

# FEDERATED FINDINGS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WATERVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

## Ramblings from the Reverend

### Invite People to Church This Easter

Easter is a wonderful time to invite someone new to church! Whether they don't yet truly know who Jesus is or simply haven't been to worship in awhile, this is the perfect opportunity to take a risk and reach out and invite them to worship! Here are five things you can do to invite someone to worship:

1. Identify who you could invite
2. Pray for those people and the Spirit's guidance for you
3. Invite them to join you in worship, not just to stop by sometime
4. Accept their answer and keep praying whether they agree to come with you or not
5. If you are on social media, make sure to post things about going to church and what it means to you—you never know who will be influenced by your messages!

Blessings,



## Men's Breakfast March 17

### Calling All Men and Boys!

We are having our first Men & Boys Breakfast on Saturday, March 17 from 8:00am-9:00am. There will be pancakes, eggs, meat, coffee, and orange juice served and ready to go! We will open with a brief devotional, chow down, and enjoy fellowship with one another! There will also be games for all ages—so invite all the men in your life—young or old—to come and join us on March 17.

Wearing green might be a wise move!

Please sign-up on the table between the sanctuary and fellowship hall or email [pastorsethnormington@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsethnormington@gmail.com).



## Holy Week Worship

We continue our preparations for Easter and celebrate Jesus' faithfulness to his call with a worship service that will look at the last 24 hours or so of Jesus' life (what we call Maundy Thursday and Good Friday) with a worship gathering on Thursday, March 29 at 7:00pm. We will celebrate the disciples gathering with Jesus at table for the Last Supper and mourn as Jesus is nailed to the cross the next day.

On Friday, March 30 (Good Friday) and Saturday, March 31 (Holy Saturday), the sanctuary will be open for a time of individual prayer and reflection. Friday the sanctuary will be available from 3:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am-3:00pm. There will be prayer/reflection materials available as well as contemplative music playing.

Easter Sunday will start with a potluck breakfast at 9:00am (with Pastor Seth's beignets) before we gather for worship at 10:00am.

**Mid-week Holy Week worship: Thursday, March 29 at 7:00pm**

**Good Friday prayer vigil: Friday, March 30 - 3:00pm-9:00pm**

**Holy Saturday prayer vigil: Saturday, March 31 - 10:00am-3:00pm**

**Easter Sunday breakfast: Sunday, April 1 at 9:00am**

**Easter Sunday worship: Sunday, April 1 at 10:00am**

## Miracle of Mercy Sermon Series

Jesus' ministry was all about mercy. He showed mercy to everyone who was in pain. In this sermon series that will kickoff on Easter Sunday, April 1, we will spend eight weeks looking at how God shows us mercy in Jesus Christ. It is through God's mercy that Jesus came to our world to live a perfect life, teach us what God is really like, then suffered and died on the cross to pay for all our sins, and rose on Easter to prove that God is victorious over everything—even death! God literally died to be merciful to you! Come hear and experience God's mercy in your life!

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Easter Means It's a New Day of Mercy</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>God Can Use Anybody</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>God's Mercy and My Failures</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Mercy Forgives</b>
<b>April 29</b>	<b>How Much You Matter to God</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Your Ministry of Mercy</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>Showing Mercy to Your Family</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Being an Agent of Mercy in the World</b>

It is my hope and prayer that through this sermon series and the adult formation workshops that go along with it on Wednesdays at 11:00am and 7:30pm that your understanding of God and yourself will be more filled with mercy as we seek to flourish for God's Kingdom!

***For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that this would be our way of life.***

**—Ephesians 2:10**

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## Christian Formation

In truth, we are not necessarily educated into mature followers of Jesus. Not unless we consider that all of who we are is to be educated—or better yet, *formed*—into the people Christ calls us to be. Here are some opportunities for that coming up in January and February.

### Women's Bible Study

The women's bible study meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 and are doing a study of the Letter to the Romans. You are invited to be in on the action... the pastor can always hear them laughing down the hall!

### Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings in the conference room at 10:00. You are invited to expand your knowledge of our God and Scripture before heading into worship!

### The Miracle of Mercy

We will have an adult formation opportunity to go along with our sermon series in April and May. We will dig deeper into the topics we talk about Sunday during worship. We will have two opportunities to be together each week—pick the one that suits you each week—Wednesdays from 11:00am-12:00pm and 7:30-8:30pm.

### Children and Youth Sunday School at 10:00am

Elementary folks will be going through the curriculum, *Kids of the Bible*. The older crew will dig deep into questions of God, scripture, and our place in the Kingdom with Pastor Seth.

## Tuesday Afternoon Tea

Tuesday Afternoon Tea is winding down for the spring. The only date for Tuesday Afternoon Tea this spring will be March 20. We hope to see you there for one last hurrah and thank you to everyone who has stopped by to make these afternoons great.

## Wednesday Morning Coffee

The kaffeeklatsch on Wednesday mornings in the fellowship hall will be wrapping up for the season at the end of March. Until then, the coffee will be ready to go from 7:00 (or perhaps before) until 9:00. Swing on by and grab a cup and a treat on your way to work or pull up a chair and enjoy some good company.

## Financial Snapshot

Actual YTD (as of 1/31/2018)

Income	\$8,218
Expenses	<u>\$9,428</u>
Difference	(\$1,210)

We were very fortunate to have very limited facility needs in 2017. That has seemed to change in 2018. We have had plumbing maintenance done at the parsonage that has cost almost \$2,000. This work included replacing many of the pipes in the house that were not to code, moving the shut-off valve so it can be quickly accessed in an emergency (it used to be 15ft back in the crawl space), replacing both toilets, and fixing the kitchen faucet. We are also replacing Terry's office computer this month as it is old and getting older and starting to have negative effects on office productivity.

Increased expenses in January also reflect several annual or semi-annual expenses that must be paid in January.

Thank you for your continued generosity towards God's Kingdom here in Waterville!

## Community Garden

Winter is coming to a close (most likely) and it is time to put shovels in the ground to launch our new Waterville Community Garden in the lot next to the parsonage. There will be a lot of activity going on this spring as we prepare that space for the first phase of the garden—10 raised bed garden plots. If you would like to be a part of blessing our community with fresh food and place to gather outdoors, talk to Jill Thompson or Pastor Seth!

## Church Beautification Day

We have been blessed by wonderful buildings and grounds to use for God's glory and the blessing of our community. We will get together on **Saturday, March 24 at 9:00am** to care for these wonderful blessings! We will work indoors and outdoors and your stewardship help is appreciated!

Also, if there are students in your life who need community service hours, this is a great way for them to get some hours in!

## Spiritual Musings

On March 4, we will be led in worship by the creative spirits of the Spiritual Musings group as they reflect upon Lent. Spiritual Musings meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm and you are invited to come check it out!

## Rummage Sale

The Women's Guild is planning a rummage sale for May to help raise funds for changing the church landscaping to be more resource and labor-friendly. The will begin taking donations the beginning of May. The date of the sale will be announced at a later time. So when you

## AA

A reminder that Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the conference room each Friday at 7:00pm. If you or someone you know would benefit from being a part of their group, new people are always welcome. Let us continue to pray for the changed lives and recovery that happens with AA in Waterville!

## Mother's Day Tea

Mark your calendars for the Mother's Day Tea at **10:00am on Sunday, May 13!** All women and girls are invited to enjoy a time of friends, family, and treats on this Mother's Day and then join us for worship. Registration for this event is requested so we have the right amount of food and will be available Easter Sunday. Men: we will be looking to your for your serving skills so the women can enjoy the day!

