



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

HOLY WEEK EVENTS:

- ♦ Palm Sunday - April 2nd, Service @ Federated, 10am, Youth Funday Sunday after Service
- ♦ Maundy Thursday - April 6th, Service @ Federated, 6:30pm
- ♦ Good Friday - April 7th, Service @ Grace Episcopal, Noon
Church office closes at Noon
- ♦ Easter Sunday - April 9th, Service @ Federated, 10am
No Education Hour, Easter Egg Hunt after Service
- ♦ Easter Monday - April 10th, Church office closed
- ♦ Jazz Sunday - April 16th
- ♦ April 30th - 5th Sunday Potluck

If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in the newsletter, you can email it to fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org. The deadline for submitting information for Newsletters is the 20th of the prior month, e.g. May 2023 Newsletter deadline will be April 20th, 2023.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - FEBRUARY

Parker Grant was welcomed to the Governing Council as a new member filling a one-year unexpired term.

Julie Graham's provided a new email address: jgraham3165@gmail.com

Rev. Yang explained the "I give Online cards" to be used during Sunday morning offering. These cards can be placed in the offertory plates during the Sunday service as a way for members who give online a way to participate. Participation is optional.

The first service for Healing and Wholeness was 4:00pm on Sunday March 5.

Committee reports were received

New Business:

Approval to sell the church van. Rev. Yang and Brenda Sand will be looking to into replacement options.

Membership and Growth Committee presented a list of 39 members who have been on the Federated Church reserve membership list for the past three years with no new involvement was reviewed. Upon the recommendation of the Membership and Growth Committee, Governing Council voted to remove that list of reserved of 39 members from the Federated Church membership roll.

Rev. Yang and Brenda Sand reported on the Presbytery meeting they attended.

The minutes from the February 26, 2023 Congregational Meeting were approved by the Governing Council members

Governing Council approved two applications for membership to Federated Church.

John McPhail offered suggestions for communion servers to report to the Head Usher before the service begins

Katie Claus with Social Concerns committee reported on the needs of the Ukrainian refugees arriving in Nebraska. They have been communicating with the Refugee Center in Lincoln and are looking into ways Federated Church can help.

Katie Claus reviewed the works and goals of the Social Concerns Committee. Please keep this committee members and their goals in your prayers for the church this month.

Next month the Youth Ministries and Christian Education Committees will be highlighted and reviewed by Brenda Sand and Parker Grant.

The next Governing Council meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2023, at 7:00PM. Please contact any of the Governing Council members if you have any questions or suggestions.

Julie Graham, Federated Church President

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - MARCH

The Pipe Organ Task Force presented a status update to the Governing Council:

- Survey results were presented along with the task force recommendations.
- The task force was granted another 3 months of service to continue researching standalone and hybrid electronic instruments so that they can make a recommendation to the Governing Council to open a fundraising campaign.

Finance and Property has started prioritizing and obtaining bids on “To-Do-Projects” and obtaining bids for security cameras and keyless entry door locks.

The first Service of Wholeness and Healing was held on March 5th. These services will be held quarterly.

Katie Claus and Julie Graham will be giving the church service sermon on April 13th and 16th.

Approval for Continuing Education Leave and vacation leave was approved for Pastor Yang to attend the Transitional Ministry Week 1 Training, (July 16-21). Pastor Yang will be out of the office July 10-25th. Pulpit supply will be arranged for two Sundays and accompanying Thursdays services July 13, 16, 20, & 23.

A Governing Council retreat was discussed for the purpose of developing Federated Church goals and to develop a pastor annual review process. This is to be arranged in August of 2023.

The Personnel Committee presented the Governing Council with an updated Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual which was approved.

Brenda Sand reviewed the upcoming activities and goals of the Youth Ministry Committee. A youth mission trip is being planned. Please keep the youth, the committee members, and the adults that work with the youth in your thoughts and prayers this month.

John McPhail pointed out that the task force committee on updating our church constitution and by-laws noticed that the mission statement we are currently using

“We are called to nurture growing relationships with God by following the example of Jesus Christ” is not the mission statement that is used in our Federated Church Constitution:

“The Federated Church is a group of Christians bonded together for the purpose of communicating with Christ, and with each other. Our objective is to learn about and to extend the teachings of Jesus Christ to our members and the community, through word and deed.

“Our concern is for the welfare of humanity both spiritually and physically. We strive for a healthy relationship of people to God and people to people. We seek to respond to the Gospel and to the needs around us. With God’s grace we can make an effort toward providing for individual, church and community needs, while continuing to support national and world missions.”

The mission statement will be a focus discussion at a later date.

The next Governing Council meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2023, at 7:00PM. Please contact any of the Governing Council members if you have any questions or suggestions.

Julie Graham

Federated Church President

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The children made an Easter craft during Education Hour last week. These will be a great keepsake for the children. Thanks to our teachers for coming up with the idea!



Children's Bells

The children have been working hard to learn their bell song for Palm Sunday! Can't wait to hear them play! Thank Stuart and Riley for sharing your time and talents with the kids!



One Great Hour of Sharing

Please remember to return your fish banks for ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING on Palm Sunday, April 2nd.

Youth Book Sale

Thank you to all who supported our youth by donating or purchasing books at the book sale. The funds raised, \$777, will go to expenses associated with the youth mission trip.

Youth Sunday Funday

RESCHEDULED FROM 3/26 TO 4/2 DUE TO THE SNOW DAY. SEE YOU SUNDAY!!!

Calendar of Events

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 9TH @ 10:00 AM
EGG HUNT FOLLOWING WORSHIP
NO EDUCATION HOUR

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

APRIL 30TH
BOUNCE HOUSES & GAMES BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM
YOUTH LED WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM
5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK FOLLOWING WORSHIP

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

MAY 14TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP
FREE WILL DONATION FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP

GRADUATION SUNDAY

MAY 21ST DURING WORSHIP
9:00 AM BREAKFAST
10:00 AM WORSHIP (2023 GRADUATES RECOGNIZED)
11:00 AM – CAFÉ -LA-FED WITH CAKE RECEPTION

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 12TH – 16TH
8:15 AM – 11:30 AM DAILY



Columbus Symphonic Strings 2023 Spring Concert

Friday, April 21, 7:00 PM, Saturday April 22, 2:00 PM

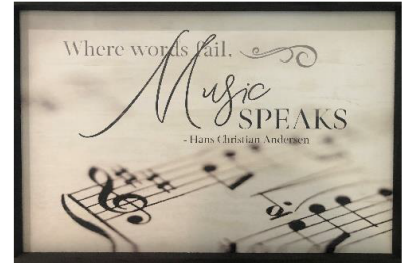
Federated Church, 2704 15th St, Columbus, NE 68601

Join us in sharing the joy of Easter through music!

Our program will include the following:

- Works by Elgar, Thompson and Mendelssohn
- An Easter soprano aria from Handel's *Messiah*
- Palm Sunday and Easter hymns which you will sing with orchestra and organ
- Solos by five orchestra members including Vaughan Williams *Lark Ascending*
- Selections from Mozart's *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* played by the string quartet

Cookies and lemonade will be served following the program!



Free admission – just bring your best smiles!

Teresa Carr, Founder and Artistic Director; James Sharpe, Conductor
Appreciation extended to Federated Church for use of their facilities
Presented by *Columbus Symphonic Strings* (www.CSStrings.org)



**Happy 50th
Pastor Edward!**
Many thanks to Brenda
Sand for helping
organize the surprises
that day and to
Rev. Dr. Chris Alexander,
Interim Pastor at
St. John's for sharing
the photos!

A wooden cross with a crown of thorns is positioned on the left side of the image. A white lily flower is placed at the base of the cross. The background is a light-colored, textured wall.

HOLY WEEK:

**April 2 - Palm/Passion Sunday
Service @ Federated 10am**

**April 6 - Maundy Thursday
Service @ Federated 6:30pm**

**April 7 - Good Friday
Service @ Grace Episcopal Noon
*Church Office Closes at Noon***

**April 9 - Easter Sunday
Service @ Federated 10am
*No Education Hour***

**April 10 - Easter Monday
*Church Office Closed***



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

One of the most important things we can do for our bodies is to be active. For most of us the simplest form of activity is walking.

Join us as we embark on 'The Walk to Jerusalem', an imaginary walk from Columbus to Jerusalem, Israel. 'The Walk to Jerusalem' encourages us to increase physical activity by walking, spiritual growth with weekly devotionals and cultural awareness as we learn about geographical locations we've collectively walked to as a parish each week.

Dates: February 12 - Easter

If you are limited in your ability to walk or don't have a device to track the amount of miles you walk weekly, you can track your activity in minutes with 20 minutes of any activity equaling one mile.

There are 7,536 miles between Columbus and Jerusalem. Each mile reported will be one closer to reaching our destination!

This intergenerational walk is available for all to take part in.

Your church leader will be sharing more information on the walk soon.



For more information contact:

Kathy Zywiec

402-564-2812

fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR MARCH 2023

- ♦ Pray for Bill Irby who is recovering from a fall.
- ♦ Pray for Christi Grabowski, mother of Karen Grabowski. Christi learned that she has recurrence of cancer.
- ♦ We rejoice with the Kallweit family with the birth of Leo Robert on Feb. 26th to Jared & Megan Kallweit (grandparents Kevin & Denise and great-grandparents Leroy & Brenda)
- ♦ Pray for Michael Palik, brother of Annette Griffith, as he undergoes radiation treatment for tumors in his lungs.
- ♦ Pray for Jesse & Marilyn Abrego as they recover from hip replacement (Marilyn) and collar bone (Jesse) surgeries. UPDATE: They would like to thank the members of the congregation for the prayers, cards and concern shown to us at the time of our surgeries. It was greatly appreciated. ~ Jesse & Marilyn Abrego
- ♦ Pray for the family of Carolyn Lippert who passed away on March 12, 2023. Funeral services were Thursday, March 16th. Carolyn was previously a long-time member of Federated.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Jayne Gotschall, mother of Dr. Jeffrey & Tammi Gotschall. Jayne passed away on March 24, 2023. Services were held March 28th in Atkinson, NE.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Bonnie Payne, sister-in-law to Donna Augspurger. Bonnie passed away on March 26, 2023. Services were held on March 29th in Lakeville, MN.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of David Bennett, grandson of Pete & Carol Bennett. David died on March 28th. Services are pending.

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Thurston John Huss**

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♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Wahoo Czech**

The Czech Presbyterian Church of Wahoo is thankful for the support of Vicar Gary Grinvalds and the messages he provides for our church each Sunday. We're also thankful for the support and service of Rev. Carl Eskridge. We ask for prayers as we move forward with developing plans for the future of our church.

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Wakefield**

We are exploring the joys and pitfalls of an enlarged parish. We are grateful for the faithfulness of our lay leaders who are teaching Sunday School and stepping forward into some new leadership positions. We could use some prayers as we explore some new ideas for worship and explore new opportunities for mission.

♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Pierce UCC (Pierce, NE 68767)**

♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Plainview First Congregational UCC (Plainview, NE 68796)**

♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Ralston UCC (Ralston, NE 68127)**

♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Stanton New England Congregational UCC (Stanton, NE 68779)**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2023

The second all Women's work day for Habitat for Humanity is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23. Register by emailing info@hfhcolumbusne.org

The Federated designated day for Habitat for Humanity is Saturday, July 15th. We have been asked to bring food---rolls or cookies for a morning break, and sandwiches, hot dogs, etc., chips and something sweet for lunch. We also will provide water.



RANDOM FANDOM (ARTS & MUSIC SMALL GROUP)

Arts & Music Small Group - Federated Church

Admins - Mimi Ernst and Nila Novotny

Upcoming Events:

- April 1 @ 7pm - Columbus Middle School, Nantkes Theater

"The Lion King Jr." CMS Musical

Tickets: \$5 for students, \$8 for adults

- April 13, 14, 15 @ 7pm - CCC Fine Arts Theater, Platte Campus

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" CCC Musical

- April 21 @ 7pm, April 22 @ 2pm - Federated Church

Columbus Symphonic Strings Spring Concert

Contact Jim Sharpe for more information

- April 30 @ 3pm - CCC Fine Arts Theater, Platte Campus

Fine Arts Festival Concert

UPDATING BROCHURES IN NARTHEX

If anyplace you work or volunteer has new brochures (not outdated) please collect some and bring them to church for the rack in the library. Thank you!

Social Concerns and Missions Committee

BACK PACK PROGRAM - A PLACE AT THE TABLE/FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We could use lots more peanut butter for the back pack program! We will collect peanut butter till the end of the month.

Social Concerns and Missions Committee

H.I.S. PUPPETEERS



HEY, Puppeteers and Puppeteer wanna-bes!!!

Let me know if you are interested.

Please contact the church office for Julie's contact information.

RESCUE MISSION MEALS 2023

Thank you for filling in so many slots for the Rescue Mission meals!

There are only 4 left-April, October, November, December.

This is always the second Friday of the month.

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.

This is not an all inclusive list, any non-perishable food items are needed.



FEDERATED CHURCH'S HELPING HANDS FUNDS

Did you know... *"In the spring of 1975 Federated Church hosted and helped organize the Helping Hands Organization of Columbus..."*¹

This gathering collaborated the efforts of a number of community groups and created low-cost housing, as well as a number of other wonderful outreaches to our community. This is where our "Helping Hands" funds were started!

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

¹Excerpt from 'In Ministry Together; Federated Church -- A Centennial History; July 2, 1014 - July 2, 2014'; pg. 38-39

FUNERAL COMMITTEE 1

Co Chairs: Shirley Johnson, Roland & Jeannie Johnson, Bill & Jean Royer, Tim & Chris Warren

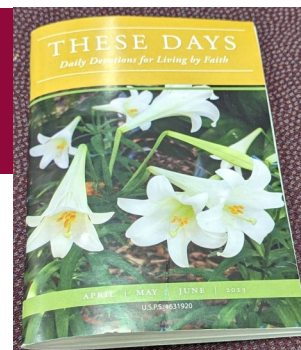
Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Group will be meeting Saturday, April 8th at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Men of all ages welcome!

FIRST QUARTER *THESE DAYS* 2023 NOW AVAILABLE

These Days second quarter booklet is now available in the office and the Narthex



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.

MISSION HEART, INC.



Mission Heart, Inc. is located at 412 "G" Street in Central City.

Some donation suggestions include:

Clothing items, Linens, School supplies, Baby items, Sewing supplies, Medical supplies, Over-the-counter medications, Gallon-sized or Quart-sized zipping bags, Travel-sized soaps, shampoos/conditioners & lotions, pill bottles are accepted without labels

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

KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL



Keep Columbus Beautiful is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Their mission is to provide education and programs on litter reduction and recycling for the beautification of our community! To find out where and what you can recycle, go to <https://kcbne.com>

MEALS ON WHEELS



Make sure to sign up for 2023 Meals on Wheels Schedule!
Please contact Kathy Leischner,
402-276-7415, kathy.leischner@yahoo.com
if you can deliver for approximately one hour each day
during Federated's Scheduled week each month!

OPERATION EDUCATION NAIROBI



Operation Education Nairobi is now a
Local Benevolence and has been added to
the Federated Church Budget for 2023.
Watch bulletins and newsletters for
upcoming fundraisers and events!



ERNA R. BADSTIEBER 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 2023	
General Funds (Checking):	\$48,022.60
2023 Contributions	\$47,438.60
2022 Contributions	\$584.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$7,011.28
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$45.00
Hispanic Ministries	\$4,000.00
Food Pantry	\$1,023.88
Hastings College	\$50.00
Youth Fund - Book Sale, Ski Trip, Can Recycling	\$1,232.40
Building Maintenance	\$100.00
Landscaping Fund - K. Leischner Memorial Tree	\$360.00
Disaster Relief - Turkey/Syria Earthquake	\$100.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$100.00
Memorials:	\$1,070.00
Undesignated	\$970.00
Landscaping	\$100.00
Interest Income:	\$496.12
Savings	\$496.12

Expenses - February 2023	
General Fund Expenses:	\$36,347.82
Utilities	\$5,841.27
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$30,506.55
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$1,348.40
Food Pantry - Souper Bowl of Caring	\$1,023.88
Disaster Relief - Turkey/Syria Earthquake	\$100.00
Youth Fund - Fuel/Mileage for Youth Ski Trip	\$120.52
Music Department - Choral Music	\$104.00
Memorial Fund:	\$114.35
Kitchen Supplies - paid to Hadley Braithwait	\$114.35

Total Income: \$56,600.00

Total Expenses: \$37,810.57

Balance: \$18,789.43





Happy Birthday!



Brenda Kallweit	4/2	Garrett Hahn	4/16
Brian Klevemann, Jessica Sand	4/7	Marcia Grant	4/17
Jan Pickrel	4/8	Guy Wheatley	4/20
Cara Porter, Ellie Porter, Lisa Perrin	4/9	Mitchell Griffith	4/21
Beverly Fry, Connor Hahn, Sue Mares	4/10	Anjel 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	Jude Graybill	4/29
		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.**

MARCH USHERS

Ushers: Nell Burnham, John & Marilyn Petersen, Rick Porter,
Bill Royer, Peg Rupprecht
Youth Ushers: Ellie Porter, Otis Young

2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEETING DAYS/TIMES

In the table below you can find the 2023 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	Pat Anderson	1st 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 & Growth Committee	Jesse Abrego	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating Committee	Julie Graham	<i>To be determined</i>
Order of St. Andrew	Peg Meyer	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 Monday of the month, 5:00pm
Stewardship Committee	To Be Determined	4th Thursday of the month, 5:30pm
Worship & Music Committee	John Lohr and Sue McClure	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Youth Ministry Committee	Parker Grant	2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am
Foundation	Doug Williams, President	Quarterly/as Necessary
Governing Council	Julie Graham, President Alison Wagner, 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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APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

DECODING THE LITURGICAL COLOR SCHEME

Purple = Preparation Purple is the color that is used during our seasons of preparation: Advent and Lent. During both of these seasons (the four Sundays before Christmas and the 40 days before Easter, respectively), we are to dedicate ourselves for the preparation of our hearts and minds for welcoming Christ. Purple is also the traditional color of royalty, and so some give nod to this as a reason why we use purple during these seasons.

In some tradition, the color **blue** is used interchangeably with purple during the season of Advent.

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). You will also often see a pastor wear a white stole when officiating a wedding. Although there is no theological or liturgical reason, some pastors choose to do so as the colors white and black are so often associated with weddings. However, any color of stole is deemed appropriate based on the season.