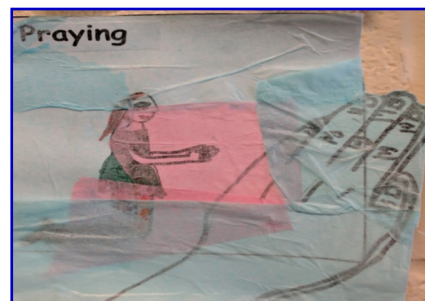
Afterwards, Rob Goble, Steve Patton and Pete Franz will answer your questions and can help you come up with creative gift ideas that fit your interests. Please plan to attend this seminar.

### 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Starting on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am we will be offering a special Prayer Vigil in our Chapel asking for God’s guidance in bringing success to our *Rejoice & Renew Campaign*. A big thank you to Peggie Jo Shinagawa and Lou Butz for spearheading this event!

If you would like to join this special effort, please call the Church to schedule your hour. A prayer guide will be available to lead you through this special hour of prayer by reading, singing, dancing, or drawing. Be creative!

Then, at 8:30 Sunday morning, we will fill the Chapel with faith-filled reflective prayer, and another space for more active praying.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Creative Giving Seminar**  
Monday, August 21, at 7pm  
in the Lounge

**24-Hour Prayer Vigil**  
Beginning August 26, at 10am

**Commitment Weekend**  
August 27

# Volunteer News

Thank you to the following people who have already expressed their willingness to volunteer and are involved in our campaign.

NOTE: This list was updated on July 21, 2017. If you believe your name should be on this list, please contact Laura Taylor in the Campaign Office at 440-247-6490 x216.

Becky Bartter  
Pete & Chris Bednar  
Leesa Belcher  
Marilee Biel  
Bill & Jane Biggar  
Barry & Kathie Biggin  
Rose Brown  
Sharon Broz  
Dave & Lou Butz  
Doug & Barb Church  
Stacy Cianciolo  
George Clemens  
Carolyn Cunningham  
Greg & Laura Davis  
Gary Dole  
Bob & Sunny Doxey  
Phil Fogarty  
Casey Forbes  
Bill Franz  
Pete Franz  
Diana Gardner  
John & Sue Giles  
Rob Goble  
Curtis & Erinn Grube  
Becky Gruss

Robin Harbage &  
Katie Swanson-Harbage  
Ralph Hegsted  
Ann-Marie Heston  
Jack & Mary Hobbs  
Ken & Kristi Horner  
Joe & Barbara Hudson  
Susu Kawolics  
Bill & Silvia Kenneweg  
Dan Kershner  
Lynne Kessell  
Dennis & Kathy Kieta  
Paul & Maren Koepf  
Ann Lentz  
Darlene Nichols  
John & Linda Nichols  
Jim & Janet O'Hara  
Steven Patton  
Harriett Rogers  
Linnea Rostek  
Donna Rule  
Martine Scheuermann  
& Marty Culbertson  
Jeri Shaffer  
Peggie Jo Shinagawa

Todd & Melinda  
Smith  
Jill Snyder  
Jim Squire  
Dave Strauch  
Alex & Alice Taylor  
Amanda Taylor  
Wilson Taylor &  
Megan Wood  
David Telfer  
Hamilton  
Throckmorton  
Diane Tuuri  
Heather Wagley  
Dave & Cathy  
Watterson  
Linda Zelazny

*"But let our people too,  
learn to devote themselves  
to good works, to supply  
urgent needs, so that they  
may not be unproductive."*

Titus 3:14



## QUESTIONS YOU'VE ASKED:

**Question:** I understand that Federated is an Open and Affirming church. Why is there so much focus on the rainbow flag?

**Answer:** In the spirit of providing outward symbols of our congregational commitment to being an Open and Affirming church, Church Council voted in 2016 to fly the rainbow flag year-round. This has raised discussion among our congregants as to exactly how we should live out and display our Open and Affirming (ONA) commitment. Council asked the Spiritual Formation and Telling our Story commissions to collaborate in planning, communicating and managing a process of discernment in which we hope the Lord's spirit will move among us and give us the collective wisdom to understand what Jesus would ask of us to display and embrace ONA. We've

subsequently expanded this process to include collaboration among all five commissions.

The rainbow flag is but one symbol of our extravagant welcome, though a very important and meaningful symbol of welcome and safety to the LGBTQ community, which has been marginalized through a long history of the Christian church. We hope that the congregation as a whole will come together to provide thoughtful input as to how we can live out ONA both in our expressions of faith to our community at large and within our own congregation. For many, ONA is a magnet advocating values of inclusion and open-mindedness. When people question us about ONA and the symbols of our extravagant welcome, it is a wonderful opportunity to profess our faith and our commitment.

This process isn't an end point, but a road we travel together.

# Financial News

Our “*Rejoice & Renew*” Campaign’s purpose is to raise the funds required to update and improve our facilities.

A minimum goal of **\$2,200,000** has been established, which will enable us to move forward with the most pressing facility improvements to the Bell Street property, worship space, and the Family Life Center. A Challenge goal of **\$3,000,000** has also been

set, which, if met, will enable us to make additional enhancements to both properties that were presented in the feasibility study, while also earmarking funds for future deferred major maintenance. Finally, reaching our Praise goal of **\$4,000,000** will enable us to finish the proposed project without lingering debt.

**Minimum Goal**

**\$2,200,000**

**Challenge Goal**

**\$3,000,000**

**Praise Goal**

**\$4,000,000**

## Gifts Needed and Received

In order to reach our financial objectives, we will need both a substantial number of givers and a few, fairly substantial gifts - as this Chart of Gifts illustrates:

Size of Gift	Needed	Minimum Needed	Given	Total Pledged
\$300,000 or more	1	\$300,000	1	\$400,000
\$100,000—300,000	3	\$300,000	2	\$301,000
\$50,000—100,000	6	\$300,000	6	\$370,212
\$25,000—50,000	12	\$300,000	9	\$281,000
\$10,000—25,000	30	\$300,000	24	\$331,151
\$5,000—10,000	60	\$300,000	14	\$84,516
Less than \$5,000	116	\$400,000	17	\$42,560
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>\$2,200,000</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>\$1,810,439</b>

*“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as you can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord God has bestowed on you.”*

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

## Giving Options

All members are asked to consider gifts above and beyond what they give in their regular offerings and other contributions. Gifts can be made in a variety of ways.

### Pledges

Pledges are payable over three years, making larger gifts more attainable and essential to meeting our goal. Gifts may be made in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual installments at the donor’s discretion. A 10% initial investment towards your total pledge is encouraged.

### Non-Cash Gifts

Non-cash gifts are an additional or alternative way you can support our cause. You may wish to consider *in-kind* gifts such as labor and materials; gifts of securities such as stocks and bonds; gifts of real estate; or even personal property such as artwork, automobiles, jewelry, and antiques.

### Deferred Gifts

Deferred gifts are another option you may wish to consider. These are gifts that can be given or arranged now, but will not be received until later. They include gifts where Federated is designated as the beneficiary in a person's will by bequest, gifts of life insurance policies or annuities, and gifts in trust.

# Giving Opportunities

There are a number of very special gift opportunities within our campaign available to donors or groups of donors of the following *total qualifying* gift amounts. These opportunities allow people the unique chance to associate their gifts with a particular portion of the campaign and honor or memorialize one or more people, as part of their special gift pledge.

\*Gift amounts do not necessarily reflect the item's exact cost. Rather, they are based on the item's prominence, our needs, and our community's gift abilities. Gift contributions may be made over the entire three-year giving period. Recognition will be given when the gift is received in full.

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”*

1 PETER 4:10

Remember that some employers **match charitable contributions** to religious organizations. Progressive Corporation is just one example.

A great way to “double” your commitment.

*“The world of the generous gets larger and larger.”*

- Proverbs 11: 24

## Worship Space Opportunities

Organ Refurbishment	\$ 300,000
Audio Visual Equipment	\$ 75,000
Interior Paint & Plaster	\$ 50,000
<b>Brass Railings (polishing) (funded)</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<b>Window Treatments (funded)</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>

## Bell Street Property Opportunities

Roof Replacement & Comprehensive Insulation	\$ 500,000
HVAC Systems & Energy Audit with Systems Engineering	\$ 500,000
Resurface Parking Lot & Add Heat Cables to Hillside	\$ 150,000
Maintenance Equipment Items	\$ 100,000
Carpeting	\$ 80,000
Interior Paint	\$ 50,000
Restroom Fixtures	\$ 35,000
Building Entry System	\$ 30,000
<b>Steeple Repairs (funded)</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
Security Camera System	\$ 15,000
Seated Choral Risers	\$ 10,000
<b>Conference Room Chairs (funded)</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>

## Family Life Center Opportunities

Wood Siding Repairs	\$ 45,000
<b>Dishwasher (funded)</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>

## Special Section and Selections

Rebranding Effort	\$ 55,000
LED Fixtures	\$ 40,000
Pick-Up Truck	\$ 35,000
New Server	\$ 7,000
Commercial Interior Design Consultant	\$ 5,000
<b>New Wireless Access Points (funded)</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>

We need a broad base of support and a few fairly substantial gifts in order to ensure our campaign's success.

Not everyone is in a position to make a top tier gift like those listed above.

But, if you can, do what others can't.

***Then, watch in awe at our wondrous results!***

