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FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Columbus Days, August 11th through 14th - please watch bulletins for list of events!

THANK YOU FROM REECE'S FAMILY

Words cannot express our gratitude and thanks for the support our family has received from our church family during the past 15 years. At this time we express special thanks to those who helped prepare for Reece's funeral and to those who helped in the kitchen following the service.

Stuart, Kristen, Reagan & Riley Gausman,
Louise & Bernie Moran

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. September 2022 Newsletter deadline will be August 20th, 2022.

FROM BRENDA, ACTING HEAD OF STAFF

In preparation for preaching in July, I came across the following article posted on the University Congregational (UCC Church in Seattle) website. I encourage you to spend some time contemplating the Lord's Prayer and if you are inclined, to write your own version of the prayer. If you are comfortable sharing the result, I would love to read it or discuss it with you.

The peace of Christ be with you,
Brenda Sand
Acting Head of Staff

The Lord's Prayer

| Sep 30, 2011 | [The Comma](#) | University Congregational UCC – Seattle |

Earlier this week I sat down with two different gatherings to take a look at the Lord's Prayer. We read several translations of it, and then we each wrote our own versions. Some of these are included below. This prayer is usually recited quickly and perhaps automatically—we don't always think about what the words mean. But when we took some time to rephrase this prayer, questions arose. What name(s) do we use for God? Is "daily bread" literal or metaphorical in a place where people die of hunger? Are "debts" financial or something more akin to sins, faults, mistakes? Or both?

As we read our prayers to each other, we heard "aha" moments. We also heard poetry. Some people were willing to loan me their prayers to post here. If you try this on your own and feel so inclined, you can post your efforts in the comments area below.

We discussed what happens when you say a prayer quickly or slowly, when you use the same words every time or explore alternative phrasings. Here is an example.

Holy One,
Here and everywhere your name is sacred.
May your way become our way.
May your desire for us become our desire
here, now, and always.
Give to us the physical and spiritual
nourishment that we need
and forgive our failures as we forgive others
who hurt us.
Keep us from wandering from you
and when we are in danger, save us.
For you are too wonderful for words,
too complex for our understanding,
too glorious for our song.
All begins and ends with you.
Amen.

How to Pray
Matthew 6:10-13

P	PRAISE for who He is. for what He has done. OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
R	REPENT of sins I have committed. of commands I have neglected. AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.
A	ASK for the needs of others. for my needs. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
Y	YIELD my will to God's will. my agenda to God's agenda for me. THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.

Proverbs 22:6

The 5 Finger Prayer is a great way to teach children to pray. Each finger represents a person or group of people for whom to pray.

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

James 5:13

YOUTH MINISTRY

Even youth grow tired and weary and the young stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

Isaiah 40:30-31a

Teens tend to live in extremes, that's why the 4 P's of Prayer is an excellent prayer method for teens. Peaks, pits, praises, and prayers can be recorded in a journal or used as prompts during prayer. This method encourages teens to see how God is working through the "peaks" and "pits."

PRAYER JOURNAL

Peaks

**Today's Good Stuff
Give God the Credit**

Pits

**Today's Not Good Stuff
Ask/Give Forgiveness**

Praises

**Thank God for the PEAKS
and PITS**

Prayers

**Prayer requests for others
and self.**

2022 ANNUAL GARAGE SALE



This year's Annual Garage Sale was co-chaired by Sue Mares and Linda Wheatley. They reported having over 65 volunteers who came to help organize, run the sale and clean up afterwards! Total sales are currently over \$5,700! The group will be meeting at a later date to decide how to distribute funds



and the report will be in the 2023 Annual Reports. Left over items were donated to Goodwill, Simon House, Salvation Army, the Columbus Community Hospital Shoe Drive, Mission Heart in Central City and Susan's Books & Gifts in Aurora.



JUNE 2022 GOVERNING COUNCIL SUMMARY

The June meeting of the Federated Church Governing Council was held on June 28. Members present were Jesse Abrego, Katie Claus, Julie Graham, John McClure, John McPhail, Alison Wagner, Mark Weeder, Rev. Edward Yang, Acting Head of Staff Brenda Sand, Recording Secretary Louise Moran, and President Wayne McCormick. Absent were Rev. Edward Yang, Mimi Ernst, Renee Norris, and Donna Augspurger.

Mark Weeder gave the Finance and Property Committee report. Discussion was held on the silent auction of surplus church property, the status of the sound system upgrade.

The following motions were made and approved:

- To approve the May Governing Council meeting minutes.
- To receive the financial reports.
- To receive the Finance and Property report.
- To receive the emailed Standing Committee reports.
- To receive the Acting Head of Staff written report
- To donate the old unused communion service to a church or group in need.

Submitted by Wayne McCormick, President

SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS - SCHOOL BAG PROJECT

Social Concerns and Mission Committee is sponsoring the School Bag Congregation wide Mission Project. A table in the Narthex has a box of 40 zip lock bags, each one containing a list of the needed school supplies to be purchased. Please purchase the quantity recommended. Generally, WalMart has a Back to School Supplies sale starting in July. Please take advantage of it. The goal is to have items purchased by the end of July. Once you have purchased the school items, place them in the zip lock bag and return it to the church. The Social Concerns and Missions Committee will place the filled plastic bags into cloth bags sewn by Elsie Ita, Louise Moran and Anita Hahn. THANK YOU!



SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADING PROJECT

This past May the Finance and Property Committee approved the purchase and installation of equipment to improve the sanctuary's sound system. This will include adding some new speakers and amplifiers, eliminating some old speakers, and should greatly improve sound quality. While some of the equipment has arrived, supply chain delays have pushed the expected installation into late August or September. The cost of this project is expected to be approximately \$15,000 and is being funded through generous gifts from the congregation. If you would like to help support this effort, please contact the church office.

SILENT AUCTION A SUCCESS!

All items were bid on except the filing cabinets, which were sold in the Garage Sale.
The Silent Auction brought in over \$1,300!
Many thanks to all the bidders and congratulations on the winners!!
The money for the silent auction will go towards new equipment
and/or furniture for the church.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Group will be meeting
Saturday, August 13th at 8:30am
in the Fellowship Hall.
Men of all ages welcome!

COLUMBUS DAYS

Columbus Days will be taking place August 11th - 14th.
As always, the church will be participating by operating the Diaper Changing/Nursing
Station in Frankfort Square and creating a float for the Parade. This year's theme is
'Nightmare on 13th Street'. If you would like to help or volunteer, please contact
Jesse Abrego, Chair of Membership & Growth Committee.

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".

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

MEALS ON WHEELS



Thank you to Cec Bartholomew and the crew of volunteers that delivered Meals on Wheels the week of July 27. Our next week of service is Sept. 5-9 with no meals delivered on Sept. 5, Labor Day. Coordinator will be Renee Bellum 402-563-2441 or 402-276-2454.

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.



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>

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.



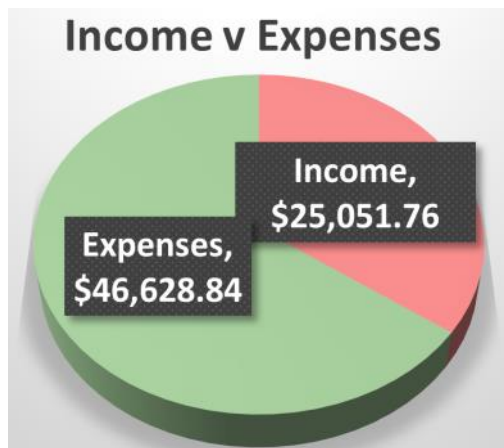
FINANCE AT A GLANCE

Contributions - June 2022	
General Funds (Checking):	\$24,469.90
Contributions (2022)	\$24,469.90
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$557.22
Vacation Bible Camp	\$364.38
Youth Fund	\$35.00
Operation Education	\$100.00
Interest Income:	\$24.64
Savings	\$24.64

Total Income: \$25,051.76

Total Expenses: \$46,628.84

Balance: -\$21,577.08



Expenses - June 2022	
General Fund Expenses:	\$33,642.38
Utilities	\$1,952.89
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$31,618.75
Misc. Expense - Postage	\$60.74
Rent - Opening/Closing for Special Election	\$10.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$12,743.80
Vacation Bible Camp	\$544.38
Landscaping	\$11,404.04
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$160.01
General Savings - Library to Chapel Project	\$635.37
Memorial Fund:	\$242.66
Unrestricted - Boettcher - engraved brass plates	\$26.25
Kitchen Supplies - Baggies	\$216.41

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 June, we helped three families with fuel and one individual with rent.

Total given to those in need though June 30, 2022: \$799.97



Annie Lange	8/2	Kristi Wolfe	8/17
Raeya Curtis	8/3	Dwayne Smith	8/18
Kevin Meyer	8/9	Breanna Griffith	8/20
Janet Lyon	8/10	Dave Melick	8/21
Doris Augspurger	8/13	Cindy Lisko, Joseph Srb Jr.	8/22
Janice Jensen, Tim Warren	8/14	Ashli Porter	8/24
Paula Lange, Glynnette Smith	8/15	Barb Zoucha	8/25

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have time to help out this summer?
We have a number of activities that you can volunteer for!

- * Special Music during Sunday worship services
- * Liturgist during Sunday worship services
- * Summer Café La Fed after Sunday worship services
 - * Rescue Mission Meals, once a month

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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AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

DECODING THE LITURGICAL COLOR SCHEME

Green = Presence During the majority of the church year, which is commonly called "ordinary time", the color that you will find is green. Because the color green is so often associated with life, the use of green during the seasons and the times when there is "nothing special" going on in the life of the church (no big festivals or holidays) reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us and into our church.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following who donated cookies to the weekly Thursday Red Cross Blood Drive for the month of July:
Jean Badje, Ruth Erwin, Betty Hledik, Paula Lange and Karen Paben