



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, May 26th & Sunday, May 29th, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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, please call (402) 276-2080.

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff		
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Kathy Leischner	Barb Olson	Ruth Erwin			
Jean Royer	Sharon Kuncl	Peg Meyer			

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022 & SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE

Patriotic Songs for Memorial Day
James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

JOHN CARTER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
All: **let the many coastlands be glad!**
One: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
All: **and all the peoples behold his glory.**
One: Light dawns for the righteous,
All: **and joy for the upright in heart.**
One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
All: **and give thanks to his holy name!**

Presbyterian Outlook (Barbara Chaapel)

*OPENING HYMN #526

For All the Saints

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ even prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession but simply draw near to our maker in candor.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world, and is head of the church, his body.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance that Christ died to save sinners.
 Siblings, believe the promise of the gospel:
All: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be always with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Battle Hymn of the Republic
Bob Arp, Soloist

HOWE & STEFFE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Williams, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts of the Apostles 16 : 16 - 34

Pew Bible, NT, Page 136

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "Why Should I Feel Discouraged?" by Civilla D. Martin

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?

Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion?

My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. 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

OFFERTORY

America the Beautiful

MARCI A WELLS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Timothy Matthew Slemons

Gracious God, we are blessed to know you through Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. Help us, we pray, to make your name known to the world, and use these gifts for that very purpose, so that the love you and your Son have shown your church may be revealed throughout the world. This we ask on behalf of all who will come to believe in Jesus through the witness of your people, that we may be all one in Christ Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

A. COPLAND, ARR. R. BRISON

Café La Fed is hosted by Membership & Growth



Congratulations to all the graduates and their families!

- Congratulations to the granddaughter of Guy & Linda Wheatly, Olivia Richmond, who graduated from Kearney HS and will be attending UNL in the fall
 - ♦ Congratulations to the granddaughter of John & Nila Novotny, Liz Luehrs (daughter of Tyson & Christina Novotny) who will graduate from Omaha Burke HS and will be attending UNL in the fall
 - ♦ Congratulations to the daughter of Clark & Marcia Grant, Emily Grant, who graduated from Kansas State University with her masters in Biomedical Veterinary Science & will attend UNL/Iowa State in the fall
 - ♦ Congratulations to the daughter of Byron & Peggy Meyer, Shaylynn Meyer, who graduated from Briar Cliff University with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy
 - ♦ Congratulations to the children of Chrissy Ford who graduated
 - * Conner Mueller, graduated from Central Community College & will attend UNL in the fall
 - * McKayla Mueller, Certificate of Completion from Divines Professional Academy, is working in a salon in Lincoln
- ♦ Congratulations to the grandchildren of Sharon Kuncl who are graduating
 - * TJ Andreasen, MBA
 - * Luke Andreasen, BS degree in Biology & will begin dental school at UNL
 - * Jake J. Long, BS in business from UNL
 - * Reva Long, Graduating from Elkhorn South & will attend UNL in the fall
- ♦ Congratulations to the grandchildren of Jan Pickrel who are graduating
 - * Lily Pickrel, BSN-RN, will be in Neuro/Trauma ICU at Bryan West
 - * Grant Pickrel, Fullerton High School & attending Chadron State in the fall
 - * Kian Pickrel, Kindergarten graduate from Fullerton Public



Vacation Bible Camp!

Vacation Bible Camp - June 13th - 17th - use the QR code below to register your child(ren) today or pick up a registration form at the church office.

Volunteers Needed - adult and youth (7th grade - 12th grade) helpers needed for Vacation Bible Camp. Please use the QR code or email brendajsand@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Use the QR code below to register children ages 3 years - 6th grade or you can pick up a form at the Church office.



Use the QR code below to register as Volunteer Staff at Vacation Bible Camp



The Bookworms group meets once a month on the 4th Monday of the month.

If you are interested in finding out more about it contact Nila Novotny.

Meals on Wheels

Federated is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels Monday, June 27 through Fri. July 1. Cec Bartholomew will coordinate, 402-564-0264 or 402-276-8193. Thank you to faithful servants.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the people who helped me after my recent surgery. Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards and visits, they definitely helped with the healing process! To the Order of St. Andrew's ladies who brought food over: Thank you so much! It was terribly helpful to have those delicious meals!

Many thanks and blessings!
Carol Bottum

Social Concerns and Mission Committee Monthly donation requests:

April, May, June - Bathroom Tissue and Paper Towels to be donated to Center for Survivors.

Cub Scout Pack 279 is needing some leadership help, a Cub Master and a Committee Chair. Boy Scouts of America will offer all of the training that is needed to help lead the Cub Scout pack. Email Tracy Brandt for details. Tracy.brandt@scouting.org



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

Federated's Day for Habitat for Humanity is June 25th. It is the last day of the build so it will involve finish work. We will need workers AND people to provide a midmorning snack and lunch. For more information, please contact Katie Claus. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex starting May 15th. Please, won't you help?

Landscape Update: The new landscape plan is scheduled to begin soon. The first phase will be the northwest parking lot areas on the south and east sides of that entrance. Short Landscaping will begin removing most of what remains in those areas. They are anticipating that the process will begin sometime during the last week of May depending on the weather. The Landscape Committee is requesting that no one parks in that parking lot M-F during the hours of 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. There will be large machinery used to remove stumps, rocks, and dirt. There are still a few beautiful Hosta plants that can be transplanted. Please contact Wilma Arp or Sue McClure to make arrangements to dig up those plants. Thank you for your cooperation.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the Gausman family, Reece is improving daily and hoping to return home soon.
- ◆ Calvin Wagner is presently residing at the Norfolk VA Home. If you would like to send cards or correspondence, please contact the Church Office for the address.
- ◆ Congratulations to Val Rathje who has retired. She was with CPS for 14 years.
- ◆ Pray for Julie Graham & Katie Claus as they travel to Kenya (May 23 - 30) in preparation for a group trip in Spring 2023.
- ◆ Pray for John Wardman who was put on hospice on May 19, 2022.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Dr. Don Gammel, brother-in-law to Linda McPhail. Dr. Gammel passed away on May 25, 2022. Services are being planned.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Akron

The Akron church offers praises for an increase in membership and attendance in the last year. We offer praises for the growth of each person as they hear of God's word. We ask for prayers for rain, as we are a rural church and many of our members are farmers who are scared to perform their daily and seasonal work in risk of starting a fire. We pray for the safety and effectiveness of all firefighters as we have friends and family that are volunteering their time away from their families to help. We pray for the men, women, and children in Ukraine. We pray for political leaders to have wisdom and courage to do the right thing. We pray for our family, friends, and enemies' health -- physical and mental. May we all resist the devil's pull. We praise God for this life we live and hope to honor him in all things said and done.

◆ Prayer for UCC Living Waters Association:

Center Congregational UCC (Center, NE 68724)

Volunteers needed in the Nursery - Sunday mornings 9:45 - 11:15 am - Volunteers needed to assist the Nursery Attendant in caring for children during worship services this summer. Volunteers would serve approximately once a month as their schedule allows. Please email brendajsand@gmail.com if you are able to help.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, May 29th

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

2:00pm Private Graduation Party, FH

Monday, May 30th - Memorial Day

Office Closed

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 31st

No Events Scheduled

Wednesday, June 1st

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office

Thursday, June 2nd

6:00pm Round Table Meeting, FH

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC8

Friday, June 3rd

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, June 4th

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, June 5th

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services, Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

- May 30th - Memorial Day
Church office is closed
- June 1st - First day to bring in Garage Sale items
- June 11th - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- June 13th - 17th - Vacation Bible Camp
- July 23rd - Annual Garage & Bake Sale

Men's Fellowship will have a continental breakfast on Saturday June 11th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men young and old of Federated Church are invited to attend.

LITURGISTS NEEDED!

We are in need of a Liturgist for the summer starting June 19th. If you are able to assist please email Kathy. Thank you.

Summer special music needed. The choir takes the summer off. If you or someone you know would be willing to provide some type of special music this summer, please sign up on the schedule located in the church office. Contact Bob Arp with any questions. What a great way to share a God given gift with others!