



FEDERATED CHURCH

**Friday, December 24, 2021,
Candlelight, Communion and Choir Service**

Mission Statement:

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

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.

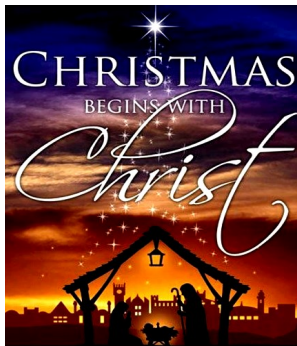
In case of an emergency, pastor's cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2021 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Tim Warren, President Wayne McCormick, Vice President Louise Moran, Secretary			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D., Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF edward@federatedcolumbus.org	
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	Chrissy Ford, Office Administrator cford@federatedcolumbus.org	Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director brenda@federatedcolumbus.org
Gene Hahn	John McClure	Jesse Abrego	Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director	Kathy Zywiec, Office Assistant kathy@federatedcolumbus.org
Marv Zoucha	Renee Norris	Katie Claus	James Sharpe, Organist/Accompanist	Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director
Donna Augspurger	Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia, El Buen Pastor Fellowship	
Financial Administrators:	Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr	Betty Garcia Lopez, Nursery Attendant	
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 Timperley who will undergo a leg amputation in January. With a prosthetic, she is looking forward to relief from pain and resuming everyday activities. Pray also for God's strength and peace for Paula as she takes care of Rebecca.
- ♦ Pray for Carol Bennett as she undergoes knee replacement surgery on Dec. 27th.
- ♦ Pray for Leroy Kallweit as he undergoes testing for source of infection on Dec. 29th.
- ♦ Pray for Bill Royer as he recovers from heart surgery and Jean as she cares for him while he heals.
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery: *Lincoln Westminster* Prayers are appreciated for Westminster's members and friends as we focus on gratitude in worship and in life. May we be a church that is faithful, hopeful, inclusive, and loving in 2022. Amen.



- **DECEMBER 25TH - MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER CANCELLED
- **DECEMBER 27TH - CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED**
- **DECEMBER 30TH & JANUARY 2ND - BOB ARP PREACHING**
- **DECEMBER 31ST - END OF YEAR DEPOSITS DUE BY 11AM & ANNUAL COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS DUE**
- **JANUARY 3RD - CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED**
- **JANUARY 9TH - INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF 2022 OFFICERS & EDUCATION HOUR RESUMES**

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, December 26th

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 27th - Church Building Closed

No Bible Reading Sharing & Discussion

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 28th

No Afternoon Bible Study

7:00pm Cub Scouts 279 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 29th

No Evening Bible Study

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, December 30th

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, December 31st - New Year's Eve

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, January 1st - New Year's Day

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, January 2nd

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 3rd - Church Building Closed

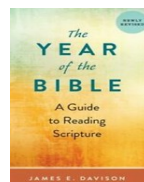
No Events Scheduled

Calling all past and future singers!

Choir rehearsals are scheduled Wednesday evenings, at 7:30 pm. They will be meeting the sanctuary for the time being. Masks are optional but they will be observing social distancing.

Please consider giving this fun group a try!

The Pastor Nominating Committee conducted 4 interviews either in person or electronically. On December 1, 2021 the PNC, by unanimous vote called the Rev. Dr. Edward Yang to be our Solo Pastor. The PNC was overjoyed when Pastor Yang accepted our call which was announced to the congregation present and online at the Sunday service on December 19, 2021. Presbytery Commission on Ministry and Congregational approvals are the next steps.



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 **Monday, January 24th from 3:00pm - 4:00pm, there is no meeting in December.** If you are interested in joining this meeting but the time does not work well for you, please inform Pastor Edward.

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

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

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

MARK HAYES

Jesu Bambino

PIETRO YON

Noël X Grand Jeu, et duo

LOUIS-CLAUDE DAQUIN

James Sharpe, Organ/Piano

Good King Wenceslas

ARR. MCALLISTER

Ensemble: Bob Arp, Dana Augspurger, Riley Gausman, Stuart Gausman, Parker Grant, Dave Melick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

The Wrong Christmas Story

IGNITER MEDIA

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: An unmarried teenage girl was invited -

All: to carry Christ into this world.

One: An ordinary carpenter was invited -

All: to be a father to a child unlike any other.

One: The shepherds were invited -

All: outcast and isolated, included at the manger.

One: The Magi were invited -

All: foreigners and seekers, included at the manger.

One: And if she was invited, and he was invited, and they were invited -

All: then we can trust that we too are invited.

One: This story is for us.

All: This love is for us.

One: Family of faith, this is our invitation. Welcome home.

All: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

MEYER FAMILY

***OPENING HYMN #31**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION

Every Sunday we pray a prayer of confession together. As a kid, I used to think that this was a time to air out all the things I did wrong - all the reasons I was a bad person. However, as I have grown, I have realized - that's not what this is. Instead, this is a small moment for all of us to pause and recognize that we aren't perfect, we are still works in progress, and we want God's help to grow. How powerful is that? Where else in the world does a group of people gather every week and say out loud: "I'm sorry. I want to grow. Help me get there." So tonight as we pray, remember how powerful this is. This is one small way we accept God's invitation to deeper faith and life-changing love. Let us pray together now...

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You throw open the door and invite us into relationship, day in and day out. However, instead of running toward you, we dip our toes in the water of this faith. We hold our breath. We play it safe. We struggle to believe that a love so unfettered, so unfiltered, could be for us. As a result, we often deny this worth for ourselves and others. Forgive us for ignoring your invitation to be the people you call us to be. Forgive us for the ways in which we hold back from deeper connection to you or withhold your radical love from others. Open our ears to not only hear your invitation, but to trust that this good news exists even for us. Gratefully we pray, amen.

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

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MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, even when we fail to trust God's love, and even when we fail to love others as we should, God still loves us. That door *never* closes. So hear and believe this good news:

All: God invites us into a life of faith. God loves us through every season of life. God forgives us when we lose our way and invites us deeper every step of the way. We are loved, invited, claimed, celebrated, and forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. Peace of Christ be with you.

All: Also with you.

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Vrana, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9 : 2 - 7

Pew Bible, OT, page 638

Gospel According to Luke 2 : 1 - 14

Pew Bible, NT, page 58

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

All: Thanks be to God!

CHORAL ANTHEM

Carol of the Drum
Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director

KATHERINE DAVIS

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bread of heaven, let us not be unchanged by tonight. Let us not pass by the manger in silence; let us not leave the table empty. Dwell in our hearts, and shine in our lives, that we might know your deep, deep peace, and share it with the world. Fill us with your love, that we might walk hand in hand with you all our days. We pray in the holy name of the Christ-child, born for us this night. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The First Noel

ARR. MCALLISTER

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, your story is one that forever invites us to be our full selves, to take up space, to go where we feel called, and to allow this community to feel like home. So use these gifts to keep building your home here. With gratitude as tall as the ceiling, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #60

Silent Night

Lights will be dimmed during the singing of Silent Night

*BENEDICTION

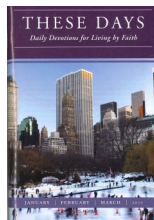
POSTLUDE

Adeste Fideles

ARR. URWIN/WILCOCKS

1st Quarter 2022 *These Days* Now

Available in Office & Narthex



Christmas poinsettias given by...

JESSE & MARILYN ABREGO

IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW VANDEWALLE

DONNA AUGSPURGER

IN MEMORY OF ROGER AUGSPURGER

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

CLETE & SHEILA ARASMITH

IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES

BOB & WILMA ARP

IN HONOR OF DELORES ARP AND ROMA KUDERA

MIKE & SHARYN BEARD

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

ROD & GEORGIA BEHLEN

IN MEMORY OF JACOB & BEN BEHLEN AND

HUGH & DOROTHY GROSZ AND GIB & IRENE BEHLEN

FRED & RENEE BELLUM

IN HONOR OF PASTOR EDWARD, SUNNIE & FAMILY

**CHRIS & GARY BOCK, TRAVIS & JOLENE BOCK & FAMILY,
AND MIKE & TIFFANY SMITH & FAMILY**

IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR LOSHBAUGH

CAROL BOTTUM

IN MEMORY OF DUANE SUESS

JOHN & KATIE CLAUS

IN MEMORY OF HENRY & JESSE CLAUS,
AND MAURICE & ETHYL SUHUMSKIE

JOHN & DEB CURRY

IN MEMORY OF J.R. CURRY

IN HONOR OF REGG & CAROLYN BOSH FAMILY,
TYLER CURRY, RICKY & HEATHER ROHAUS





Christmas poinsettias given by...

CHRIS & LAURETTA DIXON

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS
IN HONOR OF CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN
AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

DAVID & RAE FULTON

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

THE GARCIA FAMILY

JERRY & CYNDI JARECKE

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

SHARON KUNCL

IN MEMORY OF LARRY KUNCL, TED & MILDRED GERDES,
WAYNE, SANDY, REVA & SHARON LEE GERDES

RON & CHARLOTTE LAMBERT

IN MEMORY OF OUR DAUGHTER, KRISTIE KAY LAMBERT

CLARK & ROBIN LEHR

IN MEMORY OF ANN LOVE

JOHN & KATHLEEN LOHR

IN MEMORY OF LORETTA & BUS LOHR

STEVE & SUE MCCLURE

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,
GERALD & RUTH MCCLURE
AND H.G. & DORIS CRECELIUS

JOHN & LINDA MCPHAIL

IN MEMORY OF DR. DONALD & LILLIAN JACKSON
AND JACK & GAY MCPHAIL

**BYRON MEYER FAMILY (BYRON, PEG, SHAYLYNN,
KAITLYNN)**

IN MEMORY OF GRANDMA & GRANDPA MEYER
AND GRANDMA & GRANDPA BUSH

**THE MILLER FAMILY: SHERRY MILLER,
JILL MILLER FAMILY, MATT MILLER FAMILY,
CARRIE SCHACHT FAMILY AND CONNIE MILLER FAMILY**
IN MEMORY OF DR. LEON MILLER,
HAROLD & MILDRED BUSCH AND JOE & GLADYS MILLER

**THE MILLER FAMILY: JILL MILLER FAMILY,
MATT MILLER FAMILY, CARRIE SCHACHT FAMILY
AND CONNIE MILLER FAMILY**
IN HONOR OF SHERRY MILLER

JOHN & NILA NOVOTNY

IN MEMORY OF GENE & MARIE NOVOTNY
AND JACK MOORE

ERVIN & KAREN PABEN

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

PERRIN FAMILY & RICK PFEIFFER

IN MEMORY OF KAY PFEIFFER

JOHN & MARILYN PETERSEN

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

JAN PICKREL

IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND, ROGER PICKREL

RICK & LAURA PORTER

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD & BENITA LAMBERT AND
PAT & ROSEAN PORTER

BILL & JEAN ROYER

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS
AND BILL'S OLDEST DAUGHTER

DEANNA SCHEIDEGGER

IN MEMORY OF SAM SCHEIDEGGER
AND FAMILY WHO HAVE PASSED

CLINT & KELLI SCHEFFLER & FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF KELLI'S MOM, JANICE MEYER
IN MEMORY OF CLINT'S DAD, AARON SCHEFFLER

KATHY SENIOR

IN MEMORY OF MIKE SENIOR

HAROLD & ROGALYN STEVENS

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS, ROY & VIRGINIA RUSSELL
AND BURT & MAZIE STEVENS

BOBBIE UHLMANN

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

BEN & MARILYN VRANA

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS AND SISTERS

ROD & CINDEE WACHTER

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS, M. D. & SANDEE LINDE
AND WILLIS & VERONA WACHTER

CALVIN & ALISON WAGNER

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS & DEAR FRIENDS WHO ARE
CELEBRATING OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH IN HEAVEN!!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

KATHY ZYWIEC

IN MEMORY OF SISTER, DEBBIE ADAMS
IN HONOR OF OUR OFFICE STAFF

