

# FEDERATED CHURCH OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA



## 2026 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CONGREGATION

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## 2026 STAFF AND OFFICERS

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#### *Pianist*

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#### *Accompanist*

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Deb Gaeth

#### *Custodian*

Mark Baumann

### CO-CHURCH HISTORIANS

Andree & Terry Hoeman

### HEAD USHER

Bill Royer

### GOVERNING COUNCIL

Bob Arp, President

Steve Heinisch, Vice-President

Placido Campos Jorge

Antonio Garcia

Marcia Grant

Jon Kiser

Terry Norris

Nila Novotny

Max Porter

Marilyn Vrana

Linda Wheatley

### ORDER OF ST. ANDREW

Peg Meyer, Chair

Jesse Abrego

Doris Augspurger

Georgia Behlen

Joe Chin

Tammi Gotschall

Steve McClure

Lori Rine

Brenda Wardman

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATORS

Donna Augspurger

Robin Lehr

Terry Millard

Terry Norris

Marv Zoucha

**FEDERATED CHURCH**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**AGENDA**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Steve Heinisch, Vice-President
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Brenda Sand
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
<b>Finance &amp; Property Highlights &amp; Presentation of 2025 Budget</b>	Terry Norris, Chair Finance & Property Committee
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Rev. Edward Yang

**2025 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

In-Person Worship Attendance: 5,686; Average Weekly Attendance: 109

Online Worship Attendance: 10,117; Average Weekly Attendance: 195

**Membership (on December 31, 2025)**

Active Members:	280
Reserve Members:	40
Children:	38

**Confirmation (5/04/2025) 5**

Dylan Bradley  
Brinlee Klevemann  
Alyse Wolfe  
Elyena Perrin  
Hunter Yang

**Reaffirmation of Faith: 0**

**Member Losses by Death: 8**

**Baptisms: 3**

3/23/2025 Hallie LeeAnn Luedtke  
5/04/2025 Dylan Bradley  
10/12/2025 Bennett Kay Kistner

**High School Graduates: 3**

Elizabeth Miller  
Taytum Miller  
Caleb Hast

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**Necrology Report - Remembering**

*Members and Friends of the Congregation  
(as shared in the Joys & Concerns)*

Barb Jennings	1/08/2025
Nancy Lyman	1/3/2025
Daniel Rathje	1/16/2025
Rev. Jane Ellefson	1/20/2025
Mavis "Corrine" Waldman	1/28/2025
Loren Goedeken	3/10/2025
Michael Palik	3/13/2025
Dylan Wall	4/23/2025
Laura Porter	5/20/2025

Margaret (Corn) Trew	6/13/2025
Rev. Dorsie Ivy	7/12/2025
Patricia Wigington	7/29/2025
Larry Spence	9/08/2025
Elda Juhnke	9/22/2025
Howard Heinisch	10/19/2025
Cec Bartholomew	11/01/2025
Richard Klein	11/01/2025
Doris Busse	11/04/2025
Terry Schultz	12/06/2025
Patricia Blocker	12/16/2025
Linda McPhail	12/19/2025

## **Federated Church Annual Congregational Meeting**

### **Minutes of February 23, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Behlen at 10:49 A.M.

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director, gave the opening prayer.

A quorum was present.

Motion to approve the agenda was adopted.

Motion to approve the 2024 Congregational Meeting minutes was adopted.

Motion to approve the 2024 Annual Committee Reports was adopted.

Motion to accept the 2024 Financial Report was adopted.

Pastor Edward Yang led the congregation in a closing prayer.

President Georgia Behlen adjourned the meeting at 11:04 A.M.

Barb Sanderson, Secretary

## **Federated Church Fall Congregational Meeting**

### **Minutes of October 20, 2025**

President Georgia Behlen called the meeting to order at 10:45 A.M.

Brenda Sand led the congregation in prayer.

Motion to approve the agenda carried.

Roland Augspurger presented the slate of officers for 2026 to the congregation.

Motion to approve the entire slate of officers carried.

Georgia Behlen presented the 2026 non-clergy staff salaries to the congregation.

Motion to approve the salaries carried.

Rev. Edward Yang led the closing prayer.

Georgia Behlen adjourned the meeting at 10:52 A.M.

Barb Sanderson, Secretary

## Pastor's Annual Report

In retrospect, 2025 felt like a significant year. It represented a quarter of the way into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. On a more personal note, it was nine years since arriving at Federated Church (July 2016), six years since becoming weekly preacher (February 2019), and three years since being installed as solo pastor (April 2022).

Below are highlights from each month of 2025 (not including weekly worship services, Bible studies and staff meetings; monthly communion & hymn sing services, fellowship gatherings and committee/OSA/GC meetings; and quarterly services of wholeness & healing and all-staff meetings):

### January:

- 1/6 We have new Co-Office Administrator, Antoneea Kriewald (to work alongside Kathy Zywiec)
- 1/26 Ordination and installation of new Governing Council elders (Bob Arp, Linda Wheatley, Marilyn Vrana & Terry Norris) and OSA deacons (Brenda Wardman, Joe Chin & Peg Meyer)

### February:

- 2/1 Youth Ski Trip to Mt. Crescent, Iowa (annual opportunity to use my snowboarding gear)
- 2/9 Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser for Platte County Food Pantry
- 2/23 Annual Congregational Meeting after worship service
- 2/28 Progressive Dinner hosted by Knoepfle-Slizoski, Novotny and Grant families

### March:

- 3/2 Commissioning of Operation Education Nairobi mission team
- 3/5 Ecumenical Ash Wednesday service at St. Luke's UCC
- 3/30 Children's Sunday Celebration with bounce houses and potluck
- 3/31-4/1 Staff Annual Reviews conducted by Personnel Committee

### April:

- 4/18 Ecumenical Good Friday service at Grace Episcopal Church
- 4/20 Easter Sunday worship service with communion (good problem was that we ran out of communion elements but were able to utilize prepackaged communion)
- 4/27 Jazz Sunday with the Columbus Jazz Orchestra

### May:

- 5/4 Confirmation Sunday with five confirmands (Alyse Wolfe, Brinlee Klevemann, Dylan Bradley, Elyena Perrin, and Hunter Yang)
- 5/11 Mother's Day Youth Flower Sale; Appreciation for Chancel Choir
- 5/18 Graduation Sunday with three graduates (Caleb Hast, Elizabeth Miller, and Taytum Miller); Appreciation for Education Hour Teachers and Bell Choir

### June:

- 6/2-6/6 Vacation Bible Camp with First UMC & St. Luke' UCC, hosted by Federated Church
- 6/28 Annual Garage & Bake Sale with many volunteers and leadership of Linda Wheatley and Sue Mares

### July:

- 7/27-7/31 Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Louisville, Kentucky: our group (Brenda Sand, Brinlee Klevemann, Eliot Yang, Hunter Yang, Meg Weeder and me) joined other youth and adults from Homestead Presbytery churches

August:

- 8/8-8/10 Columbus Days weekend with diaper changing station and float for night and afternoon parades
- 8/17 Blessing of Backpacks as children, youth and teachers went back to school
- 8/23 Governing Council retreat at the Benedictine Center in Schuyler

September:

- 9/7 Education Hour Kick-Off with potluck; commissioning of Education Hour teachers and students
- 9/14 Commissioning of acolytes, youth ushers and Chancel Choir
- 9/21 Bibles for 3 year olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders; commissioning of Bell Choir

October:

- 10/5 World Communion Sunday
- 10/9 Children's Sabbath (recognizing needs of children around the world)
- 10/30 Trunk or Treat in the new south parking lot
- 10/26 Fall Congregational Meeting

November:

- 11/2 Heritage Sunday for recognition of 50+ year members with potluck
- 11/6, 9 Veterans' Recognition during worship
- 11/20 Cookies 'N More fundraiser with many volunteers, cookie bakers, candy makers and leadership of Chris Warren & Katie Claus
- 11/23 Dedication of Electronic Organ with guest organist, Brent Shaw; Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. John's Shell Creek

December:

- 12/11 Ecumenical Blue Christmas service at Federated Church
- 12/14 Children's Christmas Pageant directed by Children's Ministry teachers (Ashli Porter, Megan McHugh and Nicole Miller)
- 12/24 Christmas Eve 5pm family service & 8pm traditional service
- 12/25 Community Christmas Dinner with many volunteers and leadership of Pat Engels, Kristen & Stuart Gausman

One of the great privileges of being a pastor is being welcomed into sacred moments of life. We celebrated couple infant baptisms in 2025: Hallie LeeAnn Luedtke (child of Wes & Connor, grandchild of Mark Lambert and great-grandchild of Ron & Charlotte Lambert) and Bennett Kay Kistner (child of Caleb & Skylar, grandchild of Terry & Renee Norris). Along with these celebrations of new life, there were celebrations of *completed* life. I am tremendously grateful for the opportunities to preside over the funeral/memorial and/or graveside services for these beloved children of God: Barb Jennings, Mildred Elliott (sister of late Chuck Elliott), Mavis Waldman, Rev. Jane Ellefson, Dylan Wall (son of Dianne Wall), Laura Porter, Gayle Mueller (while helping Rev. Adam Lassen at St. Luke's UCC), Dan Wolfe (father of Drew & Kristi Wolfe), Rev. Dorsie Ivy, Larry Spence, Cec Bartholomew, and Terry Schultz.

Thank you Federated Church for allowing me to serve as your pastor,  
Edward

## **Church President's Annual Report**

It was an honor and a pleasure to serve as church president in 2025. Your Governing Council has prayerfully worked hard attempting to discern God's will for Federated Church in all of our decision making. With that in mind, here are some highlights of the year:

1. We celebrated 3 baptisms, 5 confirmations and 3 graduations.
2. Landscaping changes were made along with several memorial trees planted and one diseased tree removed.
3. The restrooms in the Ed-Center were updated and a leak in the roof repaired.
4. We replaced the south parking lot.
5. We said goodbye to Beatriz Garcia Lopez as nursery attendant and welcomed Deb Gaeth and Anjel Garcia Lopez.
6. Stuart Gausman was appointed our first Director of Music.
7. A new organ was purchased with the help of a grant from the Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation.
8. Our Governing Council had their annual retreat at the Benedictine Center in Schuyler.
9. Ways to increase building safety are being researched.
10. A long term plan for building maintenance and improvements is regularly examined and upgraded.
11. We said goodbye to Chrissy Ford as office manager. Kathy Zywiec and new hire Antoneea Kriewald were named co-office administrators, splitting their office time.

As you can see, much has been going on here. I'm so grateful to all of the Governing Council and committee members for their dedication and hard work. Without them we wouldn't be the vibrant and caring church that we are. With all of your help we will continue to be that well into the future.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to be your president. Although I stumbled once in a while, you always responded with patience. As most of you know, this was my first year without Rod. The responsibilities I had, the support and understanding from Edward, and the love you shared with me were my life line in the tough times. For that I can't thank you enough!

God bless you!  
Georgia Behlen

## **Music Ministry Director's Annual Report**

Serving as the Director of Music Ministry this past year has been a true privilege. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with such talented and dedicated individuals.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Chancel Choir and the Bells of Joy handbell choir. Your commitment to rehearsals and performances significantly enriched our worship services, filling our congregation with joy. Special recognition is also due to those who generously shared their musical talents by providing special music on the first and fifth Sundays, as well as to the guest musicians who enhanced our services during the summer months. In addition, I want to thank Brent Shaw for playing our New Rogers organ at its dedication service in November.

I am working on some new initiatives for the coming year that I hope will enhance our worship experience, and strengthen our ecumenical partnerships through music. The support I have received this past year has been invaluable, and I eagerly anticipate the continued growth of our music ministry together.

- Stuart Gausman

## **Order of St. Andrew - Annual Report**

Mission: To be supportive caregivers to the Federated Church Family

The Order of St. Andrew Deacons strive to be Christ's light to the members of our Federated Church Family. In so doing, we communicate to our members through phone calls, visits, and sending various cards through joys and concerns of our Federated family member's lives. We also send thank you notes for memorial contributions.

One outreach program that we have continued is Caring Hands Sharing Hands. We periodically make meals and deliver them to members when we think they may need them or when we think a "pick me up" will lift their spirits. If you know members who can benefit from this please contact the church office so the Order of St. Andrew may deliver a meal to a member. We have received many positive comments regarding this program.

Other programs we have implemented are gift cards to young college age members as a reminder that we as a church are still praying for them and thinking of them as they begin their lives through furthering their education or moving into the job market. This year we recognized Veterans from our Federated family during the church service near Veteran's Day. We also have assembled and delivered May baskets, and Christmas gift bags to some of our members who are more restricted to their homes.

The Order of St. Andrew projects have been funded through our budget monies, grant monies from Thrivent members as well as Federated church member donations. We are grateful and appreciative to all who have supported the Order of St. Andrew projects.

We currently have four prayer chain groups at Federated and Order of St. Andrew is responsible for organizing those and contacting prayer chain members via text or email. If you have a prayer chain request please let the church office know and we will implement it when needed.

We hope and pray that Federated Church members are seeing the work of Order of St. Andrew and pray we are showing the light of Christ in all we do.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy Meyer, OSA Chair

## Christian Education Committee

Committee Members: Pat Anderson (GC), Cindee Wachter, Amanda Weeder, Kathy Senior, Marie Bruegger, John McPhail, Sharon Kuncl, and Brenda Sand.

The committee met monthly on the first Tuesday of the month, as needed. The committee met jointly with the Youth Ministry Committee twice in 2025.

During the year the committee worked with the Christian Education Director to plan, implement, carry-out and evaluate faith formation programming at Federated.

The committee approved the Christian Education budget for 2026.

The committee helped plan and implement Ed Hour Kick-Off, Teacher Commissioning, Children's Sabbath Service Activity, Christmas gifts for teachers & leaders, Easter Egg hunt, Children's Sunday celebration, Teacher Recognition Sunday (gift).

The committee hosted Café-la-Fed twice in 2025.

The committee continued to ensure the safety of Children and Youth by maintaining the Children & Youth Protection Policy.

Submitted by: Brenda Sand

## Finance & Property Committee

### **FEDERATED CHURCH ACCOUNT BALANCES**

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2025</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2026</b>
Checking	\$ 103,477.64	\$ 49,291.58
Memorials	\$ 47,817.39	\$ 44,543.30
Savings	\$ 374,023.51	\$ 406,313.26
CD Accounts	\$ 415,344.34	\$ 433,538.49
Endowment	\$ 329,385.79	\$ 374,614.32

### **2025 Finished Projects**

Bell Choir door locks	\$ 1,143.51
Electronic organ	\$ 83,000.00
Narthex bathrooms	\$ 7,993.49
South parking lot	\$ 84,039.64

### **2026 Proposed Projects**

New roof	Estimated \$ 55,000
Office carpet	Estimated \$ 18,000
Outdoor message board	Estimated \$ 18,000

## **Personnel Committee**

The Committee faithfully continued throughout the year to guide Federated's personnel decisions and practices, including such matters as staff transitions and performance reviews. We standardized and updated all of the non-clergy Job Descriptions to ensure they are accurate and meet current standards. And finally, we evaluated our Personnel Policies; updating our sick-time leave, insurance, and holiday pay expectations. Through all of our actions we work to ensure that everyone is treated fairly, equitably, and with Christian love and respect.

Thanks to all of the 2025 members: Georgia Behlen, Cola Hahn, Byron Meyer, Tim Rathje, and Marilyn Vrana.

In Christ, Tim Rathje, Chair

## **Social Concerns and Missions Committee**

Members:, Mike Beard, Marilyn Abrego, Chris Dixon, Don Anderson, Doris Augspurger, Chris Warren and Katie Claus. Meetings at 5:00 p.m. the first Monday of the month as needed.

The committee put up a flier asking for volunteers for 2025 to take meals to the Rescue Mission. Each second Friday of the month was filled throughout December 2025. The committee set up charities that we would present to the congregation to contribute to for three months at a time. January, February, March –Peanut butter to be delivered to the backpack program; April May June—Toilet paper or paper towels for the Center for Survivors; July August September—Clorox, Pine Sol and leashes to be delivered to Paws and Claws; October, November, December---Mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to be delivered to the Rescue Mission and Center for Survivors.

In April, Mike Beard, Jesse Abrego and Katie Claus delivered water donated by the congregation to last the whole summer for Habitat for Humanity.

In April and December, members provided refreshments for Café La Fed.

In October and November, the committee asked for donations of canned fruit and canned vegetables, which the Food Pantry was low on. We called it the “Put the Giving in Thanksgiving Campaign,” and Mike Beard delivered a lot of cans to the Food Pantry.

In December Mike Beard put up the tree and the children decorated the “Angel Tree” with scarves, mittens, gloves, socks and hats donated by the congregation. Boxes were delivered to Emerson School, Center for Survivors, Columbus Rescue Mission and the Columbus Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Claus, Chair

## **Stewardship Committee**

Members: Linda Wheatley, chair; Deb Curry, John McPhail, Drew Wolfe

The committee met on an "as needed" basis. Most of our business was conducted via email and phone. We served Cafe La Fed twice.

The committee sent out 179 letters and had 93 pledges returned. Members who had pledged in the past but did not return this year's pledge card were contacted with a gentle reminder. The total amount pledged was \$372,697.02

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wheatley

## **Youth Ministry Committee**

Members: Max Porter (GC), Antonio Garcia, Kristen Gausman, Kristi Wolfe, Eliot Yang, Dana Augspurger, Allison Hast, Brenda Sand.

The committee met on the second Sunday of the month at 11:15 am, as needed. The committee met jointly twice with the Christian Ed Committee in 2025.

During the year the committee worked with the Christian Ed director to plan, implement, carry-out and evaluate faith formation programming at Federated.

The committee approved the Youth Ministry budget for 2026.

The committee participated in fundraisers to supplement the YM budget, which included book sale, Mother's Day flower sale, can recycling and cartridge recycling.

The committee supported the youth by assisting in their Souper Bowl of Caring service project.

The committee provided a meal for the Confirmation Students and Governing Council on the night the students presented their Faith Statements.

The committee provided gifts to the students on Confirmation Sunday. Students confirmed were Dylan Bradley, Elyena Perrin, Brinlee Klevemann, Alyse Wolfe, and Hunter Yang.

The committee hosted Graduation Sunday and provided gifts to the students. Graduates were Caleb Hast, Elizabeth Miller and Taytum Miller.

In 2025, the PCUSA hosted Triennium and four students (Eliot and Hunter Yang, Meg Weeder, and Brinlee Klevemann) and two adult leaders (Brenda Sand and Pastor Yang) attended.

The committee hosted Café-la-Fed twice in 2025.

The committee continued to ensure the safety of Children and Youth by maintaining the Children & Youth Protection Policy.

Submitted By: Brenda Sand

## **Federated Church Foundation**

The Federated Church Foundation, Inc. was started in 1998 as a 501(C)3 private foundation organized exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes. The Foundation's funds originated from the generous donation of Mr. Phillip Wilson. Mr. Wilson was a Federated Church member in his youth and later became a successful attorney in Dallas, Texas. Upon his death in 1998, he left a bequest to Federated Church calling for the formation of a Foundation whose express purpose was to establish a permanent endowed scholarship fund. Since its inception the Foundation has awarded scholarships to Federated youth for post-high school vocational training and undergraduate studies.

The original gift received from the Phillip Wilson estate has grown to an amount in excess of one million dollars in assets by the end of the year 2025. In the 27 years that the Foundation has been in existence there has been a total of \$1,103,777 given to provide 709 Scholarship awards to Federated youth.

In 2025 there were 3 new scholarship applicants and 8 renewal applicants for a total of 11 scholarship awards in the amount of \$5,000 per applicant.

The present Board of Directors of the Foundation are Doug Williams – President, Marcia Grant – Vice President, John Peterson – Secretary, Marv Zoucha – Treasurer, along with board members Max Porter, Terry Millard and Larry Mares.

Assisting the Foundation were:

Scholarship Review Committee – Wilma Arp, Sheri Melick and Clete Arasmith

Asset Management – D.A. Davidson Co.

Accounting/Tax Management – Adam Elm of Schumacher, Smejkal and Elm

Legal Counsel – Clark Grant of Grant & Grant

Executive Assistants – Kathy Zywiec and Antoneea Kriewald

## Vacation Bible Camp

Vacation Bible Camp would not have been possible without the generous support of Federated Church, First United Methodist Church, and St. Luke's UCC. I especially want to acknowledge the Federated folks who helped with VBC this year.

Julie Graham (Assembly Leader/Navigator), Ellie Porter (Puppeteer for Scout), Nicole Miller (Science Leader), Doris Augspurger (Mission Leader), Eliot Yang (Rec Leader), Ryland Prokopec (AV), Pastor Edward (Photographer/Slide Show), Sunnie Yang (Group Leader), Anjel Garcia-Lopez (Group Leader), Kim Swierczek (Group Leader), Jenny Young (Group Leader), Karen Grabowski (Group Leader), Raeligh Kriewald (Youth Helper), Tessa Miller (Youth Helper), Dylan Bradley (Youth Helper), Hunter Yang (Youth Helper), Meg Weeder (Youth Helper).

I would also like to thank all who helped decorate before VBC and clean-up after. You cannot imagine how much this helps!

Thank you to all who donated maps, atlases, suitcases, gift cards, Thrivent \$, bounce house rental and treats for volunteers!!! Your generosity is amazing!

Finally, I want to say thank you to the parents, grandparents and guardians for sharing their children with us. It was such a joy to see them experience the fun of VBC and to grow in their knowledge and love for God.

**Vacation Bible Camp 2025 was a huge success!** Seventy-three children joined us for ROAD TRIP—On the Go with God! Each day the kids traveled to stations where they did activities based on each day's theme. Daily themes centered around the different ways that God is with us.

Submitted by: Brenda Sand

Photos:

Navigator (Julie Graham) and travel companion Scout the Dog (puppeteer Ellie Porter) introduce the daily theme.



## **Annual Garage / Bake Sale**

The Federated Church garage sale has three goals: service, fellowship, stewardship.

**Service:** the garage sale provides low cost, quality goods to the community, and money raised is returned to the community through donations to organizations that serve people

**Fellowship:** Many members of our church family work together to make the garage sale happen. Through working together new acquaintances are made, old acquaintances are renewed and relationships are built.

**Stewardship:** We are called to be stewards of God's earth. By finding new uses for things we no longer need, we are "keeping it out of the landfill."

The 2025 Federated Church Garage and Bake Sale was held June 28. Many, many members of our church family pitched in to make this happen. The amount of money taken in was a little over \$10,600. Donations were made as follows

Community Housing - \$1000 was given to Habitat for Humanity

Hunger - \$1000 was given to the Food Pantry

\$2000 was given to A Place at the Table (the organization that provides a backpack of food to go home for the weekend with students who are experiencing food insecurity at home and depend on school lunches for a major part of their diet).

Crisis Intervention

\$1000 was given to the Center for Survivors

\$1000 was given to the Rescue Mission designated for women's housing

\$1000 was given to the Federated Helping Hands fund

General Welfare (crisis prevention)

\$1000 was given to Youth and Families for Christ

Our Church

\$1000 was designated for Christmas gifts for staff and new Christmas decorations

We have kept some money in reserve with the intention of being able to help in the event of an unexpected, unpredictable situation.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success. If you donated, helped sort and price, brought baked goods, worked the sale, shopped at the sale, helped with clean up, put up a yard sign, or told your friends and neighbors about the sale, you helped. And your help is so appreciated.

Thank you, Linda Wheatley

## Cookies 'N More Bake Sale



Cookies 'N More sold out! Thank you SO MUCH to the congregation for baking, candy, or pie making, and for the generous cash donations. Many thanks to Tammi Gottschall and Jeanne Johnson for the colorful, creative decorations and to Cyndi Jarecke and Tim Warren for putting up the tree and decorating it so beautifully. Thanks for the many workers who made this event a success and thank you to Mark, Kathy, and Antoneea for all the extra work they did for this event. It is wonderful to see everyone working together at Federated!

Chris Warren and Katie Claus

### Cookies 'N More Funds Distribution

Donations and Sale of Cookies and Pies	\$3478.00
Quilt Raffle	\$ 277.00
Total Amount	\$3755.00
Dispersed: Nairobi Inc	\$1500.00
Columbus Medical Missions	\$1500.00
Helping Hands	\$ 755.00
Total Amount Dispersed	\$3755.00
Zero Balance	
Seed money (\$500.)	

Thank you,

Rogalyn Stevens

## 51st Community Christmas Dinner

We would like to thank everyone that supported the 51st Community Christmas Dinner. A traditional turkey dinner was put together by over 30 volunteers to serve 260 delivery and take out meals, and 156 meals were served at the church for dine in (for total of 416 meals). That's over 100 more meals than last year! The food was delicious and portions generous, with plenty to go around, including meals and a donation to the rescue mission. Through free will donations made at the dinner and contributions made to the office, the total cost was covered. We are overwhelmed by the love and support of our Federated family, and are blessed to live in a community that looks forward to the fellowship Federated Church provides Christmas morning. We appreciate the support we received this year and have started planning for Christmas 2026!

Stuart and Kristen Gausman and Pat Engel, Chairpersons

