

FEDERATED CHURCH



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



Fifth Sunday in Lent
Thursday, March 18 and Sunday, March 21, 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, Pastor Edward's cell phone is (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2021 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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			Stuart Gausman Bell Choir Director	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

♦ Matthew King, grandson of John and Anita Hahn married Kaitlyn Habrock on Saturday, March 13, 2021, in Elkhorn at Bethany Lutheran Church.

♦ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant on Thursday, February 11th and will be recovering in isolation for about 100 days.

♦ Please lift prayers up for Christopher and Melanie Wiegert, son and daughter-in-law of Bob and Wilma Arp. Chris' kidney transplant took place at the Mayo Hospital in Rochester, MN and his wife Melanie was the kidney donor.

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

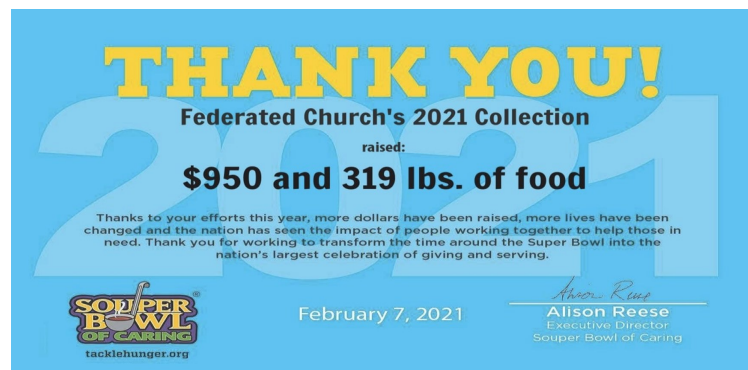
♦ From Homestead Presbytery: **Pawnee City**
First United Presbyterian Church of Pawnee City has been without a minister since the end of September 2020 when Rev. Duane Westing retired. Hopefully our prayers are answered soon by the search committee. We have been worshipping with pulpit supply, masks, social distancing, zoom and face book live. We have lost 6 longtime members this fall and winter, none from Covid. We have families, like a lot of churches, that need the support and guidance from a full time minister. Please pray with us. Thank you.

Bible Reading Questions

- -On the Day of Atonement, when a young goat is sent off into the wilderness or desert, what does it symbolically carry with it? (Leviticus 16)
- - What does God teach Peter with the vision of the clean and unclean animals? (Acts 10)

Sunday Lunch Bunch Resuming!

We will be resuming our Sunday Lunch Bunch for those who are fully vaccinated. Please get in touch with Nell Burnham: nburnham001@neb.rr.com to help make the plans.



Walk to Jerusalem 2021

Started Sunday, February 21st, 2021 and ends Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Call or email your minutes/miles to the church office. For more information, contact Jim or Chrissy.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 21

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, March 22

3:00pm Bible Reading Discussion, EC 8

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 23

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom

7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC 8

7:00pm Cub Scouts 279 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 24

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2

11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7

11:45am Columbus Rotary Club, Fellowship Hall

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

6:30pm PNC Committee Meeting, EC 8

Thursday, March 25

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 26 No events scheduled

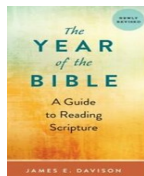
Saturday, March 27 No events scheduled

Sunday, March 28

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Meals for the Rescue Mission still need providers for May, June, November and December. If two or more families do this together it becomes less daunting. Meals can be simple--sloppy joes, spaghetti and meatballs, soup, hamburgers or brats, casseroles, etc. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call or text Katie Claus, 402-910-4479 --or email kayclaus50@gmail.com. Let's get the schedule filled!



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.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, AND SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2020

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

PRELUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Jesus, Lead Thou On
Oh, How I Love Jesus*
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ARR. BROUGHTON
ARR. MANZ
ARR. FARRELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather to worship.

All: O God, we wish to see Jesus! We come to worship, to pray, and learn.

One: We come looking for Jesus in Scripture lessons, in our own life experiences, in helping our world, in prayers for each other.

All: We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.

One: We lay bare before God and one another our own wilderness journey filled with some gladness and hope, with reluctance and sorrow, with fear and confusion.

All: O God, speak to us, show us, touch us with your presence!

One: Let our Lenten journey lead us to Jesus, so that we may show Jesus forth in our lives, our faith community, and our world.

All: Amen.

OPENING SONG

Saviour King
iWorship DVD

MIA FIELDES/MARTY SAMPSON

INVOCATION

God of the journey, you invite us, the church, “to accept the cost and joy of discipleship” and “to be your servants in the service of others.” In so doing, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model. May we respond to you in loving faithfulness. Amen.

STATION ONE: PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RESTORATION: PSALM 51 : 1 -4; 6 - 12

PRAYER FOR CLEANSING AND PARDON

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

“Go in peace, restored and renewed.”

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mimi Ernst, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING

Jeremiah 31 : 31 - 34

GOSPEL READING

John 12 : 20 - 33

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kenn Leischner

BELLS OF JOY ANTHEM

Crucifixion
Recorded March 17, 2019

ARR. HALL

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Jesus compels us to join him in service to others. Our church accepts the invitation and challenge to show Jesus' Way using the resources we share. Let us give as we are able to the ministries of our church.

INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, there are many who "wish to see Jesus." In joy and celebration of the many gifts that we share, we ask you to bless all of our offerings. May Jesus shine in all the world. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Hope of the Nations
iWorship DVD

BRIAN DOERKSEN

UNISON BENEDICTION

Dear God. We thank you for today, for being with us, accepting our worship and prayers, and for guiding us on our way. Bless us as we go, and in turn, may we bless others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

POSTLUDE (SUN.)

Postlude in B Flat

FAULKES

Prayers of the liturgy for today were taken from:

We Wish to See Jesus: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, written by the Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is retired clergy and a member of Fellowship Congregational United Church of Christ, Tulsa, Oklahoma.