

FEDERATED CHURCH



Mission Statement:

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



5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020

WELCOME TO FEDERATED CHURCH!

We are called *Federated* because on July 2, 1914 the Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches of Columbus joined in an effort to serve as one congregation. *Our faithful federation continues to this day!*

New to Federated? Please let us know on a "Visitors Card" & in a red Friendship Folder.

Children are welcome in worship at Federated Church. The **Library & "Cry Room"** at the back of the Sanctuary is child friendly and include Sanctuary sound.

Children's Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. Sunday child care is in the Nursery.

Ushers are here to help: ushers tonight are Rod & Georgia Behlen and Julie Graham. Hearing assistance devices & large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the pastor by cell phone:

Rev. Edward: (402) 302-2812

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Pray for Marlyn Wurdeman (father of Jackie Marker, grandfather of Allison Hast and great-grandfather of Caleb Hast-Curtis & Bennett Curtis) who had a health scare last week in the emergency room. Thankfully, he was stabilized and now recovering.
- ◆ Please pray for Rosie Heinisch, who has been diagnosed with ALL (*Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia*) and is currently receiving chemotherapy treatment.
- ◆ Pray for Enrique Abrego (brother of Jesse and Marilyn Abrego) who is in serious condition with brain injury.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Eugene Novotny (father of John & Nila Novotny) who passed on Dec. 23rd in Ord, NE. Funeral will be Monday, Dec. 28th.
- ◆ Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.
- ◆ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

Dear Federated Church Friends,

I wish to share with you all "Merry Christmas" greetings and hopefully normal days we will see again.

I have appreciated all the "visits" and "get well" wishes you have expressed to me with visits and calls to my home, hospital, Brookstone and now Prairie Village. Your friendships, kindness and thoughtfulness means more than you will ever know.

I also appreciate all the tasty food, flower arrangements, and your special calls and cards! I wish to attend church services again after the virus is gone.

Thank you all again, my "Church Family", for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Also, thank you Rev. Yang and Sunnie for your visits. Merry Christmas and Blessings to you all!

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, December 27 (1st Sunday of Christmas)
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
Monday, December 28 No events
Tuesday, December 29 No events
Wednesday, December 30 No events
Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve
No Worship Service
Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Church Office Closed
Saturday, January 2 No events
Sunday, January 3 (2nd Sunday of Christmas)
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Pastor Nominating Committee

Now that the Staff Planning Committee is done, the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) will be elected at the February 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the PNC, please contact Marcia Grant or Tim Warren.

Federated Church members donated 87 pounds of food which was collected and delivered to the Platte County Food Pantry!

CANCELLED - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER FESTIVAL OF TREES

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM FAMILY SERVICE

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The darkness is gone; the Light of the World is here!

All: Our hope, our preparation, our joy, and our love are brought together this night in a humble stable. We welcome Christ!

One: We give thanks for Emmanuel, God with us.

All: Let us worship God!

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Miller Family

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the promise of the Lord: See, our salvation has come!

All: We are a holy people, redeemed by God; sought out and not forsaken.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,

All: we are forgiven! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: As Christ offers us peace and forgiveness, let us offer a sign of that peace to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

The ABC's of Christmas

A-B

C-G

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-18 Miller Family

8 Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. **9** The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you - wonderful, joyous news for all people. **11** Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. **12** This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." **13** Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, **14** "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." **15** When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." **16** They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. **17** When they saw this, they

reported what they had been told about this child. **18** Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them.

H

Choral Anthem

Song of the Shepherds
Chancel Choir - Recorded December 24, 2018

I-O

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

One: O God of all blessings, we give you our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given us

All: and ask that you accept the gifts we give back to you: our time, talent, and possessions.

One: Tonight we especially remember your extraordinary gift of yourself, Christ Jesus.

All: As you have shown mercy and love to us, grant that we may show the same to everyone we meet. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

P

Christmas Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Q-Z

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Miller Family

Leader: This is the Christ candle. It reminds us that Christ is the light of the world.

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

* Closing Song:

Silent Night
Playback Media

Benediction

Christmas poinsettias given by...

DONNA AUGSPURGER

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

MIKE & SHARYN BEARD

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

ROD & GEORGIA BEHLEN

IN MEMORY OF JACOB & BENJAMIN, AND
HUGH & DOROTHY GROSZ, GIB & IRENE BEHLEN

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

IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR LOSHBAUGH

**THE BUSLER FAMILY, BRAD & DONNA,
GREG & SHERRI, HIS GRANDCHILDREN,
AND LARENE BUSLER**

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT BUSLER

LLOYD & KAY CASTNER

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

JOHN & KATIE CLAUS,

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

CHRIS & LAURETTA DIXON

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,
ORVAL & MARIE DIXON
AND CHESTER & VIOLA PALMER
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN, SUSAN, CALVIN,
KENT & SARA, 6 GRANDCHILDREN
AND 4 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

DAVID & RAE FULTON,

IN HONOR OF THE FRONTLINE WORKERS

THE GARCIA FAMILY**JULIE GRAHAM**

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH GRAHAM,
ORVILLE & ELIZABETH CANADAY
AND EDDIE & DELLA SIVORY
IN HONOR OF GUS

CLARK & MARCIA GRANT

IN MEMORY OF BILL & BETTY GRANT AND
DON & LUCILLE REMMERS

STEVE & ROSIE HEINISCH

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS
IN HONOR OF OUR HEALTHCARE HEROES!

BILL IRBY

IN MEMORY OF CAROLYN IRBY
AND CYNTHIA IRBY

JERRY & CYNDI JARECKE

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

SHARON KUNCL

IN MEMORY OF LARRY KUNCL; MY PARENTS,
MY BROTHER, WAYNE,
AND NIECES, REVA AND SHARON LEE

CLARK & ROBIN LEHR

IN HONOR OF THE LEHR FAMILY

STEVE & SUE MCCLURE

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

JOHN & LINDA MCPHAIL

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

SHERRY MILLER & FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF DR. LEON MILLER, HAROLD & MILDRED
BUSCH AND JOE & GLADYS MILLER

ERVIN & KAREN PABEN

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

JAN PICKREL

IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND, ROGER PICKREL

TIM & VAL RATHJE

IN MEMORY OF JOHN HOFKAMP
AND CURTIS RATHJE

DEANNA SCHEIDEGGER,

IN MEMORY OF SAM SCHEIDEGGER

TERRY & HOLLY SCHULTZ

IN MEMORY OF MARVIN HANSON AND
KENNETH & LOIS SCHULTZ

HAROLD & ROGALYN STEVENS

IN MEMORY OF ROY & VIRGINIA RUSSELL AND
BURT & MAZIE STEVENS

BOBBIE UHLMANN

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

ROD & CINDEE WACHTER

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

CALVIN & ALISON WAGNER

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FRIENDS:
DICK & JUDY TEMME

GAIL WURDEMAN AND SARA AERNI

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,
IRENE & HAROLD WURDEMAN

EDWARD & SUNNIE YANG

IN HONOR OF OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

MARV & BARB ZOUCHA

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

