



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ April 3rd - Installation of Solo-Pastor, Edward Yang,
3:00pm in Federated Church Sanctuary
- ♦ April 10th - Palm/Passion Sunday Service 10:00am
 - ♦ April 14th - Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm
- ♦ April 15th - Ecumenical Good Friday Service @ Grace Episcopal
at Noon; Federated Office Closes at Noon
 - ♦ April 17th - Easter Sunday Service 10:00am
 - ♦ April 18th - Office Closed
 - ♦ April 24th - Jazz Sunday



From the Pastor's Desk

There is a chance you will be reading this article before April 3rd, which is the Sunday I will be officially installed as the next pastor at Federated Church. It feels strange to say I will be the next pastor as I have been pastoring here more than five years (since July '16) with over three years in the head of staff role (since Feb/Mar '19). However, there has been and will be changes to my title: from previous "Associate Pastor & Acting Head of Staff" to current "Solo Pastor – Elect" (having been elected to be next Solo Pastor but not yet installed) to "Pastor/Head of Staff" after installation ("Solo" seems unnecessary moving forward).

While preparing for the April 3rd installation service, I have been wondering about the significance of this occasion. As mentioned, being installed means I will have a new title. Yet, it is more than that. PCUSA's Book of Common Worship states, "Occasions of ordination and installation have to do more with the ministry of the whole church than with any individual." With that in mind, I am reluctant to refer to April 3rd as "my" installation; it will be "our" installation. UCC's Book of Worship offers a fitting description: "Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church." In other words, we are agreeing to serve God together.

Both of our denominations strongly encourage installation services to NOT be held on Sunday mornings, so that pastoral colleagues in our presbytery and association can join this service. Therefore, our April 3rd installation service will begin at 3:00pm in our sanctuary. We will also have our regular morning worship that Sunday. All are welcome to attend both services. There will be communion (i.e., Sacrament of the Lord's Supper) at both. I should mention that the afternoon service might be extra-long. Installation services tend to be lengthy with several speaking parts conducted by denominational representatives. Being federated as a church and having my dual-standing, our installation service will involve both commissioners of the PCUSA Homestead Presbytery and members of the UCC Living Waters Association. If you're okay with a longer-than-usual service, please attend the installation service (April 3rd, 3pm). There will also be a reception after the service prepared by the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Thank you for all your love and support!

Grace and peace,
Edward

Governing Council Meeting, March 22nd

The March meeting of the Federated Church Governing Council was held on March 22. Members present were Jesse Abrego, Donna Augspurger, Katie Claus, Mimi Ernst, John McPhail, Renee Norris, Alison Wagner, Mark Weeder, Rev. Edward Yang, VP Julie Graham, and President Wayne McCormick. Absent was John McClure.

Mark Weeder, representing the Finance and Property Committee, presented the Financial Reports. The report included the purchase of a new MacBook computer for Rev. Yang and a TV monitor for the Library.

The following motions were made and approved:

- To approve the February Governing Council meeting minutes.
- To approve the February 27, 2022 Congregational meeting minutes.
- To affirm the email vote to rescind the February, 2021, motion regarding restricted use of the kitchen and fellowship hall for funerals.
- To receive the financial reports.
- To receive the Finance and Property report.
- To receive the emailed Standing Committee reports.
- To receive the Pastor's written report

Other non-action items discussed were:

- The original Federated Church building was dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 9, 1922. We plan to acknowledge the 100th anniversary on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022.
- The HVAC unit in the Choir room needs repair. Parts have been ordered.
- The garbage disposal in the kitchen sink needs replaced.
- The hot water line for the east sink in the kitchen has restricted flow due to mineral deposits.
- Discussed a need to share Funeral Committee duties and Cafe La Fed responsibilities.
- Pastor Edward Yang's Installation Service will be held on April 3, 2022, at 3:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Submitted by Wayne McCormick, President

H.I.S Puppet Ministry

Thank you to H.I.S. Puppet Ministry for sharing your time and talents with the congregation during worship on March 27th.



Youth Sunday Fundays

Thank you to the youth who attended our March Sunday Funday. We began painting a mountain themed mural on the wall in the youth group room. Our next Sunday Funday will be April 24th. Check your emails/texts for more information.

Narthex Book Sale

Thank you to all who supported the Federated Youth Book Sale. We raised \$597.23. Unfortunately, the PCUSA has cancelled the Youth Triennium due to concerns regarding COVID. Funds raised will be applied to future youth mission trips.

Vacation Bible Camp

Please notice the change in dates for VBC!

Vacation Bible Camp will be June 13th – 17th at the Methodist Church in Columbus. Children ages 3 years through 6th grade are invited to attend! The theme this year is Food Truck Party – On a Roll with God!



Calendar of Events

- April 10 – Palm Sunday/Children's Parade/Bells (All children - 5th grade)
- April 17 – Easter Service 10:00am
Easter Egg Hunt following service
- May 1 – Confirmation Sunday
- May 8 – Mother's Day Flower Sale (Youth Fundraiser)
- May 22 – Graduation Sunday

March Joys & Concerns

◆ Pray for the family of Viola Suchan, sister of Betty Hledik, who died March 11, 2022. Services will at Federated, March 15th at 2pm with a luncheon following service.

◆ Pray for the family of D'Ete Sindelar, sister of Ardell & Marcene Wurdeman, who died March 10, 2022. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 - 7pm at Gass Haney.

◆ Please join us in celebrating Mary Norton's 80th birthday. Open House will be Sunday, March 13 from 2 - 5 pm at the Friedhof Building, 1270 27th Avenue. In lieu of cards or gifts, please make donation to your favorite charity.

◆ Pray for the family Bob Smith who died February 9, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at Federated Church on March 23rd at 1pm with a luncheon following service.

◆ Pray for the family of Alice Christensen, Sheri & Dave Melick's mother. Alice passed away on March 12, 2022. Service arrangements are pending.

◆ Pray for the family of Robert Doeden, brother-in-law to Daryl Smith. Robert passed away on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 after suffering a massive stroke. A memorial service will be held on March 25th at 2pm in Syracuse, Nebraska.

◆ Pray for Marilyn Abrego who will be having an eye procedure to treat glaucoma on March 28th.

◆ Pray for Roberta Saalfeld who recently fell. She is recovering in a hospital in Omaha with her daughters by her side.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Primrose**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Primrose congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Steele City**

As a small congregation, we have been able to continue worship with minimal health risks. We enjoy our partnership with Mission Creek and Wymore, though joint services and activities have been fewer this last year. We also look forward as a congregation to opportunities of outreach in our small community. Pray that we rise to the task of loving our neighbors and offering the hand of Christ.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Tekamah**

Here in Tekamah, we would appreciate Presbytery prayers for our various youth ministries. We have just started up a Sunday school for the first time in many years, we have a weekly LOGOS after school program for K-6th grade, and an active Junior and Senior High group. In addition, we will have a confirmation class starting soon.

Here are a couple of simple ideas to include those who find walking a challenge:

- Give a mile credit for every 20 minutes of physical activity a person performs. This can include performing therapy motions, or maybe armchair aerobics for those who have knee or hip problems or are wheelchair-bound.

- Offer credit for those who do personal work to keep themselves mobile and in better shape. This doesn't need to be a workout, but could include practicing proper physical mechanics to get up from a chair or from the bed, or using simple activities at home to increase or maintain a good range of motion. You can individualize this to help people earn their "miles."

- Have people practice spiritual disciplines, such as:

- Prayer – Participants could earn a mile for every 15-20 minutes of time they spend in prayer. Prayer is a privilege and it is powerful. Some of this time could be spent in thanking God for sending Jesus to take His own difficult walk to Jerusalem to fulfill His calling to save sinners.
- Writing a letter to missionaries – This is a wonderful way to encourage our missionaries! It's also a great way to encourage parishioners to bless the missionaries you support, assuring them they are remembered as they serve. You can determine the "miles" credited — maybe a mile per page written, or a mile for every 15-20 minutes writing.
- Other spiritual disciplines, such as intentional fellowship encouraging other Christians, time spent reading the Bible, and volunteering, could also be encouraged to earn "miles."

The bottom line is this: we want to include everyone who would like to participate. This is not only for physical exercise, but also for spiritual exercise. Reflecting on what God has done for us is a practice every person should engage in, and this is a small way to do that.

At the end of week 6, Federated has almost gotten to Jerusalem by 'flying' over the Atlantic, only 787 miles to go!

The final reporting day for Walk to Jerusalem will be Tuesday, April 19th!



Did you know walking is mentioned over 200 times in the bible?



Name: _____

Date: _____

Miles: _____

Federated Church's Helping Hands Funds

Federated's Helping Hands funds helps individuals and families in our community with things like food, fuel, utilities and rent.

In February, we helped one family with shelter by paying for their room for a night, helped a mother get to and from work and her children's school by paying for a tank of fuel and purchased gift cards so we can help those who come in afford food for their families. Total given to those in need for 2022: \$419.96

Platte County Food Pantry

The Platte County Food Pantry, located at 3020 18th Street in Suite 13 (Old Hospital).

If you are in need of assistance, you can call at 402-563-4544. Some donation suggestions are: canned and boxed foods: soup, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta and pasta sauce, veggies and fruits; staple food items: peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, crackers, tuna, rice, flour, sugar.



Center for Survivors

The Center's needs often change due to shortages or surpluses of certain items.

Please call ahead if you have questions regarding needs, 402-564-2155.



At this time, the Center is in need and accepting donations for the following NEW personal hygiene products: shampoo, conditioner, liquid body wash, deodorant, makeup removing wipes, facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels and men's deodorant.

Meals on Wheels



Federated will have their next week to deliver Meals on Wheels April 18-22. Kathy Leischner will be coordinator. 402-276-7415.

Mission Heart, Inc.



Mission Heart, Inc. is located at 412 "G" Street in Central City. Some donation suggestions include:

Clothing items, Linens (bedding, towels, washcloths), School supplies (pencils/pens, notebooks, crayons, etc.),

Baby items (furniture, cloth diapers, blankets, toys, clothes, bottles/cups/spoons, Sewing supplies (batting, bias tape, thread & material - flannel, cotton, polyester, fleece), Medical supplies (walkers/crutches, glasses,

hearing aids, braces, slings, blood pressure cuffs, wheelchairs, stethoscopes, thermometers, etc.), O.T.C. medications (chewable vitamins - adult & child, iron pills, Vitamin B6, Pre-natal vitamins, first-aid creams), Gallon-sized or Quart-sized zipping bags, Empty pill bottles, Travel-sized soaps, shampoos/conditioners & lotions

For more information, go to: missionheartworld.weebly.com

Paws & Claws Adoption Center

Paws & Claws Adoption Center (The Platte Valley Humane Society) is located at 2124 13th Street. The hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 4:30pm, and Saturdays Noon to 3:30pm.

You can call 402-562-5683 to meet your future pet! Regular needs include: Clumping Cat Litter, Clorox, Pine Sol, Paper Towels, Old Linens, Stamps, Copy Paper, Dog & Cat Toys, Collars & Leashes, Wet Cat & Dog Food, Kitten Food and Milk Replacer, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores.



They have a number of animals available, including the ones pictured below.



Finance at a Glance

Contributions - February 2022	
General Funds (Checking):	\$28,280.72
Contributions (2022)	\$25,900.47
Contributions (2021)	\$250.00
Misc. Income - Chancel Flowers	\$80.25
Misc. Income - Postage Needs	\$1,000.00
Rent/Damage Deposits	\$1,050.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$1,973.15
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$20.00
Food Pantry - Souper Bowl of Caring	\$1,106.00
Easter Flowers	\$65.00
Triennium - Narthex Book Sale	\$389.03
Youth Fund - Ski Trip	\$323.12
Building Maintenance	\$70.00
Memorials	\$135.00
Unrestricted	\$135.00
Interest Income:	\$9.01
Savings	\$9.01

Expenses - February 2022	
General Fund Expenses:	\$29,800.82
Utilities	\$4,963.70
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$24,756.87
Misc. Expense	\$80.25
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$538.49
Building Maintenance	\$24.82
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$320.01
Music Department	\$193.66
Memorial Fund:	\$0.00



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brenda Kallweit	4/2	Garret Hahn	4/16
Brian Klevemann, Jessica Sand	4/7	Marcia Grant	4/17
Jan Pickrel	4/8	Guy Wheatley	4/20
Lisa Perrin, Cara Porter, Ellie Porter	4/9	Mitchell Griffith	4/21
Beverly Fry, Connor Hahn, Sue Mares	4/10	Angel Garcia Lopez, Ron Novak	4/23
Kathy Morris, Clint Scheffler	4/11	Alyse Wolfe	4/27
Kathy Orr	4/13	Sheila Arasmith	4/28
Gary Sedlacek	4/14	Tom Gumm	4/30

If you see a mistake or missing information on this page,
call the church office so we can update our records.

Spam Emails, Attachments and Email Issues

WARNING! There have been some unusual emails coming in recently claiming to be from Federated Church. DO NOT OPEN ANY ATTACHMENTS! We will NOT send you an invoice or any other document through email unless you specifically ask for it!

Call the office if you have questions!

As some of you may know, we recently changed email server providers. If you are not getting your regular emails or responses from any @federatedcolumbus.org email addresses, please call the office or go into your email settings and set these emails as confirmed emails or "white-listed".

2022 Committee Chairs and Meeting Days/Times

In the table below you can find the 2022 Chairperson and meeting days and times for each committee. If you belong to a committee and have not heard from your chair, please contact them for information. If you do not have any contact information for them, you can call the office for assistance.

Committee or Group	Chairperson	Meeting Day/Time
Christian Education Committee	Renee Norris	2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Endowment Committee	Donna Augspurger	Will meet as necessary
Finance & Property Committee	Terry Norris and Mark Weeder	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Membership & Church Growth Committee	Jesse Abrego	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating Committee	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Order of St. Andrew	Laura Porter	1st Monday of the month, 5:15pm
Personnel Committee	John McPhail	2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Social Concerns & Missions Committee	Katie Claus	2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Stewardship Committee	Elizabeth Grisham	<i>To be determined</i>
Worship & Music Committee	Alison Wagner	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm
Youth Ministry Committee	John McClure	2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am
Foundation	Doug Williams, President	Quarterly
Governing Council	Wayne McCormick, President Julie Graham, VP	4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm

Reminder to all Chairpersons: If, for any reason, your meeting has been postponed, rescheduled, cancelled or changed to a different day of the month or time, please contact the office staff regarding the new schedule. Thank you!

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Decoding the Liturgical Color Scheme

BLACK/PURPLE: On Ash Wednesday, ashes are placed on the foreheads of the congregation as a symbol that we have come from dust and one day will return to dust. It is one of many Lenten and Easter customs that remind us of our historical connection with Jewish tradition. With this sobering reminder of life's fragility, we begin a spiritual quest that continues until the Easter Vigil. Most of this time of preparation is symbolized by the color **Violet**, though the season is bracketed by the mourning Black of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. As an alternative to **Violet**, some churches have begun to use brown, beige or gray (the colors of rough unbleached cloth like burlap) to reflect the season's mood of penitence and simplicity. These somber colors are a reminder of the unbleached "sackcloth" worn by mourners and penitents in the Jewish tradition.

During Holy Week, the congregation follows the footsteps of Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem (Palm/Passion Sunday) through the Last Supper (Maundy Thursday) to his death on the Cross (Good Friday). **Red**, the color of blood and therefore of martyrs, is the traditional color for Palm/Passion Sunday and the next three days of Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday, White or **Gold** symbolizes the church's rejoicing in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. But at the end of the Maundy Thursday celebration, the mood changes abruptly: all decorations are removed and the Holy Table is stripped bare. The church becomes as empty as a tomb. On Good Friday, either Black or **Red** is customary-although the use of no color at all is also appropriate.

WHITE= HOLINESS: We use white any time we are celebrating days that emphasize the divinity of Christ: Christmas, Easter, Baptism of the Lord, Christ the King, and so on. For the most part, if you find white paraments in the sanctuary, you are worshiping on a day that has great significance to our understanding of Jesus as God. Also, since white has come to symbolize holiness, it is also often used for the celebration of both sacraments (baptism and communion).