



Federated Church

A Place to Belong

April

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Holy Week

Diaper Dist.

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Holy Week will soon be upon us: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Then comes Easter Sunday, a day of great celebration and praise. But these are far more than dates on a calendar, or simple commemorations of stories told long ago, for each reflects a spiritual truth that helps us to understand God's rescue plan for us in Christ.

Palm Sunday points us in the direction of worship and praise. Maundy Thursday draws us to a place of betrayal. Good Friday takes us to a place of loss. Holy Saturday demands our silence. Easter morning is filled with shouts of triumph and proclamation as we share the good news that "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

But that's not where the story ends, for the good news of Easter morning continues to change lives. That's where we come in, for as Easter people, our shouts of triumph and proclamation turn to witness and testimony and the building of relationships with those who still need not only to hear but to accept the salvation that is ours in Christ. That's why we still have Pentecost to celebrate in June, for the Holy Spirit that was first unleashed upon the faithful that day continues to inspire and motivate us to join in sharing the good news.

Easter should also remind us that it's not just about Sunday mornings, but that every day of the week holds the same potential to share our testimony, to tell the old, old story, and to lead with the witness of our lives in bringing the gospel to life for those around us.

Having said all that, don't forget that we've got invitations available for our Easter morning worship service, invitations that only work when they're shared with others.

Pastor Ken

Applying Bible Principles

Jim Elliot, who was martyred in 1956 by the Auca Indians, once described missionaries as “a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody.” That’s a great definition, isn’t it? In fact, it fits all of us. In one way or another, we’re just a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody.

Chuck Swindoll was trying to emphasize the importance of people who might be nameless in the kingdom, men and women who “with silent heroism and faithful diligence, relinquish the limelight and live in the shade of public figures.” And then to illustrate his point, he asked several questions:

- Who taught Martin Luther his theology and inspired his translation of the New Testament?
- Who visited with Dwight L. Moody at a shoe store and spoke to him about Christ?
- Who followed Hudson Taylor and gave the China Inland Mission its remarkable vision and direction?

Swindoll concluded,

Had it not been for such unknown persons, a huge chunk of church history would be missing. And a lot of lives would have been untouched...

But don't mistake anonymity for unnecessary. Otherwise, the whole Body gets crippled ... even paralyzed ... or, at best, terribly dizzy as the majority of the members within the Body become diseased with self-pity.

Because of God’s foreknowledge and sovereignty, the decision as to who gets publicized and who stays behind the scenes is not ours to make. God’s sovereignty explains why we know Luther better than Malanchthon, Moody better than Kimball and Taylor rather than Hoste.

But here’s the really great part. According to 1 Samuel 30:24, the one who works in the background shares in the reward just as much as the one who is in the spotlight. The person changing diapers in the nursery shares God’s blessings and rewards just as much a worship leader does. Those who tally the offerings will be rewarded as much as those who teach Sunday school. The sound technicians who make it possible for us to hear the preaching of God’s Word are as vital in God’s sight as the one doing the preaching.

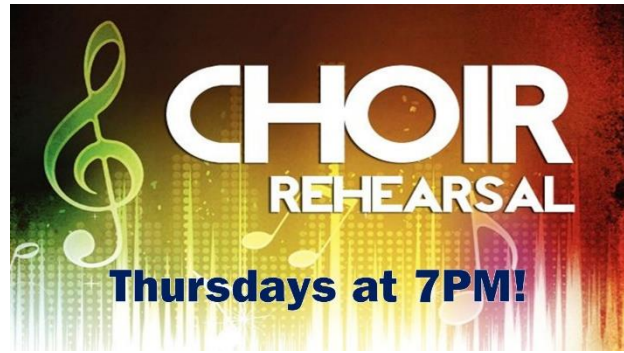
To use Jim Elliot’s term, are you a “nobody” in God’s kingdom today? Welcome to the club. All of us are. In one way or another, here at The Federated Church, we’re just a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody. May it ever be so.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 am Coffee, Clergy & Conv. 5:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts	2 WIC 9:30 am – 2:00 pm	3 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Choir	4	5
6 9:30 am Worship Service Communion 10:30 am Coffee hour 11:00 am Bells	7 7:00 Finance Bldgs. & Grds.	8 9:30 am Coffee, Clergy & Conv. 5:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts	9	10 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Choir	11	12
13 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee hour 11:00 am Bells Palm Sunday	14	15 9:30 am Coffee, Clergy & Conv. 5:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts	16 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Blood Drive	17 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	18	19 10:00- Noon Diaper Distribution
20 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee hour Easter	21 7:00 pm Church Council	22 9:30 am Coffee, Clergy & Conv. 5:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts	23	24 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Choir	25	26
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**Coffee,
Clergy,
&
Conversation
Tuesdays
9:30 – 11:00 AM
Join Us!**



Easter Flowers

We will be adorning the sanctuary with plants on Easter Sunday. Please purchase your own plants and if you would like them in memory of a loved-one please let Luanne know by April 10th to be in the Easter bulletin.





Community Singers
Annual Spring Concert
Sunday, April 6th, 7pm
Mt. Markham High School
No Admission

Federated Church
Holy Week Schedule
Palm Sunday Service
April 13th, 9:30 am
Maundy Thursday Observation
April 17th, 7:00 pm
Easter Morning Celebration
April 20th, 9:30 am

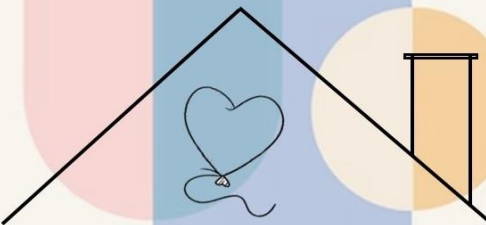




**April 19th
10am – Noon**

Running low? We can help!
It Takes a Village Diaper Bank
West Winfield

VillageDiapers.FedChurch@gmail.com



Gently Used. Greatly Needed.

PASS IT ON
Community Closet for Baby
West Winfield

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Federated Church
Wednesday, April 16th
1:00 – 6:00 PM



JOIN US FOR
EASTER
AT THE FEDERATED CHURCH



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Federated Church's Annual Spring Rummage Sale will be from Thursday May 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, Friday May 16th from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM and ending on Saturday May 17th from 9:30 AM to noon with a **\$3.00** bag sale.

Donations for the sale can be brought to the church starting on Wednesday May 7th **THROUGH NOON** on Wednesday May 14th **As it takes a lot of time to sort, place and price the items, we will not accept any items after NOON on Wednesday May 14th** All items should be placed in the Fellowship Hall at the rear of the church. As always we appreciate all the donations brought to the church and ask that they be items of **Spring/Summer** clothing and household items in good condition. If you bring items that are damaged or stained, we cannot put them out for sale and we end up overloading the dumpster and paying additional monies for their disposal. If you have plastic bags and cardboard boxes please bring your items in those and let us reuse the boxes for sending the items home with their new owners.

As always, we will need volunteers, beginning on Monday May 12th to sort and arrange items for sale. We will start at approximately 9:30 each morning and work till early afternoon each day prior to the sale starting on Thursday. We also need additional help on Saturday for clean-up and need cashiers for each of the days and evenings we are open. We will be placing calls to those who have helped in the past but please feel free to contact us before if you know you will be available to help.

Not only is this a great fund raiser for the Federated Church but meets a large need in our community for those who come to shop at it each Fall and Spring.

With everyone's help we can make this the huge success again this Spring that is has always been.

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