



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER



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If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in the 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. October deadline will be September 20th.

From the Pastor's Desk

As continuation of sharing my experience from Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), here's my seventh reflection:

DYING – Week eight [of CPE] was a turning point for me in terms of thinking about death. I realized that I was uncomfortable with the subject of death and would avoid discussing it with patients and their family members. This was evident to me while presenting a verbatim on my visit with the family of the 17-year-old full arrest patient. When I was talking with the patient's mother I could sense her fear that her son might die. But I avoided the subject and tried to talk about something more “lively” like her son's hobbies.



I wonder why I feel so uncomfortable about the subject of death. It might have to do with not having attended a funeral until I was in college. I did not experience the reality of death while growing up. At the same time, our family rarely talked about death. I knew my paternal grandparents died when my father was young but I did not know any of the circumstances surrounding their deaths. When death was discussed, it was often about the possibilities of death based on superstitious ideas. For example, I remember being scolded for writing my name with a red pen – because Koreans have a superstition that writing a personal name with red ink is a sign of death.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
Mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
For the first things have passed away."
Revelation 21:4

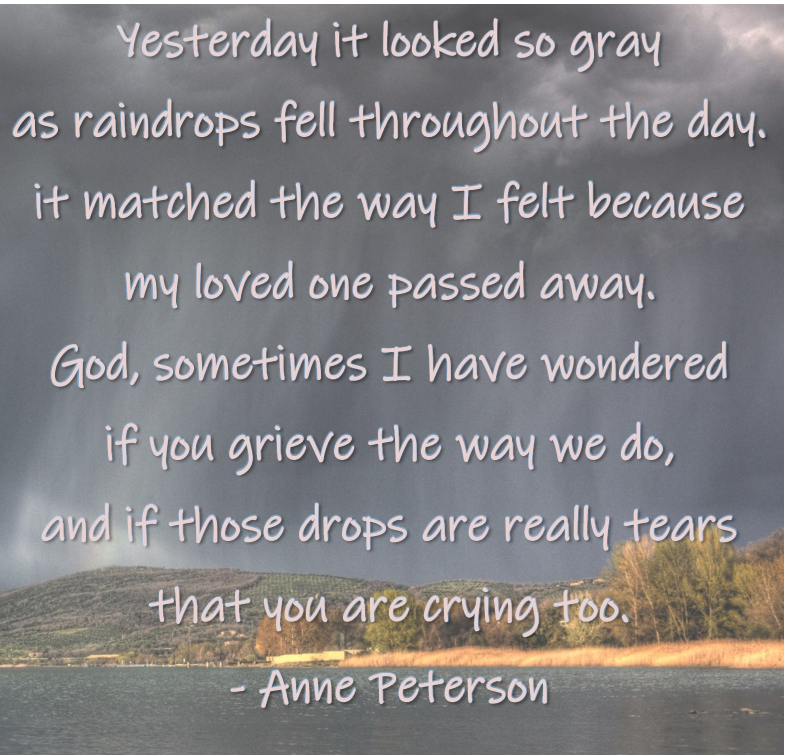
It seems that American culture is not comfortable with death either. There are numerous euphemisms in relation to death: like “passed away,” “croaked,” “expired,”

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"feeding the worms," and "kicked the bucket." Rather than talking directly about death, these expressions indirectly refer to the uncomfortable subject. In relation to church buildings, I am reminded of how older churches (E.g., San Gabriel Mission) have a cemetery on their property. As congregants enter their place of worship, they are visually reminded of the saints who have gone before them into death. But this connection between the living and the dead is absent in newer church facilities. It's very likely that there are municipal codes that would prevent cemeteries from being built next to church buildings now. Even if that was not the case, most people do not want to be reminded of the imminence of death.

Now, I realize that talking about someone dying is not the same as wishing death upon that someone. Rather than avoiding the subject, I need to allow space for people to feel comfortable talking about death. From a Christian perspective, I understand that death is not necessarily in conflict with life.

Essential to the gospel is the belief that Christ's death brings about new life. And I am reminded of a song that we sung when I was growing up in church and is based on this Bible verse: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21) I'm not sure if I've really accepted the notion that "to die is gain." I feel tied to the idea that death is a loss because of the fear of being separated from loved ones. Maybe that is part of preparing for death: to move away from the focus on what might be lost to the faith on what will be gained.



Here are some questions for your own reflection:

~ How do you feel about the subject of death? Have you spoken with family/friends about those feelings?

~ If you have experienced loss of loved ones, is there something that has been helpful for you in mourning that loss?

Please feel free to share your thoughts and/or questions with me, via email/text/call.

Grace and peace,
Edward

Children & Youth Ministry



It's back to school time! And that means it's back to Education Hour at Federated!!!! The Christian Education and Youth Ministry Committees are working on a proposal to allow Federated children and youth to safely return to activities at the church. Details will be provided to families as soon as they are finalized! We are so excited to have our children back in the building! And for those families who are not yet ready to attend in person, online options will be available.

Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.
Proverbs 22:6

Calendar of Events

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| September 13, 2020 | Education Hour resumes 9:00 am Teachers Commissioned 10:00 am – during worship Back-pack blessing 10:00 am – during worship |
| September 16, 2020 | Youth Club Resumes 6:30 pm – Club Room |
| September 20, 2020 | Youth Acolytes Commissioned 10:00 am – during worship |
| September 22, 2020 | Confirmands & Mentors meet with Governing Council, 6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall |
| September 27, 2020 | 3 Year-olds and 3 rd Graders receive Bibles 10:00 am – during worship |
| October 4, 2020 | Confirmation Sunday 10:00 am – during worship |



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.

At this time, the Center is in need and accepting donations for the following NEW personal hygiene products: shampoo, conditioner, liquid body wash, deodorant, makeup removing wipes, facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels and men's deodorant.

We are not able to accept used donations at this time.



Platte County Food Pantry

The Platte County Food Pantry, located at 3020 18th Street in Suite 13 (Old Hospital).

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

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.



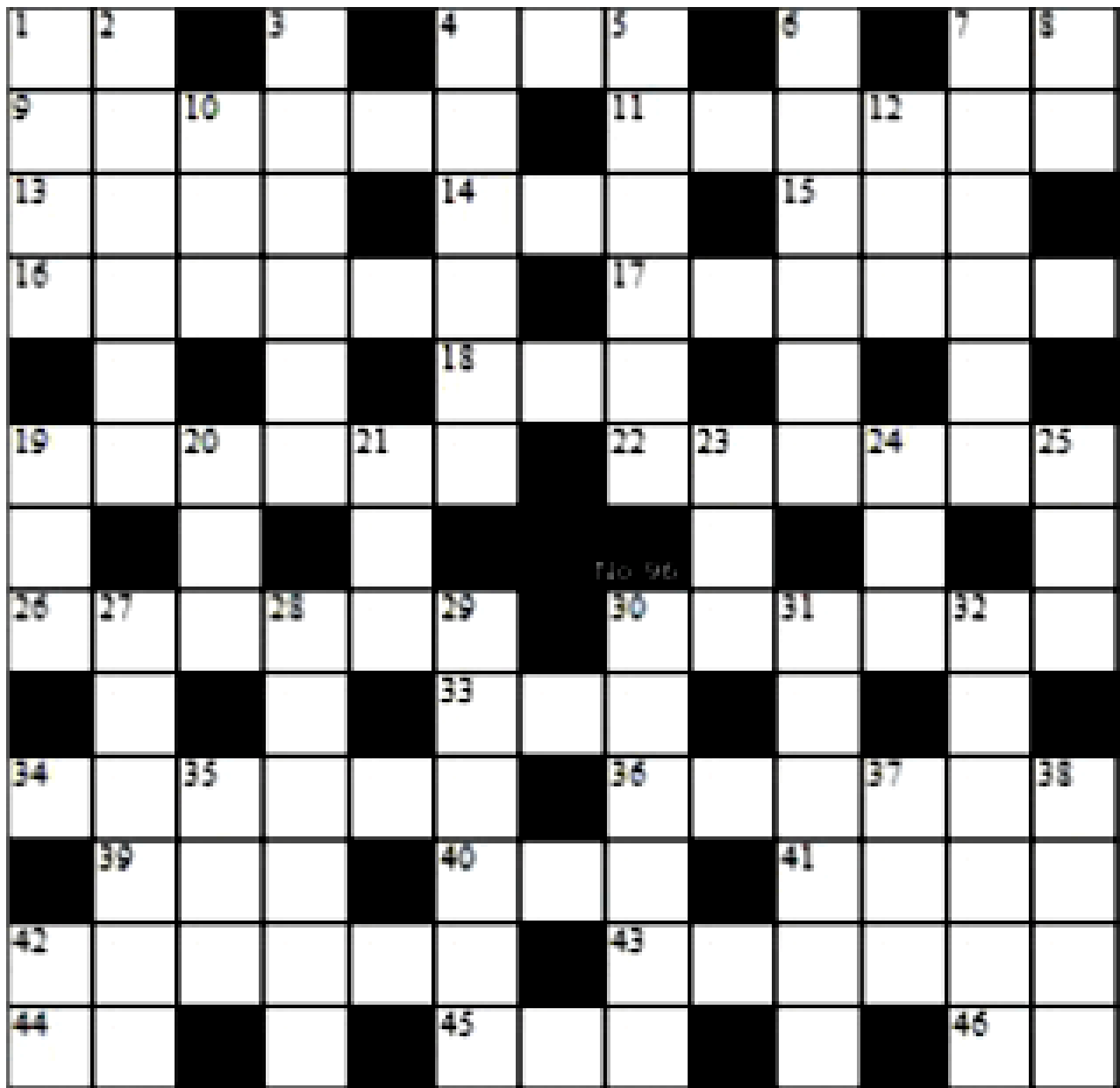
Paws & Claws Adoption Center



Paws & Claws Adoption Center (The Platte Valley Humane Society) is located at 2124 13th Street. The hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 4:30pm, and Saturdays Noon to 3:30pm. You can call 402-562-5683 to meet your future pet! Regular needs include: Clumping cat litter, Clorox, Pine Sol, Copy Paper, Dog & Cat Toys, Collars & Leashes, Paper Towel, Old Towels/Washcloths/Blankets, Gently Used Pet Supplies, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores.

They have a number of animals available, including Sue, Amber, Gabby, Corona and Rusty.





ACROSS

1 Jesus answered, "It ___ written: 'Man does not live on bread alone (Matt 4:4)

4 The God of peace be with you ____ . Amen. (Rom 15:33)

7 She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will ___ healed." (Matt 9:21)

9 a scroll with writing on both sides and ___ with seven seals (Rev 5:1)

11 He has scattered ___ his gifts to the poor (2 Cor 9:9)

13 they tied unto it a ___ of blue (Ex 39:31) KJV

14 For God ___ not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life (1 Thess 4:7)

15 For even his ___ brothers did not believe in him (John 7:4-5)

16 an ___ nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official (Acts 28:7)

17 judge fairly; ___ the rights of the poor and needy (Prov 31:9)

18 the gazelle, the ___ deer, the wild goat, the ibex (Deut 14:5)

19 messengers (Ps 103:20)

22 at the age of fifty, they must ___ from their regular service (Num 8:25)

26 The seventeenth book of the Old Testament

30 they beat one, killed another, and ___ a third. (Matt 21:35-36)

33 I am afraid that just as ___ was deceived by the serpent's cunning (2 Cor 11:3)

34 send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, ___, Pergamum, Thyatira (Rev 1:11)

36 Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but ___ him as if he were your father (1 Tim 5:1)

ACROSS (cont.)

41 wife of Boaz (Ruth 4:13)

42 There was a written ____ above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING (Luke 23:38)

43 and you will ____ yourselves for your sins (Ezek 36:31)

44 You are the light of the world. A city ____ a hill cannot be hidden (Matt 5:14)

45 lacking in moisture (Heb 11:29)

46 Be ____ therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven (Matt 5:48) KJV

DOWN

1 was in the ____ that is called Patmos, for the word of God (Rev 1:9) KJV

2 I will send you rain in its ____, and the ground will yield its crops (Lev 26:4)

3 without faith it is impossible to ____ God (Heb 11:6)

4 lions and lionesses, of ____ and darting snakes (Isa 30:6)

5 behold a ____ set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven (Gen 28:12) KJV

6 But whatever was to my ____ I now consider loss for the sake of Christ (Phil 3:7)

7 large sign (Isa 30:17)

8 the children of Gad called the altar ____ (Josh 22:34) KJV

10 Be wise in the way you ____ toward outsiders (Col. 4:5)

12 Give everyone what you ____ him (Rom 13:7)

19 Blessed ____ the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God (Matt 5:9)

20 ____ rid of all bitterness, rage and anger (Eph 4:31)

21 untrue (Rev 14:5)

23 Take it and ____ it. It will turn your stomach sour (Rev 10:9)

24 Lodge or hotel (Luke 2:7)

25 To this ____ I labor, struggling with all his energy (Col. 1:29)

27 one of the judges of Israel known for his strength (Judg 16:6)

28 ____ is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. (John 4:37) KJV

29 Brought up or raised (Lam 2:22)

30 Delight is not ____ for a fool (Prov 19:10) KJV

31 buried in the tomb of his father Joash in ____ of the Abiezrites (Judg 8:32)

32 The first man is of the earth, ____ : the second man is the Lord (1 Cor 15:47) KJV

35 If anyone says, "I love God," ____ hates his brother, he is a liar (1 John 4:19-20)

37 Jesus said to them: "Watch ____ that no one deceives you (Mark 13:5)

38 Thou art my beloved Son; in ____ I am well pleased (Luke 3:22) KJV

42 Jesus answered. "____ one is good except God alone (Mark 10:18)

August Newsletter Crossword Solution

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Construction on 15th Street

Construction started in June to widen the 15th Street.

Pictured below is the progress of the work.

Facing West



Facing East



Facing South



Finance at a Glance

| Income - July 2020 | |
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| Contributions, Etc. | \$29,266.12 |
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| Memorials | \$3,535.00 |
| Unrestricted | \$3,510.00 |
| Youth Memorials (Puppets) | \$25.00 |
| Designated Funds (Savings): | \$590.20 |
| One Great Hour of Sharing | \$20.00 |
| Youth Fund (Can Recycling) | \$70.20 |
| Operation Education | \$500.00 |
| Interest Income: | \$6.97 |
| Memorial | \$0.00 |
| Checking | \$0.00 |
| Savings | \$6.97 |

| Expenses - July 2020 | |
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| Annual Budget Expenses: | \$24,868.85 |
| PPP Loan Utilized - Wages: | \$3,238.17 |
| Other Budgeted Expenses: | \$21,630.68 |
| Designated Funds (Savings): | \$1,149.35 |
| Multimedia Expense | \$21.87 |
| Operation Education | \$550.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund - (Worship DVD of Songs) | \$521.93 |
| Helping Hands - Non-Members | \$55.55 |
| Memorial Fund: | \$0.00 |



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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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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.



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| Wendell Ita | 9/1 | Gene Depue | 9/16 |
| Deb Curry | 9/2 | Roland Augspurger, Matt Miller, Linda Walline | 9/17 |
| Brett Beal, Faith Dill, Elsie Ita | 9/3 | Rachel Grisham, Eileen Rosekrans | 9/22 |
| Fred Wunderlich | 9/4 | Renee Bellum, Alexa Davis, Sunnie Yang | 9/24 |
| Annette Griffith | 9/5 | Lyle Whitney | 9/25 |
| Madeline McClure | 9/9 | Lloyd Castner | 9/26 |
| Wyatt Brandl, Reagan Gausman, Violet Graybill, Miranda Micek, Val Rathje, Payton Swierczek | 9/10 | Kaitlin Dahlberg, David Fulton, Brinlee Klevemann | 9/28 |
| Marian Staroscik, Calvin Wagner | 9/13 | Lance Hahn | 9/29 |

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

Meals on Wheels

Federated church will have Meals on Wheels delivery the week of Sept 28-Oct. 2. Coordinator will be Jean Royer, 564-8012 or 910-6688.



September Communion Pick-Up and Curb-Side Delivery!

Communion elements will be available Wednesday, September 2nd through Friday, September 4th 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.

Communion will be available for the in-person services on September 3rd and 6th.