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 26th 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

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Commitment Weekend
August 27
Thank you to the following people who have already expressed their willingness to volunteer and are involved in our campaign.

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
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Caroleen Cunningham
Greg & Laura Davis
Gary Dole
Bob & Sunny Doxey
Phil Fogarty
Casey Forbes
Bill Franz
Pete Franz
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Curtis & Erinn Grube
Becky Gruss
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Ann Lentz
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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

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.

“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 congregations 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.
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.

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.

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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.

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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.

Worship Space Opportunities
- Organ Refurbishment: $300,000
- Audio Visual Equipment: $75,000
- Interior Paint & Plaster: $50,000
- Brass Railings (polishing) (funded): $10,000
- Window Treatments (funded): $5,000

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
- Carpentry: $80,000
- Interior Paint: $50,000
- Restroom Fixtures: $35,000
- Building Entry System: $30,000
- Steeple Repairs (funded): $20,000
- Security Camera System: $15,000
- Seated Choral Risers: $10,000
- Conference Room Chairs (funded): $7,000

Family Life Center Opportunities
- Wood Siding Repairs: $45,000
- Dishwasher (funded): $10,000

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
- New Wireless Access Points (funded): $4,000

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

A great way to “double” your commitment.

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!