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A Place to Belong

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Points of Interest

Pastor's Letter

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Rummage Sale

Concert

AARP Driver Safety

Flu Clinic

Blood Drive

I'm sitting here at my desk on a Saturday morning, listening to the 9:00 AM bells ringing from the tower. The bells have become a familiar part of my time here as your pastor, tolling the hours, days, months, and years that we've been together, and they are a steady reminder of our presence in this community—a presence that I hope will continue for years to come.

Many of you have already received your Stewardship packet for next year. Many more will be receiving them this week in the mail. These packets, like our bells, represent our presence in this community, for they represent our desire to have the word of God faithfully proclaimed and shared within and outside of our community. And this year, especially, they also represent our future.

It is my hope that when my time as your pastor ends next September, that I leave this congregation both spiritually and financially strong so that you may remain focused on the future of our witness. And that's going to take all of us not only working together, but also reflecting a spirit of generosity that will ensure that we can move forward with confidence into the next season of this congregation's mission and ministry.

In the weeks to come, I will be sharing four stewardship messages from the gospel of Luke, both online and in worship, focused around the theme of building a bridge to tomorrow. I pray that each of you will take these messages to heart, and that our response will be filled with overwhelming and sacrificial generosity.

Pastor Ken

Applying Bible Principles

Let's play a game of "true or false."

True or false: Every possible second of our time should be used here at The Federated Church in service to the Lord and to others.

On first glance, that sounds like a great way to go through life. Do what you have to do in order to provide for your family. Use whatever time you have to for essentials like eating, sleeping, and bathing. But then, whatever time remains, give it to God and work here at the church.

True or false: Every possible second of our time should be used here at The Federated Church in service to the Lord and to others. It may surprise you, but that statement is false.

Rev. Steve Schlund, a pastor from Nebraska, writes,

. . . we are to view these talents, not as ours which we have deserved or developed on our own, but as gifts entrusted to us and our care solely by God's grace . . . to be used according to the wishes of the One who gave them, not our own. . . . They are to be used to serve others. That is why we have been given time and talents. It is not so that we may simply sit back and enjoy life, but so that we can be of service to others, as Jesus was, especially in the context of the church. . . .

However, as proper management of God's financial and material resources does not mean giving everything to the church, so also proper management of God's time and skills does not mean using all our time and skills at church. Church, like anything else, can become an idol if we devote so much time to it that we neglect our family or our need to rest. Our time and skills are to be used to serve others wherever we encounter them.

Now, most pastors and lay leaders who read Pastor Schlund's comments will say to themselves, "Not to worry — over-involvement or doing too much is not a problem in my church." And while that's probably accurate for most congregations, as you consider what God would ask you to do, seek a balance. Earnestly seek to make the work of the Lord a priority in your life as you seek first God's kingdom. As you do, though, don't allow your devotion to the Lord's work and ministry to become a substitute for devotion to and service to the Lord Jesus Christ.

One pastor challenged his congregation this way: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that God has given us enough money to finance the ministry here. The bad news is that it is all still in your pockets."

In a similar way, that challenge can be restated or paraphrased as follows: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that God has placed under our control enough time and enough talent for the ministry here at The Federated Church. The bad news is that it is all still in our hands."

How will you use the time and talents God has entrusted to you?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 am Coffee, Clergy & Conv.	2	3 5:30-7:00pm Rummage Sale 7:00 pm Choir	4 9:00am- 5:30pm Rummage Sale	5 9:30am-Noon Rummage Sale
6 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee hour Communion	7 7:00 Finance, Bldgs. & Grds	8 9:30 am Coffee, Clergy & Conv. 5:00 – 7:00 pm Girl Scouts	9	10 10:00 am – Noon Flu Clinic 7:00 pm Choir	11	12
13 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee hour	14 7:00pm Church Council	15 9:30 am Coffee, Clergy & Conv. 5:00-7:00 pm Girl Scouts	16 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	17 7:00 pm Choir	18	19 10:00- Noon Diaper Distribution
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9:30 – 11:00 AM
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The Federated Church Fall Rummage Sale

October 3rd, 5:30-7:00PM
October 4th, 9:30AM-5:30PM
October 5th, 9:30AM-Noon

Donation drop-off begins Sept. 25th.



Community Singers
Present
Our Annual Fall Concert
Sunday, October 6th at 7:00 pm
Mt. Markham High School

No admission Charge
Refreshments

**AARP's Smart Driver
Refresher Course**

Federated Church
Wed., October 30th 9:00am – 3:45pm
To register call Kathy Schofield 315-822-4715
or 1-888-773-7160, aarp.org/findacourse36
\$25 for AARP members \$30 for non members

No credit cards accepted the day of the class



Here are the dates for our upcoming distributions:

October 19th

November 16th

December 21st





Flu Clinic

Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 10th 10:00 am – Noon

65 and older, all insurance is taken



Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, October 16th 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

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