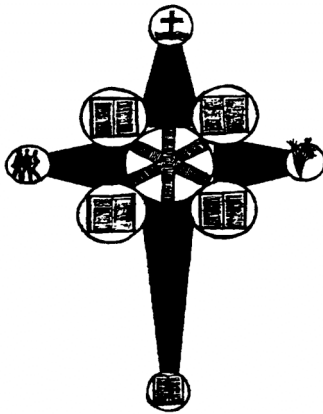


Giving and Growing Our Shared Mission



*Who We Are
What We Do
What It Takes*

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Perhaps the most significant thing an artist does is what he or she does last: the framing of their work. The frame enables us to see not just something about a moment but the moment itself in all its ineffable ordinariness and particularity. The frame sets off the moment from everything that distracts us. It makes possible a second thought. That is the nature of frames. The frame does not change the moment, but it changes the way of perceiving the moment. It makes us NOTICE the moment.

Faith teaches us to stop, look and listen to life on this planet, including our own lives, and to see it as a vastly richer, deeper, more mysterious business than most the time it ever occurs to us to suspect.

In a world that, for the most part, steers clear of the whole idea of holiness, frames are one of the few places where we are reminded of how we are not alone.

-Frederick Buechener

Who We Are

Welcome to sacred space! What makes this moment holy is not that you are reading about a community of faith or entertaining religious thoughts. What makes this and every other aspect of your life sacred is that you are sharing it with God. Federated Church exists to help anyone and everyone live out this truth. Toward this end we seek to be four things to all.

We want to be a place where you can gather with others in worship. Like a good conversation, good worship should be a combination of listening and speaking. In worship both God and God's people both take turns assuming these roles. It should be noted that in this conversation God's people are called to listen and speak not only to God but to each other.

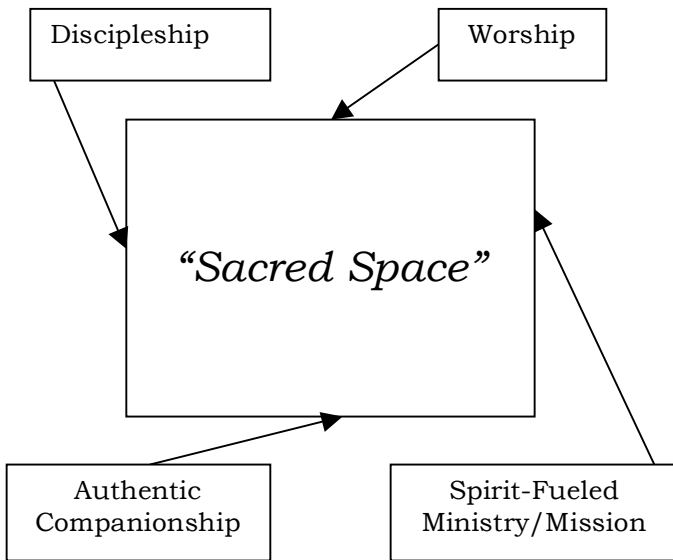
We want to be a place where you can learn to better seek God by imitating Jesus Christ. Disciple is another word for a follower or imitator. Following or trying to imitate Jesus Christ, who exemplifies divine human relationship, is central to what we do as we seek to interact with God. Towards this end we seek to assist all in becoming life-long Bible learners, develop habits that promote relating to God and creating an environment of free inquiry where all can contribute to our efforts to understand and respond to God.

We want to be a place where you can discover, embrace and enhance the faith of others through the Spirit-fueled expression of faith. Faith is a verb. It is something you do. Figuring out the ways in which with the Holy Spirit each of us should enact our faith and encouraging one another in each other as we do

for God and each other is what we mean by “spirit-fueled ministry”. Our efforts to “do faith” range from the individual to the church as a whole.

Finally we want to be a place where you can have your relationship with God enhanced as you relate to authentic companions. Often the place where God is immediately present is in the person just at hand. To us this is what Jesus had in mind when he taught his followers that next to “loving God”, the most important expression of faith is to “love each other.”

As the following graphic illustrates, we believe that when a person has access to and combines these four aspects of faith, he or she will be able to begin to “frame” sacred space to better understand and respond to God.



Our commitment to enabling all to enter sacred space is also evident in the way in which we seek to minister to children. Children are a blessing for as we teach

them how to be self sufficient, they teach us that we never outgrow our need to dependence on God This blessing is formally recognized each time a child is brought before our church family for dedication. On these occasions, parents, extended family and church family all enter into this new opportunity to learn how to be children of God. These dedicatory vows form the basis of our efforts to enable children to enter sacred space framed by worship, discipleship, spirit-fueled ministry and authentic companionship

If children bless us with their “whys,” youth bless us with their “why nots?” This blessing flows directly from the adolescent search for self- awareness and self definition. During this period of formative growth, Federated continues to keep its dedicatory vows by providing youth with the means of framing sacred space.

Finally, a number of shared assets play a key role in enabling us to pursue our mission.

We invite you to join us in this work. What is more, we believe that God, who has, is and always will love you, would enjoy your being able to join Him. God quite literally exists to do this.

So now that we know why we are here, let’s turn to what we can do together with this God who is our life.

Worship

What We Do

Sunday Morning: Presently Federated offers a single worship service on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. A blend of traditional and innovative liturgical elements, this service aspires to involve all of God's people in a conversation with God and each other.

Alternative Worship Service: In addition to the current service, Federated is seeking to launch an alternative worship service by the end of 2006. Research is currently underway by Liturgy Lab 2 to discover which form would be most meaningful to the unchurched individuals in our sphere of ministry.

Evensong: Evensong refers to a time of spiritual reorientation before entering the evening. In the fall of 2006 such a service will be added to the programs that form Wednesday Night Alive at the 5:00 p.m. slot.

Special Services: Throughout the year Federated offers a number of special worship services. Whether focused on special liturgical occasions or pastoral ministry, these offerings, like their regular counterparts, seek to facilitate dialogue between God and God's people.

*What It Takes**

Annual support of these offerings is as follows.

Personnel	= \$64,328
Operational Supplies & Repairs	= 6,462
<u>Deacon Resources</u>	<u>= 4,750</u>
Total	= \$75,540

*2006 Budget

Discipleship

What We Do

Sunday School: Two hundred and fifty years ago the Sunday School was formed during the Industrial Revolution to provide workers with basic skills. This idea of equipping students with skills and relationships necessary to make the best use of their Bible remains at the heart of this program.

“One Great Read”: The name of this book study says it all. These stimulating book studies foster faith formation in an atmosphere of free inquiry.

“Theology Theater”: Theology Theater functions as an intersection between Christ and culture. From this nexus of faith and art, participants consider the point of view of film artists and each other in an environment of free inquiry so as to refine their efforts to imitate Christ.

Faith Forum: In the Greco-Roman world, the forum was a common meeting place where all aspects of life were on display for all to see. Federated’s Forum of Faith series of speakers functions in the same way as it gathers God’s people around though provoking topics.

“Scriptorium”: To a medieval believer, a scriptorium was a place where the Bible was studied and prepared for transmission. Bearing both this name and purpose, Scriptorium, which is to be added to the Wednesday Night Alive series of offerings in the fall of 2006, is a meeting place for students of God’s word and/or those who in the course of following their Spirit-fueled ministry wish to become Bible teachers.

Spiritual Conditioning: To be a disciple, one must do more than master Biblical and theological data. One must actively live in such a way as to be relationship with God. Generations of believers have sought to do this by developing habits that promote spiritual awareness. Whether focused on the inner, outer or corporate aspect of faith, these disciplines prompt the believer to consider God’s presence at all times. Federated’s efforts in this area of discipleship will begin in the fall of 2006 when Wednesday Night Alive become the home for a weekly hour long seminar on the spiritual disciplines. Serving as a capstone for each quarter’s study will be a twenty-four to thirty-six hour off-site retreat at which participants may completely immerse themselves in the habits studied during the previous quarter.

Taylor Memorial Library: Named after Harold, Mildred, John, Walter and Karl Taylor, all of whom were “avid readers and were nurtured by concerned church members and many of Federated Church’s library’s books and tapes”, the church library continues to play a key role in providing disciples with resources.

*What It Takes**

Annual support of these offerings is as follows.

Personnel	= \$17,083
Operational Supplies & Repairs	= 6,462
<u>Board of Christian Education</u>	
<u>Resources</u>	= 2,100
Total	= \$25,645

*2006 Budget

Spirit-Fueled Ministry/Mission

What We Do

S.H.A.P.E.: The seeds of ministry/missions lie in the personality, skill set and experiences of each person. S.H.A.P.E. (Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality and Experiences) is an instrument through which each person may begin to discover and embrace their own unique call to ministry. Usually administered during Federated 101, S.H.A.P.E. guides both participants and the church in their mutual vocational support of each other.

“Victory Garden”: S.H.A.P.E. plants a seed from which potential ministry/mission may grow. Bringing that potential to actuality requires additional care in the form of individual counseling and administrative support. So that this relationship of mutual growth may continue, 2006 and 2007 must be a time in which Federated will devote a great deal of thought to the processes and resources it will devote toward enabling inspired individuals and groups to bear fruits of the Spirit.

Servant Central: Servant Central is a crossroads of information and inspiration. Located in the narthex, the Servant Central is a platform from which existing and emerging ministries may make their presence known. In this way the Servant Central informs us all and enables us to consider present options for following the Spirit.

Denominational Ministry/Missions: From the beginning of its history, Federated Church has relied on its relationship with its two denominational

partners (American Baptist and Disciples of Christ) to promote ministry/mission.

Local Ministry/Mission: Supplementing Federated's relationship with its denominational partners are several direct relationships with local ministry/mission partners that seek to respond to the prompting of the Spirit in the immediate area.

Global Ministry/Mission: So that it may respond to Spirit-shaped opportunities outside of the immediate area, Federated has developed productive relationships with other ministry/mission partners.

*What It Takes**

Annual support of these offerings is as follows.

Personnel	= \$22,455
Operational Supplies & Repairs	= 3,878
Mission Board	
Denominational	
Ministry/Mission	= 24,800
Local Ministry/Mission	= 21,700
<u>Global Ministry/Mission</u>	<u>= 3,000</u>
Total	= \$75,833

*2006 Budget

Authentic Companionship

What We Do

“Getting To Know You”: Perhaps the first step in becoming a faith-enhancing companion lies in introducing and sharing oneself. The primary means of making the acquaintance of the surrounding community is addressed in Federated Church’s rapidly evolving relationship with the Indiana Design Consortium. Located in Lafayette, Indiana, this firm has a proven track record of for thirty years helping a variety of organizations share themselves with potential friends and clients.

Welcome M.A.T.: Just as most homes proclaim their hospitality on the welcome mat positioned at the front door, Federated seeks to make newcomers comfortable through the work of an Executive Council sponsored task force that focuses on first impressions. In particular M.A.T. (Making Authentic Transitions) helps guests know that they are welcome, assists them as they explore who we are and what we do, and enables them to orient themselves within our church family.

Federated 101: Now entering its second year, this seven week seminar is the primary means by which anyone can reacquaint himself or herself with the historical core values that characterize our church family.

Care Ministries: Care Ministries are ways that we seek to keep faith with you as you seek to keep faith with Jesus. Whether in the form of the Care Council, the Shepherding System, On Call Services, the Prayer Chain or Grief Support, these ministries focus on

promoting optimal spiritual, physical and mental well-being.

Small Group Development: Small groups are one of the best places to find authentic companions. Acting on this truth, Federated seeks to create and foster small groups in response to interpersonal similarities, ministry needs and/or projects.

*What It Takes**

Annual support of these offerings is as follows.

Personnel	= \$46,025
Operational Supplies & Repairs	= 7,678
Deacons Resources	= 2,145
Christian Education Resources	= 1,100
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*2006 Budget

Children & Sacred Space

What We Do

Children & Worship

Worship & Wonder: Each Sunday preschool through grade two children follow the staff to this unique program that combines liturgical expression with the developmental needs of children.

Children's Time: Children often prompt adults to seek deeper meaning by asking, "why?" During each Sunday worship service, time is set aside to allow our children to share their "whys." Whether humorous or profound, this segment of the service leads us to a greater awareness of God's presence.

Children & Discipleship

Sunday School: Venerable and vital, Sunday School classes continue to be the first place where we both learn the stories of faith and discover ourselves in them.

Vacation Bible School: Each summer a new manifestation of this week long, child-centered exploration of discipleship appears at Federated. It may come in the recreation of a first century Palestinian village, a voyage into space or a community fiesta, this program is the high water mark of our summer ministry to children.

Children & Spirit-Fueled Ministry

Children's Choir: Opportunities to discover and share musical gifts is the focus in this weekly gathering of children in grades 1 through 5.

Service Projects: Throughout the year our children are introduced to serving others. Past projects have included food and clothing drives and readying the sanctuary for worship.

Children & Authentic Companionship

Elementary Youth Group: Federated looks forward to launching a youth group for elementary age children in the fall of 2006. To include both weekly meetings and quarterly service/social outings, this program will be a part of the Wednesday Night Alive series of offerings.

*What It Takes**

Annual support of these offerings is as follows.

Personnel	=	\$22,764
Operational Supplies & Repairs	=	2,585
Christian Education Resources	=	7,850
Total	=	\$33,199

*2006 Budget

Youth & Sacred Space

What We Do

Youth & Worship

Monthly Communion: Once a month youth gather to celebrate God's presence in life by sharing in the Lord's Supper. So as to merge awareness of God and awareness, each observation of communion is designed and lead by a different member of the youth group.

Youth & Discipleship

Sunday School: Venerable and vital, Sunday School classes continue to be the first place where we both learn the stories of faith and discover ourselves in them.

Voyagers: History books tell us that voyagers were explorers who were willing to step away from the familiar in order to enter the unknown. Middle school and jr. high youth (and their parents) tell us that in many ways they are also embarking on a voyage of their own as they begin to explore who they are as individuals. A major piece of this personal discovery process is developing a faith apart from parents. In keeping with its "dedication covenant" with families, Federated Church offers Voyagers, a six week long chance for youth to find their own answers to the great questions of faith.

Retreats: Youth not only enjoy the intense camaraderie of off-site retreats but often experience significant spiritual growth. Among the trips planned for are the Cornerstone Christian Music Festival and Green Lake Winter Blast.

Youth & Authentic Companionship

F.B.I (Faith Beyond Imagination): Now entering its second year, this middle school/Jr. High youth group meets weekly on Wednesday nights and monthly for social/service outings.

Senior High Youth Group: Currently meeting on both Wednesday and Sunday evenings, Federated's youth ministry brings together youth from a variety of backgrounds so that together they can experience greater self and spiritual awareness

*What It Takes**

Annual support of these offerings is as follows.

Personnel	= \$22,653
Operational Supplies & Repairs	= 2,585
<u>Christian Education Resources</u>	<u>= \$13,070</u>
Total	= \$38,308

*2006 Budget

Supporting Our Shared Mission

What We Do

Physical Plant: Sitting on almost two acres, our forty-two year old, thirty thousand square foot building serves as the operational platform for almost all our ministries

Special Projects: So as to maintain and update our building, we annually engage in a number of special projects. These have included updating heating and air conditioning controls, the procurement and installation of a new fuel efficient boiler, new sanctuary lighting, and retro-fitting main floor restrooms so that they are fully accessible to all.

Transportation: Supporting a number of ministries is a recently acquired fourteen passenger minibus.

*What It Takes**

Annual support of these offerings is as follows.

Personnel	= \$24,763
Utilities	= 36,665
Insurance	= 10,000
Repairs	= 16,000
Transportation	= 1,200
<u>Supplies & Repairs Total</u>	<u>= 63,865</u>
Total	= \$88,628

*2006 Budget

Budget Perspectives 2006/2007

Product

Worship	=\$ 75,540
Discipleship	= 25,645
Spirit-Fueled Ministry/Missions	= 75,833
Authentic Companionship	= 56,948
Children	= 33,199
Youth	= 38,308
Supporting Assets	= 88,628
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Total	=\$394,101

Producer*

Trustees	
Personnel	=\$220,071
Physical Plant	= 49,500
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Total	= 313,586
Missions	= 49,500
Deacons	= 6,895
Elders	= 500
Christian Education	= 23,620
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Total	=\$394,101

*2006 Budget