



# FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ August 5 - Rev. Adam Lassen guest preaching
  - ♦ August 8 - Rev. Jane Holtzclaw, M.D.  
guest preaching
- ♦ August 13-15 - Columbus Days Weekend with Diaper Changing Station at Frankfort Square & Parade on Sunday
- ♦ August 15 - "Blessing of Backpacks" during service
  - ♦ August 29 - New Members Celebration & 5th Sunday Potluck
- ♦ September 5 - Café La Fed starts back up
- ♦ September 6 - Office closed for Labor Day
- ♦ September 12 - Education Hour Kick-off

## From the Pastor's Desk

This month's newsletter includes photographs of a recent infant baptism. It is a wonderful delight to celebrate this sacrament, even more so with two baptisms in two months: Syllas Micek in June and Jude Graybill in July. (Thank you Dylan & Miranda Micek and Marc & Megan Graybill for granting our church this blessing!)

While preparing for a recent sermon and thinking about infant baptisms, I was reminded of the 16<sup>th</sup> century Protestant Reformer, John Calvin. More specifically, I recalled Calvin's idea of divine accommodation and the following statement by him:

For who even of slight intelligence does not understand that, as nurses commonly do with infants, God is wont [that is, inclined] in a measure to “lisp” in speaking to us? Thus such forms of speaking do not so much express clearly what God is like as accommodate the knowledge of [God] to our slight capacity. To do this [God] must descend far beneath [God's] loftiness. (*Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 1.13.1)

We cannot grasp the greatness of God. It is only by God coming down to our level that we can know some measure of the divine. Calvin used the example of an adult who engages in “baby-talk” with a child to explain God's willingness to accommodate human limitations. Without divine accommodation, God would be unknown to us in the sense that God is beyond our human understanding. Yet, God reaches down to our level.

More than knowing information about God, “baby-talk” is about connecting in a relationship. If you have spoken this *parentese* language, then I would guess it was for playing with a young child or getting their attention. There is love in humbly stating “goo goo gaga...”. Similarly, there is love in Christ humbly becoming human, which is poetically described in Philippians 2:5-11.

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.



## From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

As recipients of God's loving accommodation (and Christ's emptying of himself), we ought to be more accommodating toward others. This does NOT mean that we should think of ourselves as being better/higher than other people. Rather, our accommodation is putting aside some of our preferences for the sake of building relationships. In Paul's words, it is becoming "all things to all people, that [we] might by all means save some." (1 Corinthians 9:22b).

I would like to thank everyone who has helped with our Annual Garage Sale. Through your donation-giving, sorting, cleaning, baking and praying, this year's sale looks to be a great success. Even before a sale has been made, it has been a delight to see church members come together for a common purpose.

Grace and peace,  
Edward



## Children's Ministry



### Baptism

Jude Louis Graybill,  
son of Marc & Megan Graybill,  
was Baptized at Federated on  
July 18<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Baby Jude!





## Youth Ministry

Thank you to the following students who helped clean out and organize the Ed Center supply room and the gym equipment closet. Many hands made light work of a big task and fun was had by all! Elizabeth and Tessa Miller, Brinlee Klevemann, Meg Weeder, and Eliot and Hunter Yang. Thanks kids!

**Triennium** The Presbyterian Church USA will be holding Triennium on July 24-27, 2022 in Indianapolis, IN. The 2022 version of Presbyterian Youth Triennium will feature a Matthew 25 framework, activities that will extend a full year following Triennium and enough innovation to send thousands of high schoolers and young adults scurrying to register — once registration goes live this winter. Triennium is held once every three years and the cost of attending is covered by Federated Church. *Mark your calendars now!* Additional details to follow.



## Family Ministry

The Saint Benedict Center near Schuyler, Nebraska recently posted its program schedule for July-December 2021. There are a few retreats that may be of interest for our Federated Families. For more information on these and other retreat options, please refer to [www.stbenedictcenter.com](http://www.stbenedictcenter.com) or contact Brenda Sand at [brendajsand@gmail.com](mailto:brendajsand@gmail.com).



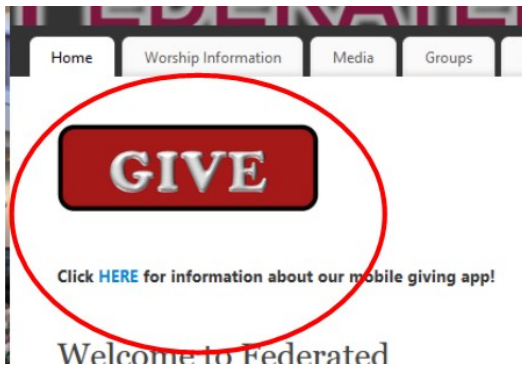
**Saint Benedict Center**

### **Beautifully Broken** September 11-12

As we journey through our lives, there are obstacles that we may have chosen, may have been put upon us or may have captured us and taken us away from who we were created to be. When we look in the mirror, we see not the beautiful daughter of God, but only that which has become broken within us. Come to this **retreat for women** of all ages where we will bring our brokenness to Christ and allow Him to fill us with His love and healing.



## Easy Online Giving Options Available



Give online for a quick and easy way to contribute without leaving the sanctity of your home!

Three options are currently available:

- 1) Online Giving - press the "GIVE" button on the website
- 2) Mobile app - click the 'here' link underneath the "GIVE" button for instructions
- 3) ACH transfer - call Chrissy at the church office for information.

## July Joys & Concerns

♦ Pray for Rebecca Timperley who is back home for long-term rehab (after a month at UNMC Hospital). Home preparations include an access ramp and a foldable electric wheel chair. Please pray for healing (physical and emotional) and provisions for recovery.

♦ John Rosenberg and Diana Arp, daughter of Bob and Wilma Arp, will be married in Omaha on Friday, July 9. They will reside in Omaha where Diana is a speech language pathologist and John is a research professional with the Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Co. Congratulations to John and Diana!

♦ Congratulations to Toni Schwichtenberg & Tom Gumm, who exchanged wedding vows Saturday, July 3rd, at Federated Church.

♦ **Thank you** for all the wonderful cards and gifts I have received since my retirement! It is truly appreciated! Thinking of you all! May God Bless!  
- Jim Rains

♦ Pray for the family of David Parsons (father of Kristi & Drew Wolfe; grandfather of Gunnar, Brielle & Alyse), who passed away on July 9th. Memorial service is set for Friday, July 23 in Schuyler.

♦ Congratulations to Kassidy Benson and Mark Patocka, who exchanged wedding vows Saturday, July 17th, at Federated Church.

♦ From Homestead Presbytery: **Beatrice**

We appreciate your prayers as we continue in this time of transition. We are preparing for the kick-off of many of our ministries in the fall and the safe return of these ministries to in-person. We have been led by the Spirit to begin different ministries over the last year that aim to serve the hungry and financially needy in our community, as well as explore how else we can serve our committee through the lens of being a Matthew 25 church. All of this has led us to a time of great opportunity for growth in leadership in our church and greater engagement with our community. As we live into the opportunities presented to us to be the hands and feet of Jesus, we are grateful for your prayers.

♦ Dr. Tyler Curry, son of John and Debbie Curry, has completed his residency in psychiatry, and his fellowship in child psychiatry. He has accepted a full time position as an inpatient doctor at the Boystown child and adolescent psychiatric hospital.

♦ Pray for Bob Smith who is receiving long-term rehab care at Brookstone. Bob welcomes visits by our church members.

## Social Concerns and Missions Committee Donations

The Social Concerns and Missions Committee is asking the congregation to participate in the monthly donations to the following agencies. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect these donations. Thank you for your help!

### July-August-September

Clorox, Pine Sol and leashes to be delivered to Paws and Claws

### October-November-December

Mittens, caps, socks to be put on an "Angel Tree" in the Narthex and delivered to the Rescue Mission

Submitted by Katie Claus

## Meals on Wheels



Thank you to coordinator, Cec, and the nearly 20 loyal, faithful delivery personnel for service July 5-9. Federated will have the week of Sept. 20-24 in the cycle shared by ten Columbus churches.

## Fridge and Filing Cabinet for Sale

### Church members and family:

We are offering a brown, locking, fire-safe filing cabinet and avocado-green fridge to our congregants, friends and family!

If you would like pictures or are interested in either of these items, contact Chrissy with your best offer!

## Volunteers Needed!

Let your inner decorating talents shine!

Seeking creative volunteers to serve God by overseeing the seasonal decorating throughout the year of the Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, etc. This could be (2-3) individuals, a husband & wife team or a family unit.

If you are interested, please contact Alison Wagner, 402-276-2585 for more information.

# Rescue Mission Meals for 2021

## ALMOST DONE!

There are only two slots still open! November 12th and December 10th! Hurry to fill these before you miss your opportunity. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call or text Katie Claus, 402-910-4479 --or email [kayclaus50@gmail.com](mailto:kayclaus50@gmail.com).

Let's get the schedule filled!

## 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.

## 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.

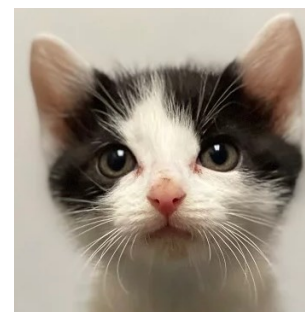
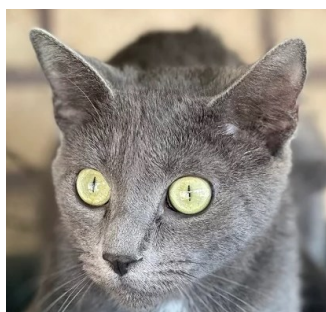
## Paws & Claws Adoption Center



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 Parker, Akira, Ariel, and Chris.

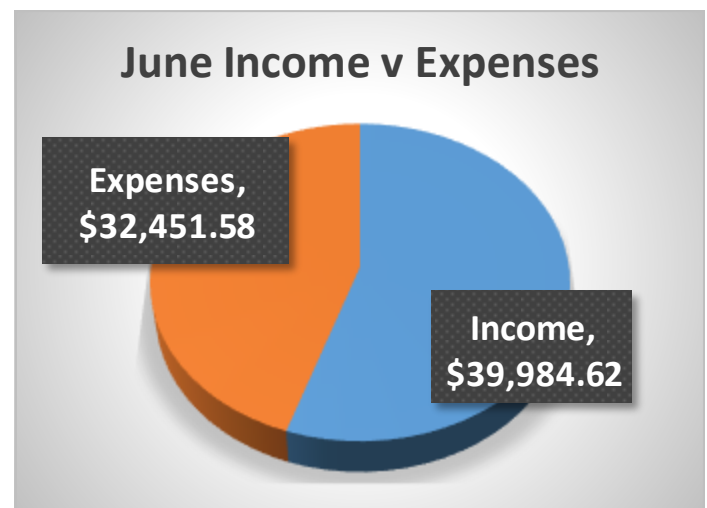




## Finance at a Glance

Contributions - June 2021	
<b>General Funds (Checking):</b>	<b>\$37,350.96</b>
Contributions	\$35,750.96
Endowment	\$1,600.00
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$1,850.51</b>
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$50.00
Camp Calvin Crest	\$20.00
Pentecost Offering	\$25.00
Vacation Bible Camp	\$465.51
Youth Fund	\$210.00
Building Maintenance	\$50.00
Appreciation/Love Gift for Jim Rains	\$580.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$450.00
<b>Memorials</b>	<b>\$775.00</b>
Undesignated	\$775.00
<b>Interest Income:</b>	<b>\$8.15</b>
Savings	\$8.15

Expenses - June 2021	
<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$30,781.11</b>
Utilities	\$1,750.58
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$26,530.53
Endowment	\$1,600.00
Damage Deposit Refund	\$500.00
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$1,670.47</b>
Youth Fund	\$99.95
Building Maintenance	\$690.56
Appreciation/Love Gift for Jim Rains	\$680.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$159.95
Helping Hands-Non-Members	\$40.01
<b>Memorial Fund:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>





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

# Happy Anniversary

Happy 55th Anniversary to Steve & Sue McClure! ~ Aug. 12  
Happy 50th Anniversary to Doug & Randi Williams! ~ Aug 21

**Congratulations!!**

## 2021 Committee Chairs and Meeting Days/Times

In the table below you can find the 2021 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.

<b><i>Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Chairperson</i></b>	<b><i>Meeting Day/Time</i></b>
Christian Education	Renee Norris	2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Endowment	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Finance & Property	Marv Zoucha	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Membership & Growth	Nila Novotny	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Order of St. Andrew	Laura Porter	1st Monday of the month, 5:15pm
Personnel	John McClure	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm
Social Concerns & Missions	Katie Claus	2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:00pm
Stewardship	Roland Augspurger	<i>To be determined</i>
Worship & Music	Alison Wagner	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm
Youth Ministry	Wayne McCormick, VP	2nd Sunday of the month, 11am
Pastor Nominating Committee	Tim Warren, President	Weekly, if necessary, day and time pending
Foundation	Larry Mares, President	Quarterly
Governing Council	Tim Warren, President Wayne McCormick, 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!



# AUGUST 2021

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3	Ezra 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezra 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	
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**Bible Reading Sharing & Discussion Group will meet  
on August 23rd at 3pm in person and online.**

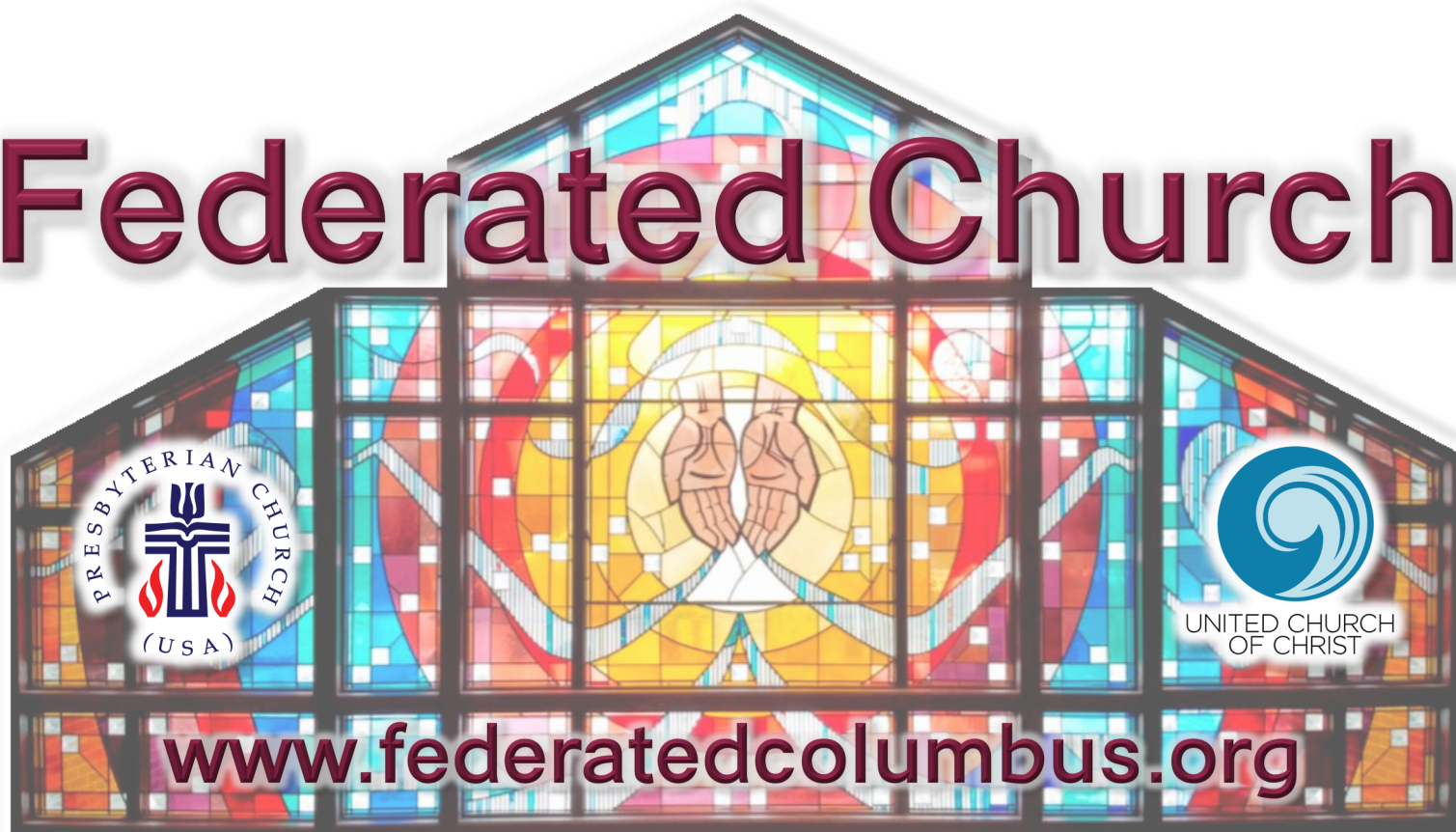
**Please see our weekly emails and Facebook posts for the Zoom information.**

**If this day and time does not work,  
please let Pastor Edward know what time works for you.**

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