

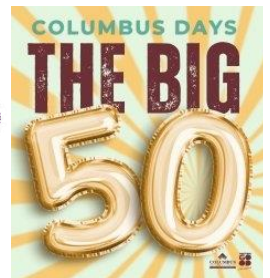


FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ August 8 & 11: Hymn Sing during Service
- ◆ August 10: Men's Fellowship Breakfast
 - ◆ August 11: Blessing of Backpacks
- ◆ August 8 - 11: Columbus Days: The Big 50
 - August 9 - 11 - Diaper Changing & Nursing Station
 - August 9, 8:30am - Parade Float Construction
 - August 9, 9:30pm - Night Parade
 - August 11, 2:00pm - Parade
- ◆ August 24: Governing Council Retreat
 - ◆ August 25: Committee Fair



PASTOR'S REPORT

For upcoming newsletters, I would like to do something different. I would like to hear from you and share (if it's okay with you) your experiences. As we approach the end of summer, my questions to you are: What was a memorable summer trip from your childhood? Where did you go? Who did you go with? What do you remember most about that trip?

While you are thinking about these questions, I can share my response. When I was in elementary school (around 4th grade), my family joined several other families on a road trip from Los Angeles to Arizona and Utah. My brother and I were in the back seat of our family car for what felt like a torturous ride. I don't remember if the car lacked air conditioning or my parents were strictly obeying the road signs. There were signs by the highway that said not to use A/C while driving up the incline. Since much of the road from L.A. to the Grand Canyon (our first destination) was mostly uphill, we did not use A/C. Being summertime, it seemed like opening the car windows didn't help because the outside air was so hot.

It was a relief when we got to our first stop. Along with the Grand Canyon being an amazing sight in person, it felt like the air got cooler. From there, we visited a couple other national parks: Zion and Bryce. The best part of that trip was the boat ride in Lake Powell.

There are several memories of that summer trip: majesty of the Grand Canyon as a first-time visitor, natural beauty of mountains and trees at Zion and Bryce National Parks, and abundance of refreshing fresh water at Lake Powell. Oddly, the memory that stands out the most is the challenging car ride we took to get there. What is strange is that I don't remember at all our ride back to LA. Maybe my memory bank felt full by the time we were heading back.

Please share a memorable summer trip from your childhood; typed or handwritten response would be preferred.

Grace and peace,
Edward

Youth Mission Trip 2024



The youth mission team consisting of Eliot Yang, Tessa Miller, Meg Weeder, Brintlee Klevemann, Pastor Edward, and Brenda Sand set off for Milwaukee Wisconsin on Sunday, July 14th at 6 am. After a long day of driving, we arrived at our home for the week, Christ Church UCC. We spent the evening getting to know the Youth Works staff and the other teams that we would be working with throughout the week. Each morning we had breakfast, made lunches to take to our worksites, and had time for personal devotions. Every evening, we had dinner, worship and small group discussion time.



Our work crew included our group of six and the boys and an adult leader from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sumner, IA. We made a great team! On Monday and Tuesday, we served at St. Ann Stein – an

intergenerational care facility for all ages and abilities. In the morning we worked with children in the daycare. We played games, read stories, and helped with craft projects. In the afternoon we worked with clients in the adult side of the facility, which included veterans, dementia patients and clients with a variety of disabilities. We had conversations, played games and helped with art projects.



On Wednesday and Thursday, we worked at Grant Park with a volunteer group named Friends of Grant Park. We worked with volunteer Rick, to identify and remove invasive plants. We used the cuttings to block off unwanted trails.



Other evening activities included attending a Life Changers podcast and a community BBQ and worship service at Adullam Outreach Center. Both of these activities gave us a better understanding of the challenges facing the Milwaukee community and what some groups are doing to address these issues.



After completing our service, we spent an extra day exploring the Milwaukee Community. We toured the Milwaukee Art Museum, had lunch at the Milwaukee Public Market, Walked the River Walk from Downtown to Lake Michigan and Back, drove by the Fiserv Forum (home of the Milwaukee Bucks), Walked around the outside of the Harley Davidson Museum, and explored the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Stadium. We spent the night in Madison where we visited the State Capital and ate dinner at Teddywedgers.



Our trip would not have been complete without a stop at Smoky D's BBQ in Des Moines on the way home!



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported this mission trip through prayer, financial support of our fundraisers, and for those who helped with worship so that Edward and I could have this experience with the youth. God has given these kids some pretty amazing gifts and it was awesome to see them share these gifts with the people we served in Milwaukee. It was also such a blessing to see each of the kids grow in confidence and faith in Christ.

Calendar of Events

8/11

BACKPACK BLESSING

Teachers & Students bring your backpacks to worship for a special back-to-school blessing

9/8

EDUCATION HOUR KICK-OFF

9:00 am Education Hour Resumes
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Lunch & Ice Cream Social

GOVERNING COUNCIL, ORDER OF ST. ANDREW AND COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

Below are summaries of the GC, OSA and Committees. If you are interested in serving a term in any of these committees, please contact one of the Nominating Committee Members or the church office. Nominations will be voted on the Congregational Meeting on October 27th. There is more information available on the easel in the Narthex and Nominating Committee will be holding a Committee Fair on August 25th after service in the Narthex.

Governing Council:

Meets 4th Tuesday, 7pm

Purpose: Management of the affairs of the church, the policy makers of the congregation.

Order of St. Andrew:

Meets 1st Monday, 4:30pm

Purpose: To be supportive caregivers to the Federated Church family.

Christian Education Committee:

Meets 1st Tuesday, 6:30pm

Purpose: To provide Christian educational opportunities for all who wish to grow in faith, spirit and discipleship.

Endowment Committee:

Meetings determined by Chair

Purpose: To be maintainers of the Endowment and help make sound decisions regarding the memorial gifts given to the Church.

Finance & Property Committee:

Meets 2nd Monday, 6:30pm

Purpose: Develop & implement goals/procedures/policies for the financial wellbeing of the church and its properties.

Membership & Growth Committee:

Meets 4th Tuesday, 7pm

Purpose: Identify status of members/potential members, provide fellowship opportunities, recruit and coordinate volunteers for church activities.

Nominating Committee:

Meetings are determined by Chair

Purpose: To recommend people to fill vacancies in committees, OSA and GC at the Fall Congregational Meeting.

Personnel Committee:

Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Purpose: To be liaisons between the staff and the congregation; the Human Resources of the committees.

Social Concerns & Missions Committee:

Meets 2nd Monday, 7pm

Purpose: To develop opportunities for the congregation to fulfill the work of the church in our community, country, and throughout our world, by utilizing their talents, time and treasures.

Stewardship Committee:

Meetings are determined by Chair

Purpose: To offer education and action to enable the congregation to give of their time, talents, and treasures for the work of the Church.

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR JULY 2024

◆ Pray for the family of Flo Ann Sandahl, Nell Burnham's sister. Flo passed away June 13th in Longmont, Colorado. She was 96 and was an educator in the Longmont public schools for many years prior to her recent stay in the Longmont nursing home.

◆ Pray for the family of Calvin Wagner. Calvin passed away on June 22nd. Celebration of Life was July 1st, at Federated Church.

◆ Pray for the family of Ronald "Ron" Jindra, brother of Betty Hledik, who passed away July 2nd. A funeral was held on July 6th at St. Anthony's.

◆ Pray for the Youth Summer Mission Team as they travel to and from Milwaukee, working with Youth Works. The team includes Rev. Edward Yang, Brenda Sand, Brinlee Klevemann, Tessa Miller, Meg Weeder, and Eliot Yang.

◆ Congratulations to Katie Claus. The Chamber of Commerce announced that "Katie Claus will reign as Queen Isabella L over the 2024 Columbus Days Celebration along with K.C. Belitz as King Ferdinand L. These exceptional individuals have been handpicked for their outstanding service and significant contributions to the Columbus community. A Coronation Cocktail Party and crowning will be Monday, August 5th at 5:30pm at the Elks Country Club. Contact the Chamber for tickets. (402) 564-2769".

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln First**
We are in the process of reviewing our goals and priorities, and would welcome prayers as we continue to fine-tune our understanding of God's call to us at this time. We give thanks for the vision of our leaders that has opened doors to creative ways of serving our community and building new partnerships, and we look forward to seeing the fruit of that creativity.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Fourth**
Continued prayers for all at Fourth as we continue to discern and embrace God's will for our congregation as we acknowledge 117 years of ministry in the University Place Neighborhood. We were successful in receiving an accessibility grant through the Presbyterian Foundation in the fall, to allow us to continue to enhance our Worship and Evangelism efforts through outreach and partnership. We have already installed floorings and some ramps and will finish work this summer on a final external ramp and community prayer garden. We are excited to continue our partnership with A Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln as we celebrate the installation of a Fit-Park for the Elderly in UPCO Park, that was opened in mid-June by the Lincoln Mayor. We are humbled to continue to serve over a 1000 people through community use of our building this year to date including partnerships with The ARC of Lincoln and Pinewood Bowl. We

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR JULY 2024

are thankful for Presbytery prayers as we discern how God calls us to be good stewards of our resources and are excited for the year ahead!

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: *Lincoln Good Shepherd***

We humbly ask for your prayers for Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, NE as we continue to serve our community with love and compassion. We seek God's guidance and strength in our ministries. Please pray for our congregation to be a support for those in need, to be a congregation that teaches the word of God faithfully, and for our leaders to have wisdom and discernment in their decision-making. We especially ask you to lift to the Lord our outreach programs, including the CWS Kit Depot, blanket ministry, Veterans Giving Tree, Sleep in Heavenly Peace initiative, and the Barnabas Project. May they touch the hearts of many and bring them the grace

of our Lord Jesus Christ. We praise You Lord for the blessing of the partnership with Westminster Presbyterian for a VBS program, for the May Basket community outreach project and for times of fellowship. Your prayers are greatly appreciated as we strive to live out our calling as faithful servants of the Good Shepherd.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: *Lincoln Heritage***

Here at Heritage, we continue to pray for our congregants dealing with health issues and that God guide us in our daily lives.

- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:**
 - ***Fremont First Congregational UCC (68025)***
 - ***Hartington First Congregational UCC (68739)***
 - ***Neligh First Congregational UCC (68756)***
 - ***Newcastle Congregational UCC (68756)***

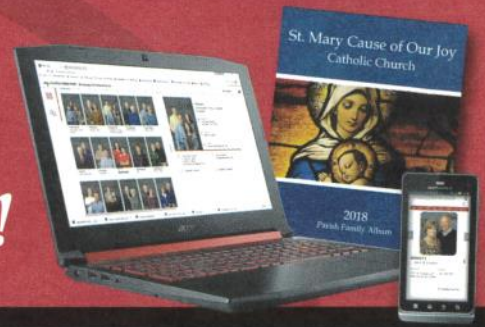
PHOTO DIRECTORY!!

It's time for a new Pictorial Directory! Our dates of photography are in September: Thursday the 26th from 2 to 8 pm; Friday the 27th from 2 to 8 pm; and Saturday the 28th from 10 am to 4 pm.

Just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a new Church Family Directory. You will view your images right away and have the opportunity to purchase family portraits for your own memories and to give as gifts.

You can make an appointment online or ask one of the Membership & Growth members or office personnel to help. More information is available on the next page!

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



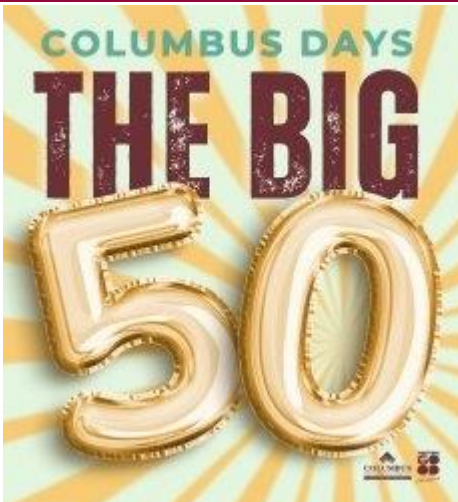
Welcome to Online Scheduling!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to, **to our church website** or **Facebook page**, or **ucdir.com** or the **QR code on the flyer**. Enter **NE251** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. Click on to schedule your photography session on the right side If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. Online scheduling is available **seven days a week**.

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group 6:30pm Worship Service	2 8:00am MB Out of the Office 6:00pm E1 Buen Prayer Service	3
4 10:00am Sunday Worship Service 3:00pm E1 Buen Prayer Services	5 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 2:30pm OSA - kitchen, food prep 4:30pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting 7:00pm Scout troop 212 meeting	6 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting	7 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study 6:30pm FUMC Youth Performance	8 5:30am FUMC Youth Performance 6:30pm Worship Service	9 Columbus Days 8:30am FLOAT - Columbus Days - float decorating 6:00pm E1 Buen Prayer Service	10 Columbus Days 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
11 Columbus Days 10:00am Sunday Worship Service 11:15am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting 3:00pm E1 Buen Prayer Services	12 8:00am CF Appointment 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee Meeting 6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scout troop 212 meeting	13 7:00pm Personnel Committee 7:15pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	14 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study	15 6:30pm Worship Service	16 8:00am MB Out of the Office 6:00pm E1 Buen Prayer Service	17 10:00am Homestead Presbytery stated meeting at Calvin Crest
18 10:00am Sunday Worship Service 3:00pm E1 Buen Prayer Services	19 8:00am Carpet cleaning 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 7:00pm Scout troop 212 meeting 7:00pm Circle 4	20 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting	21 8:00am Chrissy dentist 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Circle 2 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study	22 6:30pm Worship Service	23 6:00pm E1 Buen Prayer Service	24 9:00am G.C. retreat - Benedictine Center
25 10:00am Sunday Worship Service 3:00pm E1 Buen Prayer Services	26 8:00am Kathy vacation Mon-Thurs. 10:00am Chrissy Dr. Appointment 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 7:00pm Scout troop 212 meeting	27 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting	28 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study	29 6:30pm Worship Service	30 6:00pm E1 Buen Prayer Service	31

2024 COLUMBUS DAYS



Columbus Days will be held downtown Thursday, August 8th through Sunday, August 11th.

Federated Church will be having the Diaper Changing/Nursing Station and a float on Friday and Sunday. Please contact one of the Membership & Growth Committee members!

FUNERAL COMMITTEE 4

Co-Chairs: Steve & Sue McClure, Sharon Kuncl, Brenda Sand, Rod & Cindee Wachter
Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs.

USHERS/LITURGISTS & ATTENDANCE REPORT JULY 2024

Ushers : John & Anita Hahn, Georgia Behlen, John & Anita Hahn, Bill Royer

Liturgists : Wayne McCormick, Marv Zoucha, Riley Gausman, Nicole Miller

Average Attendance :

Thursday Service - 17

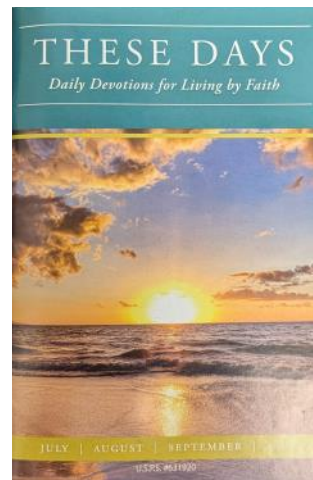
Sunday Service - 75

Online - 99

Weekly Attendance - 192

THESE DAYS THIRD QUARTER 2024

These Days for the 3rd quarter of 2024 is now available in the Narthex and office



SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTIONS & EVENTS

In July, August, and September, we are collecting leashes, Pine Sol, and bleach for Paws & Claws Adoption Center, There is a box for these items in the north entry off the parking lot. Thank you in advance for your help.

Social Concerns and Missions Committee

*"The Son of Man did **not** come to be served, but to serve," Matthew 20 : 28*

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

We are still collecting pill bottles - please take off labels (Goo Gone or Dawn Dishwashing soap work well.) Containers should be rinsed out, also. Thank you for your donations to this worthy project. These pill bottles are used as packing materials to send items to Africa and, once there, they will be sanitized and used for prescriptions.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Can you play an instrument? Sing? Hum? Whistle? Or even play the accordion?? If you would like to share your talent with your Federated Family, sign up today for "Federated's Got Talent!" There is a catch though... there is no judging! You won't get first or second place, no ribbon, award or golden ticket. You will, however, get a "Great job!" "Thank you for sharing!" or a firm handshake and a pat on the back. Sign up today in the Narthex!

M & G SMALL GROUPS

Do you enjoy concerts, plays, or any upcoming arts and events in Columbus? However do you stay home because you do not want to attend alone and would rather go with others?

Here is your chance to go with others. The Membership and Growth Committee is getting a group of people together to attend these events.

If you are interested, please contact Ruth Lind and leave your name, phone number and email address. I will add your name or names to the list and will contact you when the next event comes up. If there is something you would like to see or attend, please give us your ideas. Please contact the church office if you need Ruth's contact information.

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.

It is noted that the shopping cart for the Food Pantry has been empty for the past few weeks. This, too, is an important part of Federated's outreach. Especially needed are canned fruits and vegetables.



MEALS ON WHEELS



Make sure to sign up for 2024 Meals on Wheels Schedule!
Please contact Kathy Leischner
if you can deliver for approximately one hour each day
during Federated's scheduled week!

RESCUE MISSION MEALS FOR 2024

Columbus **RESCUE** Mission

Federated Church has a long history of providing meals for the Rescue Mission, now located at 1112 15th Street, the old "Mory's Haven." This year we have two dates that still needs to be filled: November 8 and December 13 (always the second Friday.) With the price of groceries rising, we would suggest that two or three people go together to provide a meal. Please help with this important ministry. Sign up is in the Narthex.

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 ,

& pill bottles are accepted without labels

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

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, and paper towels.



KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL



Keep Columbus Beautiful is an affiliate of

Keep America Beautiful.

To find out more information go to <https://kcbne.com>

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: Clorox, Pine Sol, Paper Towels, Old Linens, Stamps, Copy Paper, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores.

They have a number of animals available, go to <https://www.pawsandclawsne.org!>



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August Birthdays

Annie Lange	8/2	Karen Grabowski	8/18
Raeya Curtis	8/3	Breanna Griffith	8/20
Jeanne Johnson, Kevin Meyer	8/9	Dave Melick	8/21
Janet Lyon	8/10	Ashli Porter	8/24
Doris Augspurger	8/13	Taylor Irby, Barbara Zoucha	8/25
Spencer Swierczek, Tim Warren	8/14	David Marsh	8/27
Paula Lange, Glynette Smith	8/15	Connie Spohn	8/30
Kristi Wolfe	8/17		

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

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!



For the year of 2024, we have received donations equaling \$1,790.00! As of July 31st, we have helped twelve people with fuel, one member with food, one person with rental assistance, one member with an anxiety vest, and donated \$350 to the Brian Marker Benefit that was held in January, for a total of \$748.14.

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

2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEETING DAYS/TIMES

In the table below you can find the 2024 Chairperson(s) 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	Mark Weeder	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Membership & Growth Committee	Nila Novotny	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating Committee	Alison Wagner & Georgia Behlen	<i>To be determined</i>
Order of St. Andrew	Peg Meyer	1st Monday of the month, 4:30pm
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	Will meet as necessary
Worship & Music Committee	John Lohr	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm
Youth Ministry Committee	Max Porter	2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am
Foundation	Doug Williams, President	Quarterly/as Necessary
Governing Council	Alison Wagner, President Georgia Behlen, 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

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 time where there is “nothing special” going on in the life of the church (no big festivals or holiday) reminds us that God is present among us , breathing life into us and into our church.

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 2024 Newsletter deadline will be August 20th, 2024.