



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember:

Lenten Luncheons

Wednesdays at Noon

At FUMC from Mar. 4 to Apr. 1

Maundy Thursday

April 9th



Maundy
Thursday

Good Friday

April 10th

(Church Office closes
at Noon)



Children's Sunday

March 29th



5th Sunday Potluck

March 29th after Service

*Easter
Sunday*
April 12th

Easter Monday

April 13th

(Church Office closed)

Palm Sunday

April 5th



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. March deadline will be February 20th.

From the Pastor's Desk

One item that was missing in our annual meeting booklet was a pastor's report for 2019. I apologize for not having one ready in time. In some ways, I gave a four-month report in the June 2019 newsletter (if you would like a reprint of that, please let me or our office staff know). Thus for this newsletter I will share about the latter six months of 2019.

July at Federated will always be a special month. It is the month I began my call here – on July 15, 2016. Just as in past years, we had our annual Garage Sale around the time of my work anniversary. It was great to see church members coming together and laboring for a good cause. Thank you Bob Trautwein for chairing last year's Garage Sale.

A couple days after the Garage Sale, I got on a bus with nine of our youth (along with a bunch of other people from the Homestead Presbytery) to go to Purdue University for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. It was my first time at this large gathering with about 4,000 attendees. What do I remember about Triennium? The worship services were amazing. Not only was it seeing thousands of youth worshipping God with one voice, it was seeing ways that traditional liturgy could connect with young people. I'm thankful for Federated's Youth Fund that covered the cost to send our youth and me to Triennium. Another significant event last July was our service date for Habitat for Humanity. We had a great crew that finished our tasks quickly, maybe even too quickly with work wrapped up before lunch time. I'm thankful for all our volunteers.

August 2019 was a bit quieter. There were some important activities like the diaper changing station and parade float for Columbus Days (thank you Membership & Growth Committee), but August felt like 'the quiet before the storm.' The approaching storm was the restart of our educational programs for children, youth and adults. At the Governing Council meeting that month, I shared how ministry felt like juggling. I was able to keep things going and even added a weekly Bible study on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evening (initially as a Summer Bible Study and now as our Lectionary Bible Study). However, the thought of getting everything ready for our education hour restart felt like I was about to juggle too many balls at once – with the fear that I might drop all of them. Our Governing Council elders agreed to the hiring of a Christian Education Director. With this support, I approached Brenda Sand about serving in this capacity. After having some time to discern, Brenda graciously agreed to take on this role and help me with my workload.

It felt like there was something special going on every week during September. We had our Education Hour Kick-Off on Sept. 8th with animals from the Horn T Zoo sponsored by our Christian Education Committee and BBQ lunch hosted by our Youth Ministry Committee. We also commissioned our teachers and student along with our Chancel Choir. On Sept. 15th, we provided Bibles for 3 years and 3rd graders as a way of following up our commitment to nurture the children in our care. We also commissioned our Bells of Joy. On Sept. 22nd, we commissioned our youth ushers and acolytes as they serve in worship. Last but not least, we had Heritage Sunday (in recognition of our 50+ year members) and 5th Sunday Potluck, both organized by our Membership & Growth Committee.

From the Pastor's Desk (continued from page 2)

In October 2019, I spent a few days at the Lied Lodge for the Pastoral Leadership Revitalization program that I was accepted into. It was the first of many retreats spanning three years: family retreats in summer and pastors' retreats in the fall each year. In addition, I have been meeting with a mentor each month for an hour online coaching session. Thankfully, all expenses are covered by the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. We also observed Children's Sabbath (where we recognize the needs of children around the world), held our Fall Congregational Meeting and hosted Trunk or Treat last October.

During the month of November, our youth group and I made a trip to New Life Presbyterian Church in Omaha (where Doug Williams' brother, Dwight serves as the pastor). We had a great time worshipping God with them during their Sunday worship. After lunch at the church, several of their youth joined us for miniature golf and snacks.

November also brought the wonderful treat of Cookies N'More with its impressive array of sweet delights. Along with being a great fundraiser, it was a great opportunity for church members to work together (like the Garage Sale). Thank you Alison Wagner and Paula Lange for co-chairing last year's Cookies N'More.

December 2019 was a month for advent: preparing for the arrival of Christ. Knowing that the holidays can be a sad time for people, we were blessed to host an ecumenical Blue Christmas Service on Dec. 12th. A few days later, we had our Children's Christmas Pageant which was the culmination of months' worth of skit practices – thank you Children's Ministry teachers and students! Also, on Dec. 15th, we have our All Church Christmas Caroling at several of the local senior centers – thank you Bob Arp for leading us in song.

Sunnie and I were able to do something different last Christmas. Since we were not flying on a plane that day, we helped out at our Community Christmas Dinner. It was a lot of work from 7:00am but well worth it. Thank you Chris Dixon for organizing this annual event. One of the great privileges of being a pastor is entering into sacred moments of life. We celebrated several confirmations in 2019: for Annie Lange, Macyn Norris, Mark Garcia Lopez and Riley Gausman. I also officiated wedding ceremonies for these beautiful couples: Amanda Volkmer with Ronald Zaim on August 24th and Kristen Augspurger with Jacob Frederick on November 16th. Along with these celebrations of new life, there were celebrations of completed life. I am tremendously grateful for the opportunities to preside over the memorial and/or graveside services for these beloved children of God: Jane Hopp, Robert Busler, Sam Scheidegger, John Ellefson, Janice Hayek, Don Schaufelberger, Carol Vollbracht and Charles Gray.

Thank you to all for opportunity to serve as pastor at Federated Church.

Grace and peace,
Edward

A Letter from The Mission Study Committee

Members of Federated,

The Mission Study Committee has been appointed by the Governing Council and commissioned by Pastor Edward and the congregation. At their first meeting, officers were elected & are as follows:

Co-Chairs: Marv Zoucha & Doug Williams
Secretary: Dave Melick

Members: Julie Graham, Steve Heinisch, John McClure, Lisa Perrin, Ashli Porter.

A Mission Study is a tool used by congregations to clarify who we are as a church, to articulate our beliefs, explore why we operate the way we do and to guide our congregation in making decisions and setting goals for future ministry. The Mission Study is the foundation used to build our ministry and mission for the next 3-5 years. The Mission Study is done before a search committee is formed and begins the process of calling a senior pastor. Please keep members of this committee in your thoughts and prayers as they begin their work.

In my estimate, this committee will conclude their work late summer or early fall. Please look for information about their progress in this newsletter and in church bulletins. Both this committee and myself will do our best to keep you informed of progress and will share our results as they develop. As part of the Mission Study, we will have small group meetings and survey the congregation. I encourage you to participate and ask questions. That in itself is a very valuable tool to help us chart a path for our future church and congregation.

Please don't hesitate to call or email me with questions. Myself, the members of the Mission Study Committee and members of the Governing Council welcome your conversations about our future in Federated Church.

Blessings for all Federated Members as we head into our Lenten season,

Marcia Grant
402 276-1428
mgrantcfy@gmail.com

Help Support Our Ministry and Worship Time!

Each week Pastor Edward leads us in worship. We are united as children of God through scripture, prayer, music and message. People also serve in various ways to support this ministry and enhance our worship time together. These roles include:

Liturgist -Read scripture and guide us during the service

Usher - Welcome us into the sanctuary and collect the offering

Communion server - Distribute the elements, wash and store the serving trays, pitcher, and chalice. This requires a person who is currently serving, *or has ever served in the past* as a member of the Governing Council (elder), or Order of Saint Andrew (deacon).

It is time to update the list of people willing to support our worship experience in one or more of these ways.

“I’ve never done it before!” No problem! You will be welcomed by someone who will help you learn.

You may indicate your interest by contacting :

Barb Sanderson - Phone or text 402-910-3586

e-mail - bjs.sanderson@gmail.com

OR use the tear off section below and place it in the offering.

I can help in the following way(s) – check your interest

Liturgist____

Usher____

Communion Server____

Name_____

Contact information:

Phone or e-mail address _____

Funeral Committee Teams 2020

Thank you to the ladies who took time out of their days to update our Funeral Committee Teams.

Last month (January 2020) the funeral committee in the Newsletter was #1, but, with the reorganization of these teams, one of the committees was eliminated, so, starting February 1st, the committee is going to be #2, listed below. The ladies who updated these teams will be sending updated committee/team numbers and information to the co-chairs, who will be contacting you when it is your team's turn to serve.

*Names that appear in parenthesis *()* are non-member spouses.*

#2 Funeral Committee Team 2020

Co-chairs	<i>Marcia & Steve Dewald</i>	<i>Linda & (Guy) Wheatley</i>	
	<i>Sue & Larry Mares</i>	<i>Deb & John Curry</i>	
Members	Augspurger, Dana	Hoeman, Andree & Terry	Scheffler, Diane
	Barbarglia, Diane	Kallweit, Brenda & Leroy	Shreve, Donna
	Boettcher, Liz	Lambert, Charlotte & Ron	Smith, Lori & Clark
	Dowd, JoAnn	Lange, Paula & Dave	Specht, Joan & Gordon
	Drobny, Melanie	Lauterbach, Berlydean & Herman	Srb, Marilyn & Joe
	Ernst, Mimi	Lind, Ruth	Swierczek, Kim
	Garcia, Antonio & Trinidad	Lohr, John (Kathy)	Timperley, Paula & Rebecca
	Gotschall, Tami & Jeff	McClure, John (Julie)	Whitney, Lyle & Riel
	Hahn, Cola & Gene	Meyer, Kevin (Mary Jo)	Williams, Randi & Doug
	Hanner, Whit	Meyer, Peg & Bryon	Wolfe, Kristi & Drew
	Hoadley, Cindy	Rosekrans, Eileen	Wurdeman. Gail

2x4s Dinner Together Program 2020

The Bible tells us how Jesus was invited into homes to share meals. The concept of meeting and visiting over a meal is age-old. By sharing a meal we become a family. At Federated we have been practicing this church family-building concept for many years through our "2x4s Dinners Together" program.

The "2x4s" dinners are simple affairs. The participating families (or singles) share three meals between the months of March-April, May-July, and August-October. The designated host contacts the 3 other couples (or singles) to arrange a date. The host provides the main dish and the other guests bring either a salad, a side dish or a desert.

Contact Nila Novotny at 402 910 4091 or at nilanovotny@neb.rr.com if you would like to participate in the upcoming 2020 "2x4s" Dinners Together. It's a lot of fun without much work and the dinners help us know one another all the better.

Many Thanks to The Yang Family!

Thank you to Edward, Sunnie, Ethan, Elliot and Hunter for the Café La Fed snacks and coffee on Sunday, February 23rd, after the 105th Annual Congregational Meeting!

It was quite the unexpected and delightful surprise, as there is usually no one scheduled for that weekend! Your family is such a blessing to our Church! Thank you!

New Book on Tuesday Mornings!

The group is adding another book to their reading list! “Sapiens, A Brief History of Humankind” by Yuval Noah Harari is the next book to be reviewed. For more information, please refer to the January newsletter.

The Tuesday Morning Book Discussion group meets on Tuesdays at 7am with coffee and a light breakfast.

For more information, contact Bob Trautwein at rjtraut@yahoo.com or 402-564-5287.

Monthly Open Prayer Time

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, a time of prayer that is open to all, is held in our sanctuary from 11:30AM -12:30PM.

Whether you are new to prayer or have practiced for years, you are welcome here. If you have questions or prayer requests please contact: Church office – 402-564-2812

Email - fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org or

Barb Sanderson – 402-910-3586

Email - bjs.sanderson@gmail.com



Walk to Jerusalem

Do you keep track of your steps each day? Do you attend an exercise class? Great! All of these activities count to *Walk to Jerusalem* in 2020! You can find more information on the flyers that are available in the church office!

- **2000 steps = 1 mile**
- **20 minutes of any kind of exercise = 1 mile**
- **Our Gym is open** Mon. through Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., so you can get your steps indoors when the weather is cold!
- **We will track our miles as a congregation** using a world map in the Narthex
- **Two ways to report** your miles

—> Visit www.federatedcolumbus.org

Click on the footprints at the top of the page,
an email to the church pops up,
enter your miles or minutes, and send!

—> Email fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org or call 402-564-2812



Small Groups, Sign Up Today!



Do you enjoy small group activities with people who like the same things as you? We want to build up our congregation by gathering people with similar interests. There are a wide range of groups already set up, and more can be added, if you have an idea.

Do you like to go out to eat after Sunday worship? Join one of the Sunday Lunch Brunches!

Would you like to share your enthusiasm for the arts? The

Arts Connoisseurs Group may just be for you!

Or are you one of those who has their nose in a book all the time? Bookworms Club!

There are so many to choose from, so, don't be left out! Join one of the groups today and start enjoying time well spent with your Federated Family!

Go to our website, www.federatedcolumbus.org and you can find a link to the 2019 Small Groups document for more information.

Runza Funza - Meets every Sunday at Runza; contact Tim & Val Rathje or Max & Ashli Porter

ABC - All 'Bout Conversation - Meets the 1st Sunday of the month; March 1st they will be meeting at Godfather's, and Hy-Vee on April 5th, contact Barb Olson or John & Nila Novotny

Batter Up - Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month, meeting at Grand Buffet in March and Valentino's in April, contact Bill & Jean Royer or Ben & Marilyn Vrana

WiFi Group - Meets quarterly or as needed; contact Bob Trautwein or Chris Warren

****For more information, coordinators are listed. If you have a Small Group event coming up, make sure to contact the church office so we can add it here!**

Rescue Mission Meals

Chris Warren and Melodee Nickolite have offered to help March 13th, and Barb Olson and Jeanne Johnson for April 10th!

This volunteer opportunity takes place the second Friday each month. There are a number of months still waiting for you to sign up! (The sign-up sheet is on the easel in the Narthex.)

Annual Boy Scouts Troop 212 Pancake Feed



The Annual Boy Scouts Troop 212 Pancake Feed will be held on Tuesday, March 24th in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. Free will donation or Kids \$4.00 and Adults \$6.00.

Meals on Wheels

Federated church will be responsible for Meals on Wheels Mar. 2-6, 2020. This is a great way to represent our church while providing a community service. Renee Bellum will be coordinator. 563-2441 or 402-276-2454.



Center for Survivors



We are reaching out to our amazing community and asking for donations of NEW simple clothing for children in crisis situations. Following is a list of what we need:
Boys and Girls new clothing: plain t-shirts, plain sweatshirts, leggings/sweatpants, shorts, underwear; sizes for both boys and girls will include: 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T, 6T, 7, 8, 9, 10-12

Platte County Food Pantry

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in the following items: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, All Soups, Spaghetti Sauce, Jell-O, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Pancake Mixes, Bar Soap, Applesauce, Canned Pasta, Diced Tomatoes, Dry Pasta, Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Pudding, Saltine Crackers, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pancake Syrup, Toilet Paper



Platte Valley Humane Society



The Platte Valley Humane Society is privileged to have a donation receptacle in the northwest entrance of the Federated Church.

Requested items are:

March: Glass Cleaner, Pine Cleaner, *Soft Scrub*

B-I-N-G-O

Ladies: We are seeking names of who would like to be called IF and WHEN additional help is needed on 4th Wednesdays (2:00 - 3:00) Bingo. It would not be an every month call, but a 'just in case'. Prizes are always provided by the circles. The sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary. *Thanks for your help, PW Women*



March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	2 5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting	3 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion 1:00pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	4 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:05pm Lenten Luncheon @ FUMC 4:30pm Lectionary Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Club 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 5:00pm Special Olympics (5 on 5) Practice 6:15pm Scouts Roundtable Meeting 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 7:00pm Mission Study Committee Meeting 7:30pm Order of the Arrow (Scouts) Meeting	6 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	7 9:00am 4-Hers
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Kenn Leischner	3/01	Heidi Klevemann	3/18
Cec Bartholomew, David Lange	3/03	Gene Hahn, Terry Norris	3/19
Connor Luedtke	3/04	Sheri Melick, Bob Smith, Gordon Specht	3/20
Kevin Wagner	3/06	David Walline	3/21
Robyn Bower	3/07	Bill Berry, Addilyn Ternus, Edward Yang	3/22
Jana Lyon, Wayne McCormick, Sherry Miller	3/08	Riley Gausman, Mitchell Norris	3/24
Tessa Klevemann, Beryldean Lauterbach	3/09	John Hahn, Kathy Hash, Chelsea Maly, Larry Spence	3/25
Wilma Arp	3/10	Beatriz Garcia, Paul Sanderson, Chuck Whitney, Gail Wurdeman	3/26
Diane Bower, Sarah Bower, Jeannie Kiser-Jensen	3/11	Megan Bower	3/27
Terry Schultz	3/17	Josh Bates	3/29
		Ardell Wurdeman	03/31

If you see a mistake or missing birthday, call/email Chrissy at 402-564-2812 or fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1

First Sunday of Lent

March 4

Lenten Lunches Begin

April 5

Palm Sunday

April 10

Good Friday, Church Office closes at Noon

April 12

Easter Sunday

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