



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ February 13th - Souper Bowl of Caring
 - ♦ February 19th - Youth Ski/Snowboarding Trip
 - ♦ February 20th - Walk to Jerusalem begins
 - ♦ February 27th - Annual Congregational Meeting
 - ♦ March 2nd - Ash Wednesday;
- Ecumenical Service at First United Methodist**

Please be patient with our phone systems, they are not currently working properly. The phone number is still the same, 402-564-2812, but it may take up to three times to get a hold of the office. Office hours are still 8am to 4:30pm, so, if you don't get through the first time you call OR you get a message saying the number is not in service, just hang up and keep trying!

We are in the process of updating our systems soon!

From the Pastor's Desk

A CHURCH THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER

During the recent season of Advent, I was intrigued by how Jesus and John the Baptizer were intertwined in their life stories. They both were born miraculously. They were related through their moms, who were cousins. And they were similar in age with John about six months older than Jesus. At the same time, Jesus and John were clearly different: Jesus alone is the divine-human Messiah while John served as “forerunner.”

There is a particular point of difference between Jesus and John that has intrigued me for several weeks. They are described as having differing approaches to ministry. John waited in the wilderness and welcomed those who sought to be baptized in the Jordan River. Jesus went out to various regions and helped those in need. In short, John waited for people to come to him while Jesus went to the people.

This contrast makes me think about the way our church approaches ministry. Like many mainline churches, we tend to be like John the Baptizer and expect people to come to us. Our building projects reflect the mindset, “If you build it, they will come.” That seemed to have worked for a while but is no longer the case. Maybe we need a different approach to ministry; one that resembles Jesus reaching out. Our church should evangelize to those who are “unchurched.”

Before we try to reach out to people who are not connected to a church, we need to do a better job of caring for people within our church. This is where your help is needed:

- If you attend our in-person worship service, please make sure to sign in the Friendship Folder.
- If you join our live-stream worship service, please write a comment (even a simple “Hi”) or “like” the service.
- If you participate in our recorded worship service (online or on local broadcast TV), please send a quick email (fcstaff@federatdcolumbus.org) or call the church office (402-564-2812) to let us know.
- If you are choosing to be cautious during the current pandemic by not coming to in-person worship services and have difficulty participating in virtual services, please let us know.

All of this will help us to know who is (and is not) participating in our worship. Without the worship connection, it is easy for a church to lose touch with its congregants. With that in mind, we will be making efforts to reach out to those who have not participated in our worship for some time. We are called to care for one another.

Grace and peace,
Edward

Governing Council Meeting, January 25th

The January meeting of the Federated Church Governing Council was held on January 25. New members are Mark Weeder, John McPhail, Donna Augspurger, and VP Julie Graham. Carryover members are John McClure, Renee Norris, Alison Wagner, Jesse Abrego, Katie Claus, Mimi Ernst, Rev. Edward Yang, and President Wayne McCormick.

Finance and Property Committee Co-Chairs presented the November and December Financial Reports. They also presented a proposed church budget for 2022, which calls for a 0.9% increase over 2021. The council acknowledged and received the emailed Committee Minutes and the Pastor's written report.

The following motions were made and approved:

- To approve the November Governing Council meeting minutes.
- To receive the November and December financial reports.
- To receive the Pastor's November and December Report
- To recommend to the congregation approval of the 2022 budget, at the Feb 27 congregational meeting.
- To approve the Communion calendar for 2022 as presented by the Worship and Music Committee.
- To approve the Narthex Book Sale and the Mothers' Day Flower Sale by the youth as fundraisers for the 2022 Youth Triennium.
- To approve the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser for the Platte County Food Pantry.
- To approve the appointment of Bill Royer as Head Usher and Louise Moran as Governing council secretary.
- To approve the use of absentee voting with a requested ballot for the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 27.

Other items discussed were:

- The Boy Scout charter was signed in December.
- Appointed an Ad Hoc committee to review the Federated Church Constitution for possible updates and changes to be presented to the congregation in October.
- The position of Church Historian has not been filled. The council wants to survey other churches to see what would be expected of the historian, other than the archiving of church documents performed by the staff.
- Church staff evaluations were discussed and will be scheduled by the Pastor and the Personnel Committee. The Governing Council President and Pastor Edward will research and develop a plan to evaluate the pastor.
- A letter was received from the Homestead Presbytery stating the Per Capita giving for our congregation for 2022 is \$6765.00 (\$45.10 per member)

Submitted by Wayne McCormick, President

Office Entrance Awning Project

As many of you may have noticed, there is a new awning built over the sidewalk at the South (or Office) entrance. This awning will be a huge blessing during the winter, as well as wet or icy days! The large patches of ice and "Federated Falls" should no longer plague us! We are very thankful for Tim Warren, Marv Zoucha and Shelby Lumber for this addition to make our trip into the building that much safer! Also, many thanks to the families and executors of Lu Krepel and Judy Temme, whose estate funds were used for this project!



Rescue Mission Meal

The confirmation class will be providing a meal for the Columbus Rescue Mission on Friday, February 11th.

Confirmation students will make casseroles during education hour on Sunday, February 6th. The students will meet again after school on Friday to finish the meal and deliver it to the mission.

Ski/Snowboard Trip

February's Sunday Funday activity will be a trip to Mount Crescent Iowa for our annual Ski/Snowboard trip.

SATURDAY, February 19th. Meet at Federated Church on SATURDAY, February 19th at 7:30 am. Bring \$40, completed waiver, appropriate winter gear, additional \$ for snacks if desired. Please check your email for additional information.

January Sunday Funday

January's Sunday Funday included a scavenger hunt in and around the church. Following the scavenger hunt we compared our search for clues in the scavenger hunt to our search to know God.

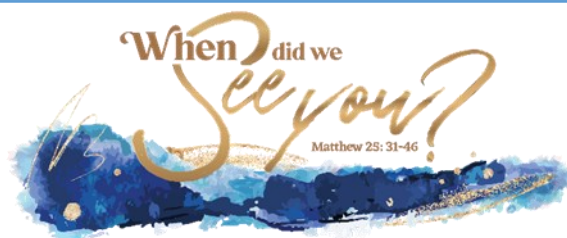
"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually." Psalm 105:4



Federated's youth will be collecting food for the Platte Valley Food Pantry as part of the "Souper Bowl of Caring" program. Non-perishable food items and money will be collected until Super Bowl Sunday on February 13th.

PCUSA Youth Triennium



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNium 2022
July 24-27 • Indianapolis, IN

All students finishing 8th grade through graduating seniors are invited to attend.

<https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>

Calendar of Events

2/6 – Confirmation Class prep meal

2/11 – Confirmation Class deliver meal

2/13 – Super Bowl of Caring

2/19 – Youth Ski/Snowboard Trip

H.I.S. Puppeteers

Thank you to all for supporting the H.I.S. Puppeteers ministry. We had a great time preparing the Children's Christmas program this year. Please consider joining us in February. We will begin meeting on Sundays after church.

January Joys & Concerns

- ♦ Pray for Rebecca Timperley who will undergo a leg amputation in January. With a prosthetic, she is looking forward to relief from pain and resuming everyday activities. Pray also for God's strength and peace for Paula as she takes care of Rebecca.
- ♦ Pray for Rebecca Timperley as she has amputation surgery on January 12th.
- ♦ Pray for Rebecca Timperley as she recovers from amputation surgery, which went well. Pray also for Paula as she continues to care for Rebecca while she recuperates.
- ♦ Pray for Carol Bennett as she prepares for knee replacement surgery.
- ♦ Pray for Leroy Kallweit as he awaits the results for the tests to find the source of infection.
- ♦ Pray for Leroy Kallweit as he recovers at home from his staph infection.
- ♦ Leroy Kallweit would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes, as he is now recovering at home.
- ♦ Pray for Bill Royer as he recovers from heart surgery and Jean as she cares for him while he heals.
- ♦ Pray for Deanna Scheidegger as she prepares for knee replacement surgery, which has been postponed.
- ♦ Pray for Julie Graham on her Mission to Nicaragua from January 20th through January 30th. Below are some of the prayers requested from Julie :
 - Need prayers that all paperwork get approved for travel and inventory of supplies
 - Need prayers for the patients and families that will be having surgery
 - Need prayers for the team of doctors and nurses and support staff
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery: **Lyons**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lyons 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: **Niobrara-Verdel**
As we enter 2022, Niobrara-Verdel Presbyterian Church is in the throws of change in addition to our financial troubles. As members of the Faiths United Parish with the Niobrara Lutheran Church, we are looking to Call a new Pastor this year. We have all been working closely together as we enter this time. We would appreciate your prayers, and will keep you all in ours.
- ♦ Homestead Presbytery: **Norfolk**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Norfolk congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.
- ♦ Pray for Marcia Grant as she prepares for shoulder surgery, which is currently scheduled for January 25th.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Lois Aerni, mother of Linda Wheatley and Sue Mares. Lois passed away on January 24th, 2022.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Betty Scheffler, mother of Clint & Kelli Scheffler. Betty passed away on January 27th, 2022.

OSA Sharing Hands, Caring Hands



Federated Church's Order of St. Andrew, with Thrivent Financial action funds, made easy work of their new project "Sharing Hands, Caring Hands". These ladies came to the kitchen last month to cook and freeze a number of meals. These pre-packaged dinners will be taken to some of our home-bound congregants by the OSA members and Pastor Edward during visitations. This month they made four recipes: Baked Spaghetti, Chicken Tater Bake, Chili and Meatloaf with Cheesy Potatoes.

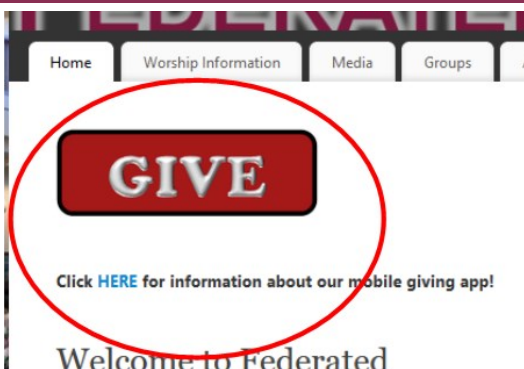
Narthex Book Sale

Bookworms: Your dreams are coming true! The annual book sale is currently set up in the Narthex. This year's freewill donation will be going towards the Presbytery Youth Triennium!

Walk to Jerusalem

February 20th will begin our annual Walk to Jerusalem. You can start sending in your miles/minutes/steps at that time. **We are working on ways that our less mobile congregants can participate also! If you pray, read or meditate for 20 minutes, send those minutes in too!!!**

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.

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. Throughout 2021, we helped a total of 26 families/individuals! \$1,500.00 to help pay for a member's mobility aid, \$273.34 with fuel, \$60.00 with food, \$1,030.00 with rent and \$227.20 with utilities. Donations from our Federated Family, including Women's Fellowship, totaled \$3,725.00 for 2021!

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.

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.

Meals on Wheels



Note- Change of February delivery date to Feb. 7 - 11. Renee Bellum will coordinate (563-2441 or 276-2454).

Revised schedule came too late for Jan. newsletter.

According to news sources, Medicare/Medicaid servers are still exempt from lawsuit. Please register a copy of your vaccination at the hospital if you have not done so. Our next delivery date is April 18-22. Please help us welcome Kathy Leischner as a coordinator.

Mission Heart, Inc.



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

Some donation suggestions include:

Clothing items, Linens (bedding, towels, washcloths), School supplies (pencils/pens, notebooks, crayons, etc.), Baby items (furniture, cloth diapers, blankets, toys, clothes, bottles/cups/spoons, Sewing supplies (batting, bias tape, thread & material - flannel, cotton, polyester, fleece), Medical supplies (walkers/crutches, glasses, hearing aids, braces, slings, blood pressure cuffs, wheelchairs, stethoscopes, thermometers, etc.), O.T.C. medications (chewable vitamins - adult & child, iron pills, Vitamin B6, Pre-natal vitamins,

first-aid creams), Gallon-sized or Quart-sized zipping bags, Empty pill bottles, Travel-sized soaps, shampoos/conditioners & lotions

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

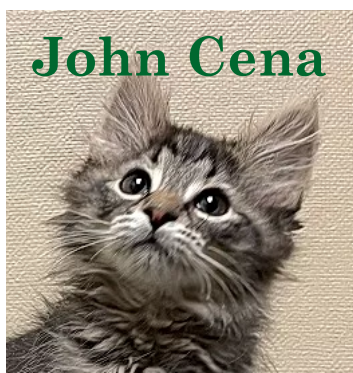
Paws & Claws Adoption Center

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.



John Cena



Snowball



Porky



Sadie

Finance at a Glance

Contributions - December 2021	
General Funds (Checking):	\$47,436.50
Contributions	\$47,436.50
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$37,910.31
Christmas Joy	\$1,840.00
Doane College	\$500.00
Camp Calvin Crest	\$500.00
Ghana Partnership	\$520.00
Neighbors in Need	\$400.00
Poinsettias	\$227.00
Youth Fund	\$153.31
Future Year/Pre-pledge	\$28,510.00
Love/Appreciation Gift	\$150.00
Building Maintenance	\$20.00
Pastor's Discretion Fund	\$500.00
Office Furniture	\$2,100.00
Helping Hands - Members	\$250.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$750.00
Music Department	\$20.00
Worship & Music - Candles	\$1,000.00
Children's Defense Fund	\$500.00
Memorials	\$660.00
Undesignated	\$610.00
Landscaping	\$25.00
Youth	\$25.00
Interest Income:	\$10.60
Savings	\$10.60

Expenses - December 2021	
General Fund Expenses:	\$37,105.61
Utilities	\$2,588.25
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$34,477.36
Misc. Expense	\$40.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$304,683.62
CD @ Cornerstone	\$100,000.00
CD @ Columbus Bank & Trust	\$100,000.00
Endowment	\$100,000.00
Christmas Joy	\$1,840.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$41.62
Doane College	\$500.00
Kamp Kaleo	\$20.00
Camp Calvin Crest	\$500.00
Ghana Partnership	\$617.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$50.00
Neighbor in Need	\$445.00
Love/Appreciation Gift	\$150.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$20.00
Children's Defense Fund	\$500.00
Memorial Fund:	\$0.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anita Kaspar, Beth Millard	2/1	Bruce Gartrell	2/18
Rogalyn Stevens, Alison Wagner	2/3	Mike Jeffrey	2/19
Cola Hahn	2/4	Pete Bennett, Deb Gaeth	2/20
Robin Lehr	2/5	Marcia Dewald, Jane Ellefson	2/21
John Lohr	2/11	Clete Arasmith, Arlene Fleischer	2/22
Clark Grant	2/12	Cindee Wachter	2/25
Meredith Gaeth	2/13	Mike Slizoski	2/26
D'Ete Haldiman-Kluck, Cindy Wunderlich	2/14	Theo Weeder	2/27
Brian Gartrell, Greg Gartrell, Jeff Gartrell	2/16	Bob Arp	2/28
Megan Graybill	2/17		

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

Columbus Medical Mission Team

In the Church Narthex, is a display of a stove, photos and information that has and is being developed and marketed internationally in developing countries, as an alternative way to cook in the native huts of the indigenous people living there. Many or even most cooking is done by open fire inside the huts. This leads to burns, breathing problems, and adds significantly to deforestation. The displayed stove would be, helps to reduce burns significantly and also significantly reduces lung disease and breathing problems. This is part of the mission of Nila and John Novotny as they travel worldwide with their group (Columbus Medical Mission Team). Federated Church and its members have been very supportive of these mission efforts, and the Novotny's would like to give thanks for all the support and prayer of these missions.



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2021 Financials and Committee Reports

These booklets will be available to pick up February 1st. The reports will also be available on our website under the Media tab, under Annual Committee & Staff Reports. Please contact the Church Office staff if you would like the booklet emailed or mailed to you. These reports and financials will be approved during the Annual Congregational Meeting, February 27th.

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. March 2022 Newsletter deadline will be February 20th, 2022.