



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, October 7, and Sunday, October 10, 2021**

**Mission Statement:**

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

***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](http://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's cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.**

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### JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Pray for Rebecca Timperley who recently had a setback with a blood blister near skin graft along. There is also the challenge of getting pain under control. Please lift Rebecca and Paula up in your prayers.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Jim Ehmen, nephew of Daryl Smith. Jim passed away on September 26th, services were held September 30th in Syracuse, NE.
- ♦ Congratulations to Ricky Rohaus and Heather Curry, who were married on October 2nd in Odessa, Missouri. Heather is the daughter of John and Debbie Curry.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Federated's Annual Fall Meeting will be held immediately after service on Sunday, October 31st

St. Edward School's FCCLA donated 151 pounds of food to the Food Pantry through Federated Church! Many thanks to Clete Arasmith for bringing the food down and to John & Anita Hahn for delivering it to the Food Pantry!!

### SOUP AND SOAP SUNDAY!

Fundraiser for Operation Education Nairobi  
October 10 after Service  
Soup is free will donation  
All soaps \$5.00  
Sugar Scrubs \$5.00 and \$10.00

## Trunk or Treat

Thurs. Oct. 28th, 4-6  
At Federated Church!

### THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

#### Sunday, October 10th

8:45am SALT on Sunday, EC4  
9:00am Education Hour, EC & Upper rooms  
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00am Youth Ministry Committee, EC8  
11:00am Puppet Practice, EC rooms

#### Monday, October 11th

4:00pm Diamond Dancers, Gym  
6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee, EC4  
7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, October 12th

1:00pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study, EC 8  
6:30pm Christian Education Committee, EC8  
7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Den Meeting, FH

#### Wednesday, October 13th

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2  
4:30pm Lectionary Evening Bible Study, Online  
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

#### Thursday, October 14th

4:00pm Diamond Dancers, Gym  
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

#### Friday, October 15th No Events Scheduled

#### Saturday, October 16th

10am - 2pm Coat Drive

#### Sunday, October 17th - Children's Sabbath

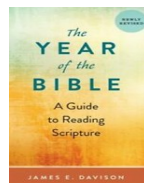
8:45am SALT on Sunday, EC4  
9:00am Education Hour, EC & Upper rooms  
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00am Puppet Practice, EC 1 & 6

#### Social Concerns & Missions:

Donations for Oct., Nov. & Dec.  
will be taken to **Paws and Claws:**  
Clorox, Pine Sol and leashes

### Bible Reading Questions

- Where was Titus when Paul wrote to him? (Titus 1)
- What was the name of Philemon's runaway slave who had become one of Paul's helpers? (Philemon)



### 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 **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 3:00pm - 4:00pm**. If you are interested in joining this meeting but the time does not work well for you, please inform Pastor Edward.

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

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

PRELUDE

*Andante - Sonata IV (BWV 528)*  
*Intermezzo (Op. 116, No.6)*  
James Sharpe, Piano and Organ

J.S. BACH  
JOHANNES BRAHMS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK (SHELLI LATHAM)

One: I will tell God's story to family and friends; I will offer praise in the center of the congregation!

**All: Let us raise our hallelujahs together, God's children one and all!**

One: Because God has never turned away from our suffering or hidden away when we were in need.

**All: God has been right here listening, a breath away when we cry out for help.**

One: To our great comfort, I raise my voice in praise.

**All: In the presence of the congregation we honor you, O God!**

OPENING SONG

*Psalms 91*

POOR BISHOP HOOPER

*(Every Psalm is a project made up of weekly musical releases accompanied by visual art. Each song is based directly on a psalm, many lyrics being word-for-word from the scriptures.)* Used with permission from artists.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Once, daunted by the challenges of faithfulness, Jesus's disciples asked urgently, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For humans it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Trusting in God who longs to mend our broken places, let us turn to God in prayer.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, sometimes it hurts too much to look honestly at the world and ourselves. We grow tired of the constant bad news, so we put on a brave face and gloss over the ache of violence, sickness, disaster, and human callousness that plagues our globe. Forgive us, O God, when we try to hide our hearts from you. Fuel our trust that we might approach you with our full selves - authentic in our gifts, and our fears, and our shortcomings. Give us the courage to walk together through the trials of life, rather than soldiering on alone. And help us to sense your faithful presence through the days when there feels like more shadow than sun.**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love.

**All: As high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for God's children.**

One: As far as east is from west - that's how far God has removed our sin from us.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

One: May the peace of Christ remind you that we do not journey alone.

**All: We are accompanied by a loving God and fellow companions.**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Williams, Liturgist (SUN.)

*\*As you are able, please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Special Music (SUN.)

*Mansion Over the Hilltop*

IRA STANPHILL

Bob Arp, Soloist

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death -  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free  
from the tyranny of the devil.

**He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;**

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**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

*Financial gifts can be dropped off in the contribution box, located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.*

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### \*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, all that we have is yours. Accept these gifts - signs of our gratitude - as we return  
them to you. Show us how to use them that they may point to your abiding love, which is our eternal  
hope. Amen.

#### \*CLOSING HYMN GTG #835

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
(Refrain, verses 1,2,3, Refrain)*

#### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

HEALY WILLAN

# Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835

*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,  
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to  
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den  
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.



# Planted by Streams of Water

by Rev. Alex Shea Will

The Psalms often compare us to animals in search of water. In the 23rd, we are the sheep who drink from calm waters. In the 42nd, we are the deer, longing for God as the deer longs for the stream. But in the 1st Psalm, something is different. We are not the animals passing from stream to stream. We are the tree, fixed in the riverside. Our roots running deep and wide, nourished by the waters of God’s mercy and love, and the collective ecosystem.

While I love the beauty of the 23rd and 42nd Psalms, the imagery of the 1st Psalm is the most moving because it is the image of life in Christian community. We do not come and go from the stream, taking only what we need, when we need it. Our roots are firmly planted, and growing deeper and stronger by the day. We not only take from the ecosystem, but we also contribute to it. We’re committed to this spot, this ecosystem - no matter the changing of the seasons.

In a culture where it is easy to pick up and look for a new stream, covenant calls us to plant something lasting. My financial generosity to the church is one way I declare that I am not merely passing by; I’m planting roots. It’s how I proclaim that I am invested in the flourishing of our riverside. It’s how I communicate that my thriving depends on our thriving.

Let us pray:

*Gracious God, inspire my generosity so that my roots grow deeper and stronger. Amen.*

## CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
16,000	1,333	27	40	53	67	133
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	62	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.

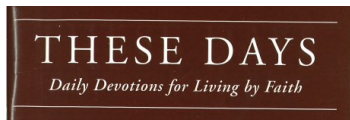


### **Volunteers Please!**

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to answer the phone and assist visitors for at least an hour a day, Monday through Friday. Specifically, over Chrissy's lunch hour, 12:30 - 1:30. If you are able to help, please call the church. We will need helpers until Mid-October. Thank you in advance!

Also, please contact the church office with your availability in October for Liturgist!

The 4th Quarter 2021  
(Oct., Nov., Dec.) *These Days* is now available in the office and Narthex.



At Federated Church, Oct. 9th & 16th!

### **Car Window Stickers Available!**

Window stickers are available in the office during work hours and in the Narthex. Goodwill offering requested.



The Homestead Presbytery is challenging all churches in the Presbytery to fill buckets for Disaster Relief for those affected by hurricanes, floods and fires. If our Presbytery churches rises to the challenge, we can fill close to 500 buckets. You can help by picking up an index card each with one item on it and return it to the church the next week. Every week there will be a new card. By November 1st we should have 7 buckets filled. The three remaining buckets will be filled by Women's Circles.

### **Used Ink Jet Cartridges Are Recyclable!!**

Bring your used ink jet cartridges to the church and help out our Youth programs!

### **The Small Groups by Membership and Growth**

has restarted! If you were in a group before (or would like to join!) please contact the others in the group to initiate this!

- ~ Federated Family Fellowship - Brenda Sand
- ~ Bookworms Club - Nila Novotny
- ~ YAFEDS (young adults) - Katie Claus & Julie Graham
- ~ Art Connoisseurs - Kathy Leischner, Sharon Kuncil, Nell Burnham

If you have ideas for other groups, please get ahold of one of the members of Membership & Growth to learn how to start your own!

## **OSA "Caring Hands, Sharing Hands"!**

The Order of St. Andrew "Caring Hands, Sharing Hands" members have been busy preparing and freezing casseroles to be shared with church members who may need a comforting meal and visit throughout the year. If you know a member who could benefit, please let the church office know.





# Federated Church's Annual Trunk or Treat



GET  
YOUR  
CANDY  
FIX!



Thursday, October 28th  
from 4pm to 6pm

