

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

FEDERATED NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21

Children's Sabbath

October 28

Reformation Sunday
Fall Congregational
Meeting

November 4

Daylight Savings Ends

November 18

Federated Hosts
Ecumenical

Thanksgiving

November 22

No Thursday Service
Church Office Closed

December 2

First Sunday Advent

December 6

Blue Christmas

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 10:00 AM

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Federated Church is a
congregation of the Presbyterian
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Church of Christ

From New Members to Federated Church

Dear Federated Church,

Paula and I have been members of Federated Church for almost two years now. Recently another member asked us if we felt welcomed by the congregation? She wanted to know if we felt included. I thought I would take a few minutes to share our experience with Federated Church.

Four years ago I began searching for a Church that Paula and I could attend. I contacted several churches in Columbus, and I had almost given up hope of finding a church that would not just tolerate our presence, but one that would accept us, and make us a part of the church family. When I called Federated, I was surprised when Annika agreed to meet with me. Finding a church in a small mid-western town that is inclusive of LGBT families is very difficult. Federated Church was the only church that I contacted that day, that offered us an invitation to attend church in Columbus.

We waited almost two years after I met with Annika before we actually came to a service. It took that long to build up enough courage to once again try to fit into a church. We were welcomed, greeted and invited back. Paula and I were so surprised to have so many people interested in having us return.

Since that first visit so much has happened. We were married by Pastor Annika, with the blessing of the church. We have been included, and embraced by the entire congregation. We have been included in activities and offered opportunities to be involved. When we have been sick, members have sent get well cards, and then even followed up long after to make sure all was well. We feel like family. We feel like we belong. The person who asked us if we felt included will never know how much she touched our hearts that day. It is such a great blessing to have found this church, and to finally feel like we are accepted in the family of God. Thank you Federated Church for your love, support and inclusion. Paula and I love being members of such a wonderful church. I believe our name says it all. I realize Federated is in reference to the merge of two denominations into one congregation, however, our church is also a place where all can worship, regardless of differences. I just love that about our church.

Sincerely,
Rebecca and Paula Timperley

From the Senior Pastor's Desk

Dear Federated Friends,
I'm not the most prolific shutterbug, but I like to take photographs with my cell phone. A picture speaks a thousand words, so here are some photos from recent months in our ministry together!



Annika
Photo Below: August 17 - Homestead Presbytery (l to r) Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams, Rev. Denise Anderson, and Rev. Leanne Masters, celebrate communion



Photo Above: September 16 - Alex Wolfe UCC Ordination
Pastor Linda (Schaufelberger) Mohr presides at the UCC ordination of Rev. Alex Wolfe in Stanton, NE



Photos Above left to right: Vacation Bible School with decoration helpers and Rev. Cindi Stewart, First Methodist, Pastor Adam Lassen, St. Luke's UCC, Rev. Edward & Rev. Annika of Federated

Photos Below and Right: September 30 - BBQ hosted by Youth Ministry Comm.



Photo Left: 2017 with Rev. Kenn Leischner and Rev. Edward. Happy Halloween!



A New Logo!

At its General Synod in 2017, the United Church of Christ embraced a new logo. Federated's publications will be incorporating this logo in the coming months — you may have noticed it for the first time on the cover of this week's bulletin! Read more about the logo at www.ucc.org.



Decorating for Fall

"Harvest" your fall décor! We are looking for cornstalks, pumpkins, gourds... all things Autumn-y! Bring in any of your harvest décor so we can relish in the beauty of Fall! We would like to decorate the Narthex to show our thanks to God for a bountiful harvest! If you have any questions, Barb Olson and Sue Mares are heading up this project!

Funeral Committee Information

Funeral Committee 2: Co-Chairpersons: John & Deb Curry, Steve & Marcia Dewald, Larry & Sue Mares, Guy & Linda Wheatley

Members: Diane Barbarglia, Liz Boettcher, Gary & Dana Brandt, Jane Crister, JoAnn Dowd, Mimi Ernst, Jose & Trinidad Garcia, Jeff & Tami Gotschall, Gene & Cola Hahn, Fonda Hanks, Whit Hanner, Cindy Hoadley, Terry & Andree Hoeman, Leroy & Brenda Kallweit, Ron & Charlotte Lambert, Herman & Beryldean Lauterbach, Ruth Lind, John Lohr, John & Julie McClure, Kevin & Mary Meyer, Bryon & Peg Meyer, Diane Scheffler, Donna Shreve, Kim Swierczek, Clark & Lori Smith, Joe & Marilyn Srb, Paula & Rebecca Timperley, Jeremy West, Doug & Randi Williams, Drew & Kristi Wolfe, Gail Wurdeman



The following items are requested for the Center:

Household Items:

- Garbage Bags (any size)
- Laundry Detergent
- Cleaning Supplies (i.e. All Purpose Cleaner, Clorox Wipes, Toilet Bowl Cleaner)
 - Dish Soap/ Hand Soap
 - Bed Pillows (new)
- Dish Towels/Wash Cloths
 - Dinnerware

Food:

- Cereal
- Applesauce
- Bottle Juices/Water
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Canned Fruit/Vegetables
 - Boxed Dinners
 - Soup
 - Cooking Oil
 - Pinto Beans
 - White Rice
- Ranch Dressing

For more information about how you can help, please contact:

Center for Survivors

3103 13th Street

P.O. Box 42

Columbus, NE 68602-0042

Phone: 402-564-2155

Fax: 402-563-1719

Web: www.centerforsurvivors.net

You can also find us on the following social media:

- Facebook
- Instagram @centerforsurvivors
- Twitter @CenterSurvivors

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 has a donation receptacle in the northwest entrance of the Federated Church.

Requested items are:

October: Collars, Leashes

November: Postage Stamps, Wal-Mart & Menards Gift Cards



Meals on Wheels

Thank you volunteers!

Federated Church will have October 29 - November 2 - a week early as we traded with St. Luke's to accommodate their Fall Festival.

Coordinator will be Jean Royer 402-564-8012

Thank you - Renee 402-563-2441

Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

10/12: Nila Novotny & Kathy Shemek

11/9: Marilyn & Ben Vrana

12/14: Pastor Edward & Confirmation Class



OPERATION EDUCATION



Something exciting is happening in our quest to reach out to one another globally. It's called OPERATION EDUCATION, and it is inspired by children in Kenya. The poverty level is so extreme in Nairobi that unless school fees can be paid, the children will not be allowed to go to school. If they can't go to school, the cycle of poverty will continue. Education is help, hope and possibility.

The children in the pictures are just a few of the many children who cannot go to school. Most are orphaned or live with one parent or relative who cannot provide for the needs of the family. Would you like to help?

Another mission trip to Kenya is in the works for 2019, and you can go meet these very children! They are all from one church, a tin shack that is filled with the spirit.

Matthew 25:45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

If you would like to help with this ministry, there is a donation box in the Narthex or you may put it in the collection plate marked "Operation Education." Thank you!



This is Tiffany. Her mom is single and never went to school. Tiffany has been chased out of school due to lack of school fees.



Sizla lives in the slums. His parents abandoned him and he lives with an aunt who cannot provide for him so that he can go to school.



Bredcoly attended church and brought his mother to Christ. He is very bright and has a good spirit. He wants to stay in school.



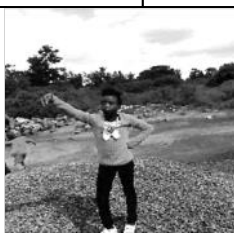
Roxy is one of four children who lives with her single mother. Her mother makes \$2 a day, which is not enough. Roxy hasn't been in school for the last year.



Beth's mother died and her father has no job. She does attend school, but may not be able to continue due to lack of funds.



Teddy lives in a slum and is being raised by a single mother. School is not a priority for her as she can only barely afford food and shelter.



Witney's mother died this year and was taken in by an aunt who has trouble feeding her own three children, let alone one more. Witney is very bright and obedient.

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 9:00am Adult Bible Education 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Federated Youth Outing (Urban Air Trampoline Park) 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	15 12:00pm BIG PALS-Little Pals 4:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting 6:45pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	16 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group 8:00am Bible Study with Rev. Annika 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Property & Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279	17 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Ministry Practice 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Youth Club	18 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	19 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	20
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28 9:00am Adult Bible Education 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Fall Congregational Meeting 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	29 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212	30 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group 8:00am Bible Study with Rev. Annika 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Halloween Party	31 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Ministry Practice 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Youth Club			

November 2018

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<p>4</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p> <p>9:00am Adult Bible Education</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Scouts Troop 212</p> <p>7:00pm CM Teachers Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group</p> <p>8:00am Bible Study with Rev. Annika</p> <p>8:00am General Election</p> <p>4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School</p> <p>6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm Youth Club</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30am MOPS Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service</p> <p>6:30pm Scout Sleepover (??)</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Adult Bible Education</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Youth Ministries Committee Meeting</p> <p>3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00pm Scouts Troop 212</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group</p> <p>8:00am Bible Study with Rev. Annika</p> <p>9:00am Cookies N' More Bake Day</p> <p>11:30am OSA Prayer Cham Meeting</p> <p>4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson School</p> <p>6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Circle 1 Meeting</p> <p>4:00pm Cookies N' More Setup</p> <p>6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm Youth Club</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:00pm Cookies N' More</p> <p>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service</p>	<p>17</p>

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Women's Fellowship Circles



Circle 1: Co-leaders:

Sharyn Beard 402-606-4244

Jean Royer 402-564-8012

Circle 1 9:30 A.M. Meetings for 2018

Oct. 17: Hostess: Sue McClure

Lesson: Jean Royer

Nov. 14: Hostess: Sharon Kuncel

Lesson: Anita Hahn

(Please note, 2nd Weds.!)

Dec. 19: Traditions: Charlotte Lambert

Lesson: Anita Hahn

Women's Fellowship Restructuring Committee

Sue McClure

Rogalyn Stevens

Joie Taylor

Linda Wheatley

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*

The History of Cookies 'N More

A Very "Sweet" Event

In November of 2007, Women's Fellowship hosted its first "Cookies 'N More" project during the Downtown Christmas Stroll. That first year we sold cookies, bars, candy, and crafts. The Federated Church kitchen had these goodies everywhere! The following year, we discontinued the craft items to focus on the cookies, bars, and candy. The project has been fine-tuned through the years, however, one thing remains the same—we have very generous bakers, candy makers, workers, decorators, and monetary donations to help make this event successful. Cookies 'N More has gained a loyal following throughout the community for those wishing to stock up on delicious cookies, bars, and candy. Year after year, we sell out very quickly. Profits from this event have benefited several mission projects. It's hard to believe, but on Thursday, November 15th, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., we will be hosting our 12th annual Cookies 'N More!!

Once again, we will need you to bring cookies, bars, or candy. For those who are new to our congregation, you will receive a phone call asking you to donate several dozen cookies, bars, or candy to support this event. It helps if you know the type of cookie or candy that you want to provide when you receive your call. As the event draws nearer, wrapped boxes (with waxed liner inside) will be provided. These will be located on tables near the church office door for you to take home and put your cookies or bars inside. (We want to gently remind you to keep these boxes clean—please avoid placing objects in the boxes when taking them home.) Place your nicely cooled cookies or bars in this box, cover with foil, and attach a label to the foil with your name and the name of the cookie or bar so we can identify the baker and cookie donated. Candy makers, please place your goodies in a labeled container with your name and the name of the candy, as we will transfer them to a decorative tin at the church. If you would like your container back, please write your name on the container and we will place it in the northeast corner of the kitchen for you to retrieve.

Hours for delivering your cookies, bars, and candy will be determined at a later date. We will communicate these hours, as well as volunteer worker hours, etc. by email, text message, etc.

Thank you so much for continuing to support this very sweet event.

Questions can be directed to Alison Wagner **(402)564-0343** during the weekday or **(402)564-3674** in the evenings; or Paula Lange **(402)910-0445**.

Cookies 'N More Meetings

Project preparation meetings will be held on Oct. 11th, 15th, 25th and Nov. 1st and 8th at 5:15 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping with this project or if you have already agreed to help, please attend a couple of these meetings. It is never too late to join in the fun. Questions can be addressed to Paula Lange or Alison Wagner. See you on these meeting dates at 5:15 P.M.

Special Thank You

Special thanks go out to Barb Olson and Renee Norris of Blossoms for their wonderful contribution to the church. Their collaboration on purchasing the vases and filling them with eye catching arrangements is very much appreciated!!

The Music and Worship committee

Nursery Attendant Needed

Church Nursery Attendant Needed to care for children ages 0-3 on Sunday mornings. Please contact Rev. Edward edward@federatedcolumbus.org (402) 564-2812 with questions and send resumes Attn: Rev. Edward to Federated's P.O. Box 564, Columbus, NE 68602 More information on the church webpage: <http://federatedcolumbus.org/wp-content/uploads/Federated-Church-Nursery-Attendant-Job-Posting.pdf>

Platte County Food Pantry Director

The Platte County Board of Directors is searching for an Executive Director for the Food Pantry.

The Executive Director would work a minimum of 5 hours each week or 20 hours a month. They should be able to lift up to 40 pounds. May be required to use personal vehicle to haul light supplies.

Some of the primary duties of the director will be:

- Oversee a smooth operation of the pantry
- Make sure pantry is properly staffed during operating hours
- Order and purchase food to keep shelves supplied
- Attend and report at all Pantry Board meetings (quarterly)
- Attend United Way meetings when required
- Plan the annual Can-Care-A-Van event (June)
- Assist volunteers in a friendly and professional manner
- Main contact for United Way
- Participate in United Way fundraising activities
- Coordinate with the Food Bank For The Heartland regarding Feeding America and donation documentation
- Attend any meetings that relate to the Food Pantry when feasible and appropriate
- Perform other miscellaneous duties as necessary, such as facility maintenance coordination and training of employees

Should you know someone, any of the Board Members would be most please to speak with them. If you require any further information, or have someone in mind, you can contact **Cec Bartholomew at 402-564-0264.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Samantha Higgins	10/14
Alicia Purinton	10/16
Steve Dewald, Sharon Kuncl, Tim Rathje	10/18
Leroy Kallweit, Ruth Lind	10/19
Myah Torrez	10/20
Linda Wheatley	10/22
Jenna Mares	10/23
Rex Hash, Chris Rasmussen	10/24
Klyn Lopour	10/25
Mark Hegi	10/26
Terry Hickey, Andrew Keener	10/28
Brady Hanks, Roger Hare, Margaret Trew	10/30
Diana Gartrell, Bill Irby	10/31
Debbie Dahlberg, Carrie Prokopec, Peg Rupprecht	11/1
Heather Purinton	11/2
Elizabeth Grisham, Donna Shreve	11/3
Hunter Yang	11/5
Mia Purinton	11/6
Irene Dare, Emily Forsberg	11/7
Mary Sharpe	11/9
James Morris	11/10
Meera Lange, Mackenzie Slizoski,	11/11
Benjamin Hickey, Gary Puckett	11/13
Alex Lange	11/14

Don't see your birthday in our list above? Find an error?
Contact the church office and let us know!

Federated Church Finance-at-a-Glance

Recap of financial transactions for September 2018

The following information is a brief description of transactions for the previously completed month. Complete records are available in the church office upon request.

Income - September 2018

Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$29,352.92
Future Year Transfer	\$13,681.53
Memorials	\$2,475.00

Designated Funds (Savings):

Doane College	\$20.00
Tuesday Morning Book Discussion	\$27.00
Helping Hands - Non-Member	\$25.00
Youth Fund	\$100.00

Interest Income:

Memorial	\$2.72
Checking	\$0.94
Savings	\$45.98

Expenses - September 2018

General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$38,130.88
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Designated Funds (Savings):

Mission Trip	\$1,250.00
Piano/Organ (Organ Trumpet)	\$4,224.00
Helping Hand - Non-Member	\$786.92

Checking Account Balance Ending August 31, 2018: \$11,191.34

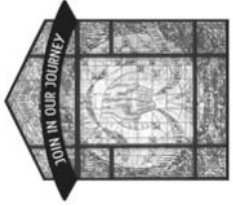
Savings Account Balance Ending August 31, 2018: \$93,967.99

Memorial Account Balance Ending August 31, 2018: \$32,094.34

Checking Account Balance Ending September 30, 2018: \$14,253.84

Savings Account Balance Ending September 30, 2018: \$74,071.54

Memorial Account Balance Ending September 30, 2018: \$33,572.06



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