FEDERATED CHURCH

Mission Statement:
We are called to nurture a growing relationship with God by following the example of Jesus Christ.

First Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 27, 2020

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

We are called Federated because on July 2, 1914, Columbus' Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined to serve as one congregation.

Prayer requests can be shared with the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to initiate a Prayer Chain with the Order of St. Andrew. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit **www.federatedcolumbus.org** for videos of worship and bulletins, and on TV: Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD)
Mondays 11:55am, Saturdays 11:55am and Sundays 7:55pm.

In case of an emergency, Pastor Edward's cell phone is (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2020 - Federated Church Elders		
Marcia Grant, *President* (402-276-1428) Tim Warren, *Vice President* Louise Moran, *Secretary*		
Class of 2020	*Class of 2021*	*Class of 2022*
Linda Wheatley	Gene Hahn	John McClure
Doug Williams	Marv Zoucha	Renee Norris
Steve McClure		Alison Wagner
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Lee Augustin, *Organist*	Bob Arp, *Chancel Choir Director*
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JOYS & CONCERNS

♦ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.

♦Pray for Marlyn Wurdeman (father of Jackie Marker, grandfather of Allison Hast and great-grandfather of Caleb Hast-Curtis & Bennett Curtis) who had a health scare last week in the emergency room. Thankfully, he was stabilized and now recovering.

♦Please pray for Rosie Heinisch, who has been diagnosed with ALL (*Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia*) and is currently receiving chemotherapy treatment.

♦Pray for the family of Eugene Novotny (father of John & Nila Novotny) who passed on Dec. 23rd in Ord, NE. Funeral will be Monday, Dec. 28th.

♦Pray for Enrique Abrego (brother of Jesse and Marilyn Abrego) who is in serious condition with brain injury.

♦Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.

♦Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, December 27 (1st Sunday of Christmas)
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
Monday, December 28 No events
Tuesday, December 29 No events
Wednesday, December 30 No events
Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve
No Worship Service
Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Church Office Closed
Saturday, January 2 No events
Sunday, January 3 (2nd Sunday of Christmas)
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Federated Church members donated 87 pounds of food which was collected and delivered to the Platte County Food Pantry!

Dear Federated Church Friends,

I wish to share with you all "Merry Christmas" greetings and hopefully normal days we will see again.

I have appreciated all the "visits" and "get well" wishes you have expressed to me with visits and calls to my home, hospital, Brookstone and now Prairie Village. Your friendships, kindness and thoughtfulness means more than you will ever know.

I also appreciate all the tasty food, flower arrangements, and your special calls and cards! I wish to attend church services again after the virus is gone.

Thank you all again, my "Church Family", for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Also, thank you Rev. Yang and Sunnie for your visits. Merry Christmas and Blessings to you all!

~Donna Shreve

Pastor Nominating Committee

Now that the Staff Planning Committee is done, the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) will be elected at the February 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the PNC, please contact Marcia Grant or Tim Warren.

The following motions were made and recognized by Governing Council during the October 2020 meeting:

- The Governing Council recognizes with serious concern the COVID pandemic and will continue to follow the safety precautions that have been established for this church. The Governing Council will continue to monitor and follow recommendations of state and local health professionals as well as our denominations, regarding in person services. We will continue to offer a choice of in person or online participation as long as conditions permit.
- A motion was made, seconded and adopted to open the east narthex doors on Sunday for parking convenience. Ushers will move rope and have hand sanitizer available. In addition, a bulletin containing activities, announcements and Joys and Concerns will be available as you exit the Sanctuary.

We Gather To Worship God

Sunday, December 27, 2020
First Sunday of Christmas
Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

Prelude — *Melodies and Memories*
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship — UCC Worship Ways

One: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,
All: God is there.
One: When they present Jesus at the temple,
All: God is there.
One: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,
All: God is there.
One: When Anna recognizes Jesus as the answer to prayer,
All: God is there.
One: This very morning,
All: God is here.
One: In the future we cannot see,
All: God is there.
One: Let us worship God!

Opening Song — *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers!* — Kochanek
Chancel Choir, December 9, 2018

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Yet often we don't live as if we know that. Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong so that we live in the understanding of your never ending love.

Moment for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

One: The Scriptures promise that God will make all things new.
All: As God makes the year new, may we also be made new by God's love and forgiveness in Jesus. Amen.

Passing the Peace

One: With forgiveness, we have peace with God and one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Listening for God's Word

Children's Sermon (Sun.) — Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

Prayer for Illumination — Heidi Klevemann, Liturgist

Scripture Reading

Gospel According to Luke 2 : 22 - 40

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon — Edward Yang, Pastor

***Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)**

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of The People

Invitation to the Offering
Instrumental Doxology

Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of Vision, take these offerings of money and turn them into vision; vision of all people fed, vision of all people safe, vision of all people housed, vision of all people educated. Amen.

Closing Song *TBD*

Benediction

Postlude *O How Joyfully* Leavitt