



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

Live Streaming Facebook Instructions

Live Streaming of our worship services commenced on July 12th. If you cannot see the 10 am live video on Facebook, please follow these directions to like and follow our page and to verify your notifications are on:

- Log into your Facebook account
- In the search bar (signified with a magnifying glass) type “Federated Church Columbus NE”. Click on the image that looks like the one above, but in a circle.
- Beneath the beautiful scenic picture of the church there are ‘Like’ and ‘Follow’ options. Click on each of those words. You are now ‘liking’ and ‘following’ the church’s Facebook page!
- Now, to verify your notifications are turned on, go to your settings which is in the down arrow option (the same place you log out).
- When the new window pops up, go to the ‘Notifications’ option. There is an image of the world next to it.
- On that next page, go to the ‘Video’ option. This option, when turned on, gives a notification anytime people or pages you follow has a live video. Simply click the toggle switch from Off to On (blue slider button on the right).

That's all there is to it! You will now receive notifications from Facebook whenever Federated goes live!

From the Pastor's Desk

The pastor's article for this month was written originally for the Homestead Presbytery's weekly publication. As a member of the Presbytery's Committee on New Worshiping Communities and Vital Congregations, I was asked to present on one of the seven marks of Vital Congregations (an new initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)): "Lifelong Discipleship Formation." Please let me know if you have any questions/comments or would like to know more about the Vital Congregations initiative.

We, Presbyterians, place a high value on education. Whether, it is establishing schools, referring to pastors as "teaching elders" (as we did for a period of time), or following up on our baptismal promise to "guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of the church" by providing what has been traditionally called "Sunday School"; education is an important part of our church.

Much of our educational emphasis is likely rooted in John Calvin's practice (e.g., wearing an academic, Geneva gown as a preacher) and belief in the primacy of the mind.

Interestingly, the following statement by Calvin is cited in the Vital Congregations (VC) Manual:

"True religion must come first, to direct our minds to the living God. Thus, steeped in the knowledge of God, they may aspire to contemplate, fear, and worship his majesty; to participate in God's blessings; to seek God's help at all times; to recognize, and by praise to celebrate, the greatness of God's works — as the only goal of all the activities of this life." (page VIII-1). According to Calvin, our mind is the primary means by which we gain the knowledge of God to live rightly. I do not want to argue with Calvin, but I wonder if his view is somewhat narrow.

On a related note, Calvin claimed elsewhere that our ears are more "spiritual" compared to our eyes with regard to knowing God. Yet, God created us with both the senses of hearing and seeing, along with several others. We are more than rational beings; we have emotions that often play a greater part in our decision making. It seems contrary to the incarnation to privilege one sense over another. God became fully human so that we may know God more deeply with all our senses.



Anonymous, *Portrait of John Calvin*, circa 1550

From the Pastor's Desk

The first mark of vital congregations appears to be leading us to move beyond an educational emphasis in our churches in order to pursue “Lifelong Discipleship Formation.” I have placed an emphasis on “formation” because it reminds us that our role is more than speaking to rational beings and transferring information, which are often connoted with “education.” We are called to lead people as Christ’s disciples in all aspects of life. We can participate in this Christian formation as we seek the following objectives listed in “Extended Descriptions of Seven Marks of Vital Congregations” (page VIII-7 of VC Manual):

An intentional plan for discipleship formation of all ages; from the cradle to the grave theology.

A regular practice of Bible Study, prayer, and other spiritual habits, inside and outside where we gather.

Church teaches rituals and faith traditions, biblical literacy and spiritual practices to all members.

Church equips and empowers all people to interpret faith in daily life. It engages in, not hides from, difficult conversations of society and cultures today.

Fostered environments of diversity which help enhance and deeply enrich Biblical study, worship, and communal life.

The mark of “Lifelong Discipleship Formation” challenges us to constantly address the question: “Does Christian formation in your church lead people to change the way they live?” We also need to challenge our congregants to answer the following: “As a disciple, what uncomfortable things do you need to let go of, truths do you need to be aware of, places you are afraid to follow, things you are afraid God might call you to do?” (both questions in page VIII-7 of VC Manual) These are not easy questions; neither is “Lifelong Discipleship Formation” as easy journey. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit guides and helps us in our journey to truly being the body of Christ in this world.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D.

Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for Children, Youth & Families

Federated Church (PCUSA + UCC) of Columbus, NE

Children, Youth and Family Ministry



Four months into the Covid-19 pandemic, it seems that there are still so many unknowns. When will school start? Will it be in-person or online? Will students wear masks? What about extra-curricular activities? Will Federated be able to have an Education Hour for our children? If so, what will it look like? I don't know about you, but I am a planner. I like to have the details worked out well in advance. The one thing that we have learned from the Covid-19 pandemic is that things are constantly changing. Making planning for the start of the school year challenging for schools, churches and families. 2

Corinthians 5:7 states, "For we live by faith, and not by sight." While we may not be able to see what the future holds, we know that God has a plan and it will be revealed in God's time.

With the end of summer approaching, I thought I would share some fun ways to enjoy the rest of the summer with your family.

If you are looking for ideas of fun things to do from home, how about create a Summer Bucket List. Here are 75 fun ideas from the blog, "A Hundred Affections – Homemaking Made Easy."

If you are looking to take a quick trip before the start of school, visit the website www.visitnebraska.com for some ideas close to home. This site features hiking/biking trips, tanking/float trips, scenic byway drives and virtual tours in Nebraska. There are many options that can be enjoyed while social distancing.

Blessings to you all and enjoy the rest of your summer!

SUMMER BUCKET LIST 2020

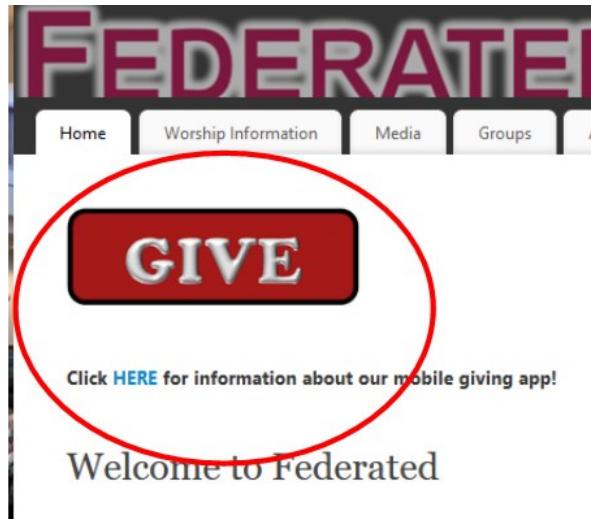


75 ideas for family & kid fun



- 1 Stargaze + look at constellations
- 2 Camp out (living room, backyard or legit camping)
- 3 Make a bonfire with smores
- 4 Play in the sprinkler or with a hose
- 5 Create an obstacle course
- 6 Create a water obstacle course
- 7 Play old school outdoor games (tag, capture the flag, kick the can, jacks, hide + seek)
- 8 Play hopscotch
- 9 Jump rope
- 10 Bike ride on the trails or in the country
- 11 Watch the sunrise or sunset at the beach or lake
- 12 See fireworks
- 13 Make ice cream or snow cones
- 14 Invent new popsicle combinations
- 15 Make an ice cream float
- 16 Go on a nature walk or hike
- 17 Go night swimming
- 18 Visit a farmer's market
- 19 Build a blanket and pillow fort
- 20 Build a fort out in the yard
- 21 Spend the afternoon lazy river tubing
- 22 Lounge in a hammock + read (or nap!)
- 23 Go kayaking or canoeing
- 24 Go on a day trip
- 25 Try a new ice cream shop
- 26 Write sidewalk chalk messages
- 27 Have a water war with water balloons + water guns
- 28 Family game night outdoors
- 29 Play ultimate frisbee
- 30 Play outdoor sports: wiffleball, kickball, badminton, volleyball, etc.
- 31 Go fruit picking
- 32 Attend a fair
- 33 Do a photo shoot in the park
- 34 Learn to fly a kite
- 35 Plant flowers or a garden
- 36 Have a picnic in the park
- 37 Go to the drive-in
- 38 Try geocaching
- 39 Make a bird feeder + track the kinds of birds that come
- 40 Catch frogs, worms, fireflies (+ then release)
- 41 Pay for someone at the drive-thru
- 42 Perform random acts of kindness
- 43 Learn to skip rocks
- 44 Make paper boats to put in a stream
- 45 Have a scavenger hunt
- 46 Learn a new craft (painting, jewelry making, sewing, etc.)
- 47 Write and/or film a play
- 48 Have a Lego-building contest
- 49 Get henna tattoos
- 50 Movie marathon or binge-watching day
- 51 Late night restaurant/fast food run
- 52 Watch a local sports event
- 53 Have a hula hoop contest
- 54 Choreograph and make up dances to your favorite songs
- 55 Have a dance party
- 56 Set up a backyard movie
- 57 Play in the rain + jump in puddles
- 58 Make a scrapbook
- 59 Do a family puzzle
- 60 Play flashlight tag
- 61 Visit a splash pad
- 62 Wash the cars + bikes (+ toy trucks + cars)
- 63 Have a lemonade stand
- 64 Go fishing
- 65 Eat ice cream for dinner
- 66 Go on a breakfast picnic
- 67 Climb trees
- 68 Feed the ducks
- 69 Make tie-dye shirts
- 70 Photo scavenger hunt
- 71 Build something with things at home
- 72 Go for a walk at night
- 73 Roast hotdogs + eat foil pack dinners
- 74 Create a time capsule
- 75 Paint kindness rocks + leave in park

Easy Giving Options Available



Give online for a quick and easy way to contribute without leaving the sanctity of your home!

Three options are currently available:

- 1) Online Giving - press the "GIVE" button on the website
- 2) Mobile app - click the 'here' link underneath the GIVE button for instructions
- 3) ACH transfer - call Chrissy at the church office for information.

Meals on Wheels

Once again Federated volunteers stepped up July 20-24 as delivery began again with some adjustments. Thank you for your dedication and caring service.

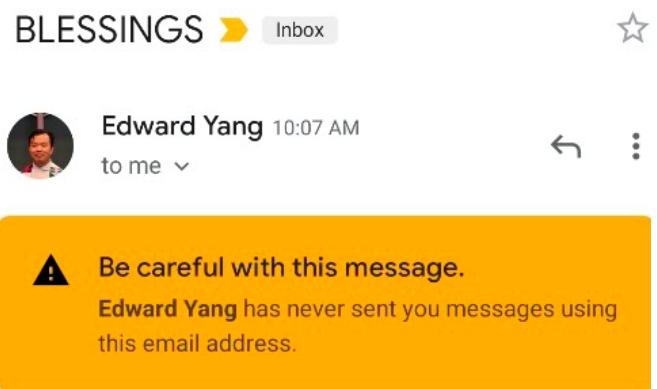


HELP!!

We need new volunteers as health, age, and death have taken some of our long time helpers. 1 week every 10 weeks; single days to full week available to cover 7 routes and takes about 1 hr. Talk to one or more of these faithful, among others, for their personal aspect: Behlen's, Vrana's, Fulton's, Donna Augspurger, Barb Olson, or Peg Rupprecht.

Gift Card Email Scam!

If you receive an email or text requesting gift cards or a "favor" from the church pastor or staff, feel free to delete or call the office to verify. Unfortunately, this is a common scam as explained by the Federated Trade Commission: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2019/07/worshippers-targeted-gift-card-scam>. The example was an email received by one of our congregants, but be weary of any similar emails! The church office and staff will only request gift cards be brought to the office. We will not request information from such cards be text or emailed.



Good morning, how are you?

i need a favor from you,

please email me as soon as you get this message.

Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Edward Yang
Federated Church UCC-PCUSA
2704 15th St Columbus, NE 68601.

Center for Survivors

CENTER FOR SURVIVORS The Center's needs often change due to shortages or surpluses of certain items. Please call ahead if you have questions regarding needs, 402-564-2155. Here is a partial list of regularly requested items: Household and cleaning items, personal hygiene items, non-perishable food, children's items such as diapers/wipes, adult clothing (new), gift cards to Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee, Super Saver, gas cards, etc.

Platte County Food Pantry

The Platte County Food Pantry, located at 3020 18th Street in Suite 13 (Old Hospital) is currently open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the mornings. They have a no-contact drop off bin on the west side of the building on 32nd Avenue between 18th and 19th Streets, donations are needed daily! The current demand is starting to outweigh the supply.

If you are in need of assistance, you can call at 402-563-4544,

they are providing no-contact pick up as well!

When asked for suggested donations, I was told "If you like it, they will like it!" Some easy suggestions are: Canned and boxed foods such as soup, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta and pasta sauce, veggies and fruits; Staple food items: peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, crackers. This is not an all inclusive list, any non-perishable food items are needed.



*****Please note: The Can-Care-A-Van donation will be held Thursday, Aug. 6th from 9am to 5pm, in the North side of the Pizza Ranch parking lot (corner of 33rd Avenue and 23rd Street).***

Platte Valley Humane Society



The Platte Valley Humane Society (Paws & Claws Adoption Center) is located at 2124 13th Street. The hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 4:30pm, and Saturdays Noon to 3:30pm. However, they are only operating by appointment right now, so call 402-562-5683 before you go meet your future pet!

Currently, they are in need of the following donations: Bleach, Paper towels, Laundry detergent, Cat litter, cat food.

Volunteers are not needed at this time.

They have a number of animals available, including Shiba, Puddles, Brutus and Rusty.



Finance at a Glance

Income - June 2020		Expenses - June 2020
Contributions, Etc.	\$33,392.54	Annual Budget Expenses:
Memorials	\$390.00	PPP Loan Utilized - Wages, Taxes, Employee Benefits
Unrestricted	\$365.00	PPP Loan Utilized - Utilities
Media Resources	\$25.00	Other Budgeted Expenses
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$2,397.00	Rent Reimbursement (Cancelled Retirement Party)
Habitat for Humanity	\$25.00	Designated Funds (Savings):
Pentecost	\$15.00	Church Van Fund
Youth Mission Trip	\$50.00	Helping Hands - Members
Church Van Fund	\$7.00	Memorial Fund: (Live Stream Upgrade)
Multimedia Fund (Live Stream Upgrade)	\$2,200.00	\$3,560.98
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$100.00	
Interest Income:	\$7.33	
Memorial	\$0.00	
Checking	\$0.00	
Savings	\$7.33	

Face Mask Donation Drive Success!



A huge thank you to all the congregants who donated face masks to the church in preparation of reopening! Not only are these helpful, your creations are beautiful! Thank you so much!

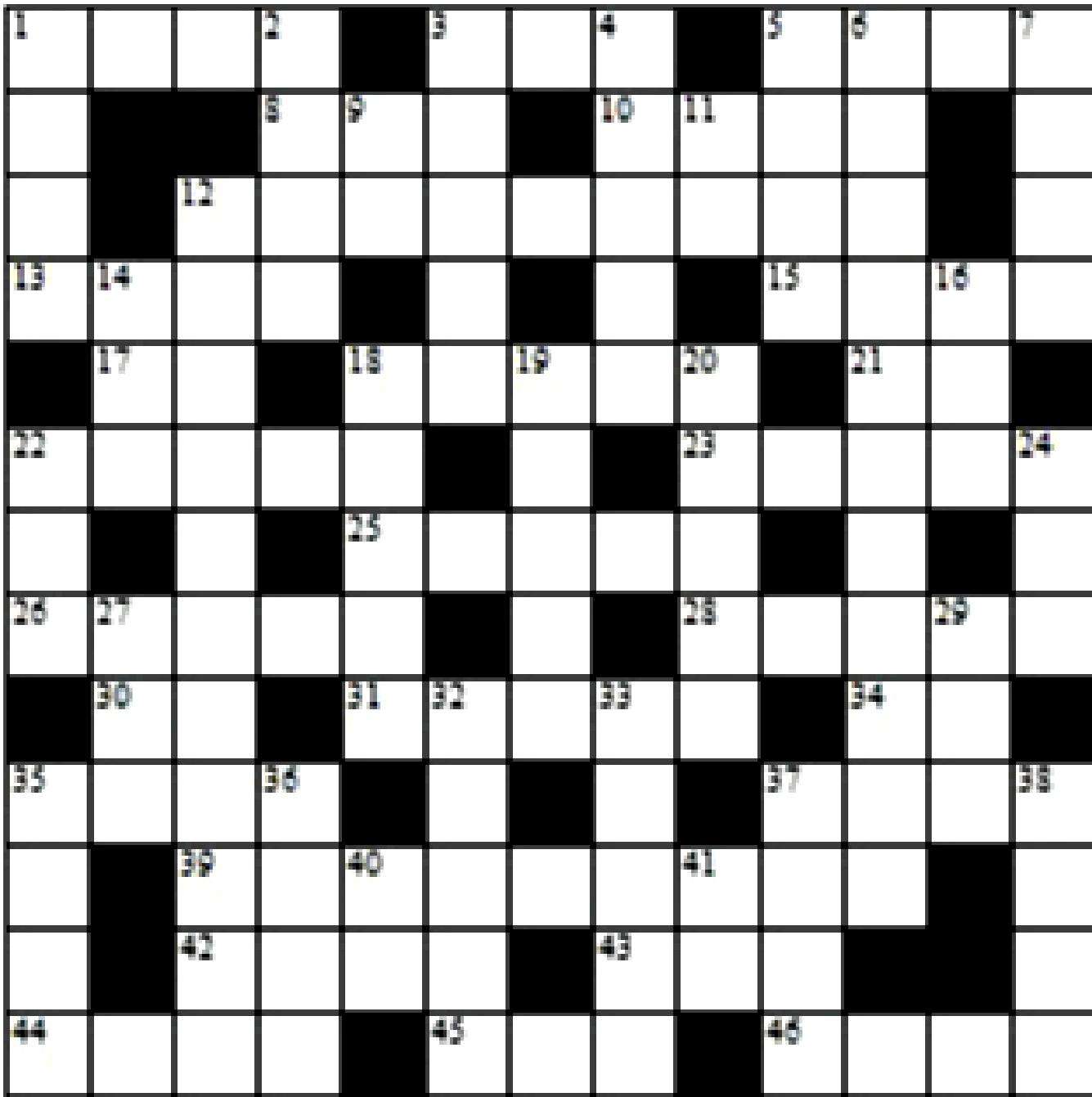
ACROSS

- 1** The man said, ___ is now bone of my bones (Gen 2:23)
- 3** must be controlled by ___ and bridle or they will not (Ps 32:9)
- 5** He trains my hands for battle; my ___ can bend a bow (2 Sam 22:35)
- 8** He said to ___, "Daughter, your faith has healed you (Mark 5:34)
- 10** had mocked him, they took off the ___ and put his own clothes (Matt 27:31)
- 12** thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing ___ (Jer 30:13) (KJV)
- 13** For God will bring every ___ into judgment (Eccl 12:14)
- 15** Although I am ___ than the least of all God's people, this grace was given (Eph 3:8)
- 17** Now ___ Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples (Matt 20:17)
- 18** "Who is worthy to break the ___ and open the scroll?" (Rev 5:2)
- 21** "Come, follow ___," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt 4:18-20)
- 22** he took some bread and gave thanks to God in ___ of them all (Acts 27:35)
- 23** And I saw as the colour of ___ , as the appearance of fire (Ezek 1:27) (KJV)
- 25** he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing ___ ." (John 4:32)
- 26** an ___ of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing (Phil 4:18)(KJV)
- 28** desire, longing (Gen 43:30) KJV
- 30** That is why ___ has been called the Field of Blood to this day (Matt 27:8-9)
- 31** Your father-in-law is on his way to Timnah to ___ his sheep (Gen 38:13-14)
- 34** Jesus answered. "___ one is good except God alone (Luke 18:19-20)
- 35** Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and ___ knees (Heb 12:12-13)
- 37** the fifth book of the New Testament
- 39** for him to have a large ___ hung around his neck and to be drowned (Matt 18:6)
- 42** "Of what value is an ___ , since a man has carved it? (Hab 2:18)
- 43** crimson and blue yarn, and experienced in the ___ of engraving (2 Chron 2:7)
- 44** Let heaven and earth praise him, the ___ and all that move in them (Ps 69:34)
- 45** "No one, ___ ," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared (John 8:11)
- 46** lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will ___ thee out of my mouth (Rev 3:16)(KJV)

DOWN

- 1** I will place shepherds over them who will ___ them (Jer 23:4)
- 2** Light is ___ upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart (Ps 97:11)
- 3** "Come, I will show you the ___ , the wife of the Lamb." (Rev 21:9)
- 4** I stand on ___ because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead (Acts 23:6)
- 5** Adam's second son (Gen 4:1-2)
- 6** He said moreover, This is their ___ through all the earth (Zech 5:6) (KJV)
- 7** consigning them to labor with ___ and with iron picks and axes (2 Sam 12:31)
- 9** terror overwhelmed them that they fl___ and hid themselves (partial word) (Dan 10:7-8)
- 11** He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy ___ me!" (Luke 18:38)
- 12** appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in ___ (Acts 7:2)
- 14** May my prayer come before you; turn your ___ to my cry (Ps 88:2)
- 16** stone and wood idols that cannot ___ or hear or walk (Rev 9:20)
- 18** neither sun nor ___ appeared for many days and the storm continued (Acts 27:20)
- 19** For ___ the harvest, when the bud is perfect (Isa 18:5)(KJV)
- 20** the ___ shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there (Isa 34:14)(KJV)
- 22** Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and ___ (Ps 39:6)
- 24** the ship struck a sandbar and ___ aground (Acts 27:41)
- 27** Just as man is destined to ___ once, and after that to face judgment (Heb 9:27-28)
- 29** I turn rivers into a desert; their fish ___ for lack of water (Isa 50:2)
- 32** New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the ___ (Amos 9:13)
- 33** David built an ___ to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings (1 Chron 21:26)
- 35** He makes ___ cease to the ends of the earth (Ps 46:9)
- 36** young children
- 37** ___ are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food (Prov 30:25)
- 38** The ordinances of the LORD are ___ and altogether righteous (Ps 19:9)
- 40** For, ___ , he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind (Amos 4:13)(KJV)
- 41** Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar ___ not?" (Luke 20:21-22)

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Bulk Emails and Mail Chimp Sign-up Instructions

Many of you are complaining about not getting the weekly bulk email (updates, funeral/memorial service information, Newsletters, etc.) After a bit of research, I have found that many third party email services have a problem with email providers considering anything coming from them is spam. (I.E. Gmail decides that the Mail Chimp is spam because it's a third party email and the 'bots' recognize it as a hacked email, although it is not.)

Once your email in the Mail Chimp database has bounced back because of this, the only option for the church staff is to delete your contact, we cannot update, change or alter that contact. Once a contact is deleted, however, the staff is unable to reenter it. In order for you to be able to see these emails you have to use the form on the website (shown to the right) and, in your email settings, make sure that the email fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org is considered as a 'safe contact'. Thank you to the congregants who have already subscribed!

I would include instructions to verify safe contacts, but each email provider (Gmail, Yahoo, Megavision, Time Warner, etc.) has different settings. You can look up instructions of how to create safe contacts by Googling "adding safe contacts in [your provider] emails".

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Construction on 15th Street

Construction has started on 15th Street to widen the street.

The Northwest Narthex doors will be open for your convenience.





	Annie Lange	8/2	Ivy Hammans	8/20
	Jonathan Henninger	8/6	Dave Melick	8/21
	Miranda Lambert	8/7	Cindy Lisko, Joseph Srb	8/22
	Kevin Meyer	8/9	Ashli Porter	8/24
	Janet Lyon	8/10	Barb Zoucha	8/25
	Nancy Depue	8/11	Jeremy Anderson, Riley Lyon, Alex Mares	8/26
	Doris Augspurger	8/13	David Marsh	8/27
	Janice Jensen, Tim Warren	8/14	Jordan Graham, Josh Mueller	8/28
	Paula Lange, Andrew McClure, Glynnette Smith	8/15	Chase Lambert, Payne Lambert	8/29
	Jon Kiser, Kristi Wolfe	8/17		

If you see a mistake or missing birthday, call/email the church office
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August 2020 Newsletter

August Communion Pick-Up and Curb-Side Delivery!

Communion elements will be available Wednesday, July 29th through Friday, July 31st from the Narthex refrigerator by the church office. We will be doing a 'curb-side delivery' each of those days if you prefer. Call the church office when you are ready for your elements and we will bring them to you in the Northwest parking lot (due to the construction on 15th Street).

Communion will be available for the in-person services on July 30th and August 2nd.



If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in this newsletter, please call the Church Office at 564-2812 or email us: fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org. The deadline for submitting information for Newsletters is the 20th of the prior month, e.g. August deadline will be July 20th.