



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- ♦ August 10 - 13: Columbus Days
 - Diaper Changing Station Fri. - Sun.
 - Night Parade 9:30pm Fri.
 - Parade 3pm Sun.
- ♦ August 12: Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Reminder: Most committees meetings resume in August, if you are not sure if your committee is meeting, please contact your Chairpersons

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 2023 Newsletter deadline will be August 20th, 2023.

Youth Summer Mission Trip



TESSA MILLER

BRENDA SAND

MEG WEEDER

BRINLEE KLEVEMANN

EDWARD YANG

ELIOT YANG

One July 9th, the six members of the youth summer mission team set out for the Quad Cities, IL/IA. The trip was coordinated by Youth Works and our leaders for the week were Yami, Mike and Mia. We stayed at Grace Lutheran Church. Our service site for the week was Active Day in Moline, IL. Active Day is a day care facility for adults and seniors with disabilities. Our evenings were filled with worship, small group time, and fun activities. Some of the highlights of the trip were making new friends, eating at Whitey's Ice Cream, and learning the Church Clap line dance. Thank you to Federated Church and your support of this trip.

Upcoming Activities

August 11th – Columbus Days Night Parade – 9:30 pm (All invited to participate)

August 13th – Backpack Blessing – 10:00 am

August 13th – Columbus Days Parade – 3 pm (All invited to participate)

September 10th – Ed Hour Resumes – Kick-Off Event – 9:00 am

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR JUNE 2023

♦ John and Anita Hahn rejoiced with the birth of their first great grandchild, Camden Matthew King, into the Hahn family on June 3rd. Parents are Matthew and Kaitlyn King and grandmother is Lori Hahn King all of Elkhorn.

♦ A sincere thank you to everyone who sent cards & prayers & calls while I was recovering. I am now home after 3 months at Brookstone and getting stronger by the day. ~ Nell Burnham

♦ The family of Ruth Elwood would like to invite everyone to the Ramada Inn in Columbus on July 15 at 11 a.m. for the Celebration of Life for Ruth.

♦ Pray for Richard Canaday, father of Julie Graham, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

♦ Pray for the family of Rodney, son of Cheryl (Jean Royer's sister) and Lonnie. Rodney passed away on June 30th. There will be a graveside service at a later date.

♦ Pray for Youth Summer Mission Team (Brinlee Klevemann, Tessa Miller, Meg Weeder and Eliot Yang, led by Brenda Sand and Edward Yang) as they travel to Quad Cities. Please pray for the team's safety and openness to how God is working.

♦ Chancel Flowers are given by the Elwood family, in loving memory of their mother, Ruth Elwood, who passed away on August 14, 2022. Ruth was 98 years old.

♦ Pray for Brendon Rathje, son of Tim & Val Rathje, who was in a motorcycle accident.

♦ Please pray for the family of David Walline. David passed away on July 15, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. David and his wife, Linda, were previously members of Federated Church.

♦ Homestead Presbytery: Dunbar
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Dunbar 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: Fairbury
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Fairbury 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: Falls City
First Presbyterian Church of Falls City is enjoying hosting Wednesday's Mosaic Table for community members. A meal, movie and fellowship are offered on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month. Sometimes special guests are invited such as Falls City's Veterans and families involved in the SixPence program. Our basement entrance was recently remodeled to make it handicapped accessible. The funds for the project and some of the funds for the Mosaic Table dinners came from a much-appreciated grant through the Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation! Our Diaper Closet is over five years old now. It is open Mondays from 4 to 6 pm and provides diapers, wipes, lotion, laundry detergent, baby wash, baby and toddler clothing, blankets and many other items for children up to age five. Falls City will celebrate its annual Cobblestone Festival on August 27th. The Cobblestone Parade makes its turn at our church corner, so we encourage people to view the parade from our church balcony. Shade, seating and cold water are offered to parade watchers. Before the parade (10:15 to 11:00 am), the Buchanan Highlanders of St. Joseph, MO, provide a great bagpipe concert for everyone within a two-block radius. Our congregation is quite small, but we enjoy helping our community where we can. Please pray that our congregation continues to grow in spirit and in size!

♦ Homestead Presbytery: Fremont
Fremont Presbyterian church is deep in the work of a church-wide mission study this summer. We are soon to elect a pastor nominating committee. We appreciate your prayers as we seek a pastor for our next joyful season of mission and ministry. This summer after a hiatus of more than 10 years, we hosted a vacation Bible school for the children who come to enjoy free lunch weekdays at the church. We continue to look for ways that our very extensive church building can continuously be used well for lively community projects.

♦ UCC Living Waters Association:

- Fremont First Congregational UCC (Fremont, 68025)
- Hartington First Congregational UCC (Hartington, 68739)
- Neligh First Congregational UCC (Neligh, 68756)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thank you to all who took food for HABITAT for HUMANITY! As usual, Federated folks really stepped up to the plate and delivered! Thanks for working, too.
Social Concerns and Missions Committee

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Anita Hahn, Paula Lange, Ruth Erwin and Karen Paben for donating cookies to the Thursday Red Cross Blood Drive for the month of July held at the United Methodist Outreach Center.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE 2

Co Chairs: Steve & Marcia Dewald, Larry & Sue Mares, Linda & Guy Wheatley, Barb Olson
Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs

SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS: HYGIENE BAGS

Thank you to the generous people at Federated for filling 24 hygiene bags to be given to folks impacted by natural disasters in the South. Thanks to one special donor who donated money for the processing fee. Special thanks to Anita Hahn for organizing this project.
Social Concerns and Mission Committee

USHERS/ LITURGISTS & ATTENDANCE REPORT JULY 2023

Ushers : Bill Royer, Pat Anderson, Peg Rupprecht

Liturgists : Katie Claus, Beth Sharpe, Brenda Sand, Nicole Miller, Sue McClure

Average Attendance : Thursday Service - 27

Sunday Service - 82

Online Average - 94

Total Weekly Attendance - 200

RESCUE MISSION MEALS 2023

Thank you for filling in so many slots for the Rescue Mission meals!
There are only November and December left to fill.
This is always the second Friday of the month.

SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTIONS & EVENTS

For the months of July, August and September we will be collecting leashes, Pine Sol and bleach for Paws and Claws.

In October, November, December we will be collecting new items - gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for the Angel Tree. Watch for these items to go on sale! Summer is a good time to stock up.

"The Son of Man did **not** come to be served, but to serve," Matthew 20 : 28
Social Concerns and Missions Committee

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.





Annie Lange	8/2	Kristi Wolfe	8/17
Raeya Curtis	8/3	Dwayne Smith	8/18
Kevin Meyer	8/9	Breanna Griffith, Ivy Hammans	8/20
Janet Lyon	8/10	Dave Melick	8/21
Doris Augspurger	8/13	Joseph Srb, Jr.	8/22
Spencer Swierczek, Tim Warren	8/14	Ashli Porter	8/24
Paula Lange, Glynnette Smith	8/15	Taylor Irby, Barbara Zoucha	8/25

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call the church office so we can update our records.**

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	Georgia Behlen, Alison Wagner	Will meet as necessary
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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AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

THIRD QUARTER *THESE DAYS* 2023 NOW AVAILABLE

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



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.