



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events



♦ February 12 - Souper Bowl of Caring



♦ February 12 - Walk to Jerusalem begins



♦ February 22 - Ash Wednesday Service 7pm at St. Luke's

♦ February 26 - Annual Congregational Meeting

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 2023 Newsletter deadline will be February 20th, 2023.

PASTOR'S REPORT

This month there will be no Pastor's Report in the Newsletter. The 2022 Pastor's Annual Report will be in the Annual Meeting information that will be sent out the first week of February.

JANUARY GOVERNING COUNCIL SUMMARY

- New Governing Councils members were welcomed: Pat Anderson, John Lohr, and Brenda Sand
- The Council accepted the resignation of Mini Ernst from Governing Council and Order of St Andrew. Parker Grant was appointed to and accepted to complete the one year unexpired Governing Council term. The Governing Council voted to approve Parker Grant's nomination and the congregation will vote on his appointment at the Congregational meeting to be held in February
- Appointments were approved for Governing Council Secretary: Louise Moran, Head Usher: Bill Royer, Church Historians: Terry and Andree Hoeman
- Approved Housing allowance for Rev Yang
- Vacation request for Rev Yang was approved
- Services for Healing and Wholeness were approved
- Committee Reports were accepted and approved
- Baptism request was approved
- Four Youth Ministry fund raisers were approved
- Communion schedule for 2023 was approved
- Transfer of funds from the Alumni Mission Funds to Operation Education Nairobi for building supplies and materials for the 2023 mission trip was approved.
- The subgroup Task Force working on wording and amendments to the Federated Church Constitution was asked to have recommendations ready for a vote at the Congregational meeting in October 2023. Task Force members include John McPhail, John McClure, Clark Grant, Wayne McCormick, and Rev. Yang.
- Approval for the appointment of Brenda Sand as the Presbyterian Commissioner for Federated Church to Presbytery meetings for 2023.
- Approval of the Agenda for the Annual Congregational meeting on February 28, 2023
- Approval of absentee ballot voting for the Annual Congregational meeting in February. Please let office staff know if you would like an absentee ballot.

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!

Federated's Helping Hands funds helps individuals and families in our community with things like food, fuel, utilities and rent.

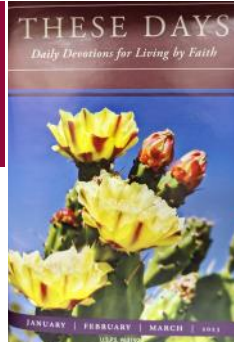
¹Excerpt from 'In Ministry Together; Federated Church -- A Centennial History; July 2, 1014 - July 2, 2014'; pg. 38-39

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Property and Finance is looking for a Chair person to organize the annual Kitchen Clean-up. Please contact Julie Graham 531-218-4375 or juliegraham@frontier.com for information. Thank you!

FIRST QUARTER *THESE DAYS* 2023 NOW AVAILABLE

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



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Group will be meeting Saturday, February 11th at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Men of all ages welcome!

PIPE ORGAN TASK FORCE ACTION SUMMARY

- Operational issues have been reported with our 1922 Möller pipe organ.
- The Governing Council has formed a Pipe Organ Task Force to review problems and research solutions.
- Four vendors have assessed our situation and made recommendations regarding repair, refurbishment, or replacement of our existing pipe organ.
- Depending on the approach, the estimated investment ranges from \$45,000 to \$935,000.
- A report explaining these options will be mailed to our congregation in early February.
- These options will be discussed on February 12th at a meeting following worship.



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!!

Adult Education (SALT) celebrated Chris's 90th birthday on January 8th!
Happy belated birthday Chris!!

Rescue Mission Meal

On January 12th, the confirmation students and their mentors met in the church kitchen to prepare a meal for the Columbus Rescue Mission. Thank you to all who participated.



Youth Ministry Book Sale

Our youth will be hosting their annual book sale in the Narthex beginning January 22nd. Congregants can support this event by donating books to the book sale or by “purchasing” books with a free-will donation to the youth ministry mission trip fund.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Join the youth at Federated Church as they TACKLE HUNGER in our community. Non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be collected and donated to the Platte County Food Pantry on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 12th. Canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly are the most needed items.



Calendar of Events

February 12th

Souper Bowl of Caring

(Youth deliver donations to food pantry following worship)

February 19th

Youth Funday in Lincoln

10:30 Worship at Eastridge Presbyterian
Lunch & Activity with Eastridge Youth Following

February 22nd

Ash Wednesday Service

7 pm at St. Luke's
(Youth will sit together)

March 26th

Youth Sunday Funday

(Following worship in the Fellowship Hall)

April 2nd

Palm Sunday Parade and Children's Bells

April 9th

Easter Sunday

April 30th

Children's Sunday

Youth led worship, 5th Sunday Potluck, Bounce Houses, Games

May 14th

Mothers' Day Flower Sale

May 21st

Graduation Sunday

June 5th – 9th

Vacation Bible Camp

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR JANUARY 2023

◆ Congratulations to Logan Carol Bennett, granddaughter of Pete & Carol Bennett, who graduated Dec. 17th from UNL with a Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Services with distinction. Logan will continue her studies in speech pathology.

◆ Congratulations to Aaron & Sami Scheffler on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Janie, born December 27, 2022. She is the granddaughter of Clint & Kelli Scheffler, and great-granddaughter of Bob Meyer, the late Janie Meyer and the late Aaron & Betty Scheffler.

◆ Congratulations to Logan Korus & Jase Llyod, on the birth of their son, Kyler Robert, born December 30, 2022. He is the grandson of Toni & Tom Gumm.

◆ Prayers for Bill Puckett, son of Gary Puckett, who will be undergoing surgery.

◆ Chancel Flowers are donated by Stuart & Kristen Gausman in memory of Reece on his 16th birthday, January 17th.

◆ Pray for the family of Donna Taylor, Jean & Bill Royer's sister, who passed away December 22, 2022. A memorial service will be held for the family at a later date.

◆ Prayers for the family of Gordon & Joan Specht. Gordon had a stroke. The stroke affected mainly his left side.

◆ Prayers for the family of Don Love, father of Robin and Clark Lehr, who passed away on January 3rd.

◆ Prayers for the family of Rita Mae Fuhr. Rita passed away on Monday, January 9th. Funeral services were at Federated Church on Saturday, January 14th.

◆ Prayers for the family of Rev. Kenneth Leischner. Kenn passed away on Wednesday, January 11th. Funeral service will be at Federated Church on Monday, January 16th at 10:30 a.m., with a visitation at 9:30 a.m. and a luncheon following. Interment will be at the Columbus Cemetery.

◆ Prayers for the family of Jo Lynn Valentine, sister of Judy & Bob Trautwein. Jo Lynn passed away January 3rd. A Celebration of Life service will be held on January 27th in Mesa, Arizona.

◆ Prayers for the family of Donna Shreve. Donna passed away on Wednesday, January 18th. Funeral services at 10:30 am, Monday, January 23 at Federated Church. Luncheon to follow the service. Visitation is on Sunday from 3-5 pm. Interment is in the Kearney Cemetery.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: North Bend**

Prayers are requested for United Presbyterian Church, North Bend. May they continue to develop a family of Christians dedicated to expanding their faith through worship, education, prayer, evangelism, stewardship and fellowship by following the example of Jesus Christ.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Panama**

Panama Presbyterian is so very grateful for the blessings and grace of the Lord! As always, we crave your prayers for our congregation to continue to be open to new ways to serve Christ in our community. We are always searching for opportunities! In return, we keep all of you in OUR prayers that together we may bring Good News, Forgiveness, and love of our neighbors to all in the bounds of our Presbytery and beyond!

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Palmyra**

We praise God for the way he is working through our congregation as we seek new ways to serve one another and our community. We ask for his guidance as we continue on into the future he has planned for us. We ask that God empower us to reflect the self-giving love of Jesus in the way we treat other human beings.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Crofton UCC (Crofton, NE 68729)**

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Elgin Park Congregational UCC (Elgin, NE 68636)**

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Fremont First Congregational UCC (Fremont, NE 68025)**

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Hartington First Congregational UCC (Hartington, NE 68739)**

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Neligh First Congregational UCC (Neligh, NE 68756)**

H.I.S. PUPPETEERS



HEY, Puppeteers and Puppeteer wanna-bes!!!

Let me know if you are interested.

Please contact the church office for Julie's contact information.

RESCUE MISSION MEALS 2023

Remember to sign up for 2023 with Katie Claus.

Please contact the church office for Katie'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.



FUNERAL COMMITTEE 1

Co Chairs: Shirley Johnson, Roland & Jeannie Johnson, Bill & Jean Royer, Tim & Chris Warren

Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs

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

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>

MEALS ON WHEELS



Make sure to sign up for 2023 Meals on Wheels Schedule!
Please contact Kathy Leischner,
402-276-7415, kathy.leischner@yahoo.com
if you can deliver for approximately one hour each day
during Federated's Scheduled week each month!

OPERATION EDUCATION NAIROBI



Operation Education Nairobi is now a
Local Benevolence and has been added to
the Federated Church Budget for 2023.
Watch bulletins and newsletters for
upcoming fundraisers and events!



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.



FINANCE AT A GLANCE

Contributions - December 2022	
General Funds (Checking):	\$34,566.06
Contributions	\$34,566.06
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$63,133.50
Christmas Joy	\$1,740.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$45.00
Doane College	\$200.00
Ghana Partnership	\$20.00
Neighbors in Need	\$605.00
Poinsettias	\$350.00
Building Maintenance	\$20,073.53
Landscaping	\$114.97
Continued Ed - Pastor	\$750.00
Future Year/Pre-pledge	\$38,425.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$550.00
Music Department	\$260.00
Memorials:	\$150.00
Undesignated	\$150.00
Interest Income:	\$399.72
Savings	\$399.72

Expenses - December 2022	
General Fund Expenses:	\$36,773.57
Utilities	\$4,042.80
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$32,730.77
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$2,902.53
Christmas Joy	\$1,115.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$119.60
Doane College	\$200.00
Ghana Partnership	\$70.00
Neighbors in Need	\$625.00
Piano Tuning	\$125.00
Organ/Piano Fund	\$35.84
Operation Education Nairobi	\$6.00
Music Department	\$33.95
Helping Hands - Non-Member	\$72.14
Children's Defense Fund	\$500.00
Memorial Fund:	\$431.56
Kitchen Supplies	\$431.56



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	2/20
Robin Lehr	2/5	Marcia Dewald	2/21
John Lohr	2/11	Clete Arasmith	2/22
Clark Grant	2/12	Cindee Wachter	2/25
Meredith Gaeth, Linda McPhail	2/13	Mike Slizoski	2/26
Cindy Wunderlich	2/14	Theo Weeder	2/27
Megan Graybill	2/17	Bob Arp	2/28

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

USHERS - JANUARY 2023

Ushers: Kevin Perrin, Bill Royer, Tim Warren, Doug Williams, Marv Zoucha

Youth Ushers: Emma McHugh, Otis Young

Funeral Ushers: Paul Sanderson, Marv Zoucha, Doug Williams

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	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 & 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 Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Stewardship Committee	To Be Determined	4th Thursday of the month, 5:30pm
Worship & Music Committee	John Lohr and Sue McClure	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm
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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FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

THE POWER OF PRAYER: The Order of St. Andrew is revising the prayer chain and would like to reach out to all members of Federated to join us in praying. The ONLY requirement is to pray when you receive a notice from the church. This notice can be in the form of a text or email. There is no recording or reporting involved. Just pray. Please let the church office know if you would like to pray with us or simply fill out the form below.

Ephesians 6:18
¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Name:			
Do you want to be contacted via: (check one)	email	text message	
Email Address:			
Cell phone number:			