

FEDERATED CHURCH



Mission Statement:

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



***Mother's Day
Thursday, May 6, and Sunday, May 9, 2021***

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, the pastor's cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2021 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Tim Warren, <i>President</i> Wayne McCormick, <i>Vice President</i> Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	
Jim Rains <i>Office Manager</i> jrains@federatedcolumbus.org			Brenda Sand <i>Temp. Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	
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Bob Arp, <i>Chancel Choir Director</i>			Stuart Gausman <i>Bell Choir Director</i>	
Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>			Donna Augspurger Robin Lehr	
Financial Administrators:			Terry Millard Terry Norris Marv Zoucha	

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for Rebecca and Paula Timperley. Rebecca recently had the last of three jaw surgeries and Paula is taking care of her.

◆ Chancel Flowers are given by Gail Wurdeman and Sara Aerni, In loving memory of our parents, Irene & Harold Wurdeman. Happy Mother's Day Mom and Happy Birthday Dad!

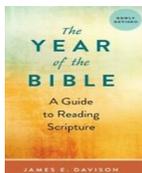
◆ Congratulations to Marc & Megan Graybill, who welcomed a son, Jude Louis Graybill, born April 29, 2021. Grandparents are Cletus and Shelia Arasmith.

◆ Please pray for Karel Morris, sister to Marilyn Vrana, who is on hospice care.

◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant and is currently in the middle of 100 days isolation.

◆ From Homestead Presbytery: **Wahoo Czech** Czech Presbyterian Church of Wahoo requests prayers for Lonnie and Marian Eschliman's retirement that took place in January after 21 years of serving our church as a stated supply minister and pianist. We ask prayers that it will be an enjoyable and healthy retirement for them. We also ask prayers for Gary Grivalds as he fills our pulpit while he attends seminary school. Please pray for guidance as he continues his calling. We also ask prayers for the health concerns of some of our members. We praise the Lord that we are able to return to church and worship as a congregation during this pandemic.

Do You (or someone you know) Have Difficulty Hearing in Our Sanctuary? The Worship Planning Team (Lee Augustin, Bob Arp, Tim Rathje, Brenda Sand and Edward Yang) are looking for ways to address sound issues in our worship space. Please let one of us know what is or is not working for you in terms of hearing our services.



Bible Reading Sharing & Discussion: there will be a monthly meeting to share insights and discuss questions related to each month's Bible reading. All are invited to the hybrid meeting (**in-person and online via Zoom**) which is tentatively scheduled for the **4th Monday of each month at 3:00pm - 4:30pm**. If that schedule does not work, please let Pastor Edward know what time works for you.

"Let your inner decorating talents shine!"

Seeking creative volunteers to serve God by overseeing the seasonal decorating throughout the year of the Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, etc. This could be (2-3) individuals, a husband and wife team or a family unit. If you are interested, please contact Alison Wagner, (402) 276-2585 for more information!

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Youth Mother's Day Flower Sale

Monday, May 10

6:30pm PNC Committee Meeting, EC 4
6:30pm Membership & Growth Meeting, EC 4
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 11

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
6:30pm Christian Education Meeting, EC 8
7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Meeting, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting, EC 7

Wednesday, May 12

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, May 13

6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, May 14 No events scheduled

Saturday, May 15

9:00am Fantastic 4-Hers, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 16

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Bible Reading Questions

- Paul wrote that he hoped to visit Roman Christians after going to Jerusalem. Where did he want to go after he visited the Roman Christians? (Romans 15)
- Normally in Israel, rulers and leaders were men. What important judge in Israel was a woman? (Judges 4-5)

The following motions were approved by Governing Council on March 23, 2021:

Effective May 24, 2021

1) Masks are recommended for all the facility/all functions.

Effective immediately

- 2) Sanctuary has open seating with a designated area to accommodate 6ft rule for those who wish.
- 3) Continue with availability of masks and hand sanitizer at entrances.
- 4) Remove roped area in narthex.
- 5) Bulletins available for services/take home when done.
- 6) Committees/groups will set their own guidelines for meetings/gatherings for masks/distance.
- 7) All other restrictions will remain in effect until further notice from Governing Council.
- 8) A congregation hymn may be sung at the end of service.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, MAY 6 AND SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

PRELUDE

Songs My Mother Taught Me
Ave Maria
Dialogue
Lee Augustin, Piano and Organ

DVORAK
BACH/GOUNOD
MARTIN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: And Jesus said, "Come!"

All: To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"

One: to the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!"

All: to all who long to be mothered: he said, "Come!"

One: Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.

All: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

One: for I am gentle and humble of heart

All: and you will find rest for your souls."

OPENING VIDEO

Mom!

Igniter Media

Description: "Our moms take care of us. Our moms encourage us. Our moms comfort us. "Mom!" is a humorous and heartfelt attempt to express our gratitude and love for the woman who gave so much of herself."

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Creating God who loved us into being, we, your children praise you. And as a mother would, when we fall, you lift us up, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded you nurse us, when we grieve you weep with us, when we celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we don't reach out to you. We are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times. In your comforting name we pray. Amen

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, it doesn't matter if we come to you in the beginning, the middle or the end, we are assured of your grace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF 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

Wilma Arp, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PROVERBS 31: 10 - 31

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 1: 46 - 55

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: We believe in the Living God
who is directly involved in the affairs of the world.

**All: We believe that God chooses the meek and the poor
to shame the proud and the rich.**

One: We believe in the incarnate Word,
leaping in a woman's womb, cradled in poverty.

**All: We believe in Jesus, true son of Mary, true Son of God,
who came among us in weakness,**

One: that we might come to know the profound strength
available to common people who turn to God in trust and with love.

All: Yes, my friends, this we truly believe. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY***** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

As our mothers offered to us, we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God. May they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN***Now Thank We All Our God*

RINKART & CRÜGER

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE (SUN.)***My God, I Thank Thee*

WENTWORTH

555

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in high - est heav - en,

Who won-drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 To Fa - ther and to Son And Spir - it now be giv - en.

Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
 And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom heaven and earth a - dore,

With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 The God who was, and is, And shall be ev - er - more.

A Federated Church Anniversary!

On **May 6, 2001**, a little more than a year after groundbreaking, the **first Sunday worship in the new Sanctuary** was held. The cornerstone was laid for the new church and a service dedicating the new building

“To the Glory of God and Service to Mankind” was held on November 4, 2001.

(Excerpt from “*In Ministry Together*”

– *Federated Church, A Centennial History*)

Happy 100th Birthday, Elda Juhnke!

Her daughter, Kathy Leischner, is inviting everyone to send your birthday wishes before her birthday on May 19th!

Brookstone Acres
4715 38th Street, Room 216
Columbus, NE 68601



**Mother's Day
Youth Flower Sale
after service, in the Narthex!
Sunday, May 9th**

Sunday Lunch Bunch Resuming!

May 16th will be the first day back for our Sunday Lunch Bunch! Meet in the Narthex after service (11am). If you would like more information, contact Nell Burnham: nburnham001@neb.rr.com

Upcoming Events:

May 23rd - Graduation Sunday,
Education Hour Teacher Appreciation,
Last Day of Education Hour & Day of Pentecost

May 31st - Memorial Day - Office Closed

June 7th - 11th - Vacation Bible Camp



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible Camp,
at Federated from June 7th to 11th!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Contact Brenda Sand!

Scheduled Memorial Services for:

- Brian Beckner - Saturday, July 24th
 - Virginia Smith - Saturday, October 2nd
- Please watch for updates!