



# FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ January 1st - New Year's Day
- ◆ January 2nd - Bob Arp preaching
- ◆ January 3rd - Office Closed
- ◆ January 9th - Installation & Ordination of 2022 Officers  
and Communion &  
Education Hour resumes January 9th



# Pastor Nominating Committee Conclusion

The Federated Church Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) held its first meeting on March 24, 2021. After a steep learning curve, getting to know and understand the requirements of each denomination, we set out by fine tuning our data forms, submitting them and waiting for responses.

We didn't have to wait too long as the PCUSA process attempts to match us with candidates who had submitted their information forms and were deemed a match for us. Collectively we reviewed almost 70 potential candidates narrowing the number down to something manageable and then having a few of those drop out on their own.

The PNC conducted 4 interviews either in person or electronically. On December 1, 2021 the PNC, by unanimous vote called the Rev. Dr. Edward Yang to be our Solo Pastor. The PNC was overjoyed when Pastor Yang accepted our call which was announced to the congregation present and online at the Sunday service on December 19, 2021.

The next steps include Pastor Yang meeting with the Presbytery Commissions on Ministry for an interview and then a formal vote by the congregation at our annual meeting in February. After that there will be an installation event and of course this will include a celebration for the Joy we all share.

The PNC members: Tim Warren, Julie Graham, Nichole Miller, Katie Claus, Bill Royer, Dave Melick, Terry Norris and myself want to thank the congregation for their trust in us and their patience as we followed the lengthy process of discernment to validate, what we all felt in our hearts, that we had our candidate among us all along.

Submitted by

Rick Porter,

PNC Secretary



## From the Pastor's Desk

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas filled with hope, peace, joy and love. Sometimes our holidays seem more messy than merry – as mentioned in my Christmas Eve sermon. Thankfully, God understands as Christ joined a family that was complicated in numerous ways.

As we are still in Christmastide (12 days from Christmas to Epiphany), I would like to share a poem with you. It was composed by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed, a member of A Sanctified Art team.

## Invitations

I've been thinking about a universal truth—the way we all want to be invited in. We want the door to be opened with cheers of, "You're here!" We want the clerk at the store to ask how we're doing, and the waiter to wink at us and whisper, "Good choice." We want the barista to learn our names, which people call being "a regular," but it feels more like being known. We want the stranger to help us pick up our sodas when the case breaks, and the woman to put her bag in her lap on the subway, which is to mean, "Come, you can sit by me." We cherish every open palm wave from the child in the grocery store and every city church with open doors when the organist plays.

At the end of the day we are all just a collection of heart and bones walking through this world, exchanging invitations, saying to one another in a million little ways— come matter here. Come make a difference here. Come be you, here.

Jesus didn't receive much of an invitation.

No one moved their bag to their lap, or opened the door to the inn and said, "You're here!"

Still, he came.

What a gift it is  
to have a God  
who does not wait on my invitation.

What a gift it is  
to have a God  
who can't imagine  
being anywhere but here.

Thank you for your support and invitation to continue as pastor at Federated Church!

Grace and peace,

Edward

## *Children's Ministry*

HIS Puppet Ministry, Children's Bell Choir, and the Children's Sunday School students collaborated in the production of this year's Christmas Pageant, "Cowboy Christmas." The program featured puppets, line dancing, and bells. It was a spectacular performance! Thank you to all who made this production possible: Julie Graham, Cindy Hoadley, Katie Claus, Stuart Gausman, Nicole Miller, Kristi Wolfe, Heidi Klevemann, the sound crew, and Macyn Norris.



## *Confirmation Class*

Thank you to the confirmation class who "volunteered" to light the advent candles.



## *Sunday Funday*

The youth annual Christmas Party featured a gingerbread house competition, minute to win it games and a "white elephant" gift exchange.



## *Calendar of Events*

- Ski/Snowboard Trip to Mt. Crescent, IA
- Souper Bowl of Caring
- Lock-In

## 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.

## December Joys & Concerns

- ◆ Pray for wisdom as Rebecca Timperley discerns how to have her broken leg treated.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Irene O'Brien Dare who died November 21, 2021. A public visitation was held on Friday, November 26th at Gass Haney.
- ◆ Pray for Leroy Kallweit who is currently in a care facility receiving treatment for an infection.
- ◆ Pray for Karen Grabowski's mother, who had a successful surgery to remove her left axillary lymph nodes.
- ◆ Pray for Chuck & Pat Schueneman. Chuck is on hospice care.
- ◆ Homestead Presbytery: *Lincoln Heritage* : We request prayers for the recipients of our food pantry and hat/glove drive; may all be fed and warm as we move into the winter season. Please pray for the life of this congregation, that we may learn and grow together to be faithful followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Pray for Bill Royer who had open-heart surgery December 10th.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Chuck Schueneman. Chuck died Friday, December 10th. A funeral service will be held December 15th at 1am at First Presbyterian Church in Schuyler.
- ◆ Chancel Flowers are given by Gail Wurdeman & Sara Aerni in loving memory of their parents, Irene & Harold Wurdeman. Happy Birthday Mom!
- ◆ Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Korean Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Korean congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.
- ◆ Chancel flowers are given by the Scheuneman family in loving memory of Chuck Scheuneman.
- ◆ 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 Carol Bennett as she undergoes knee replacement surgery on Dec. 27th.
- ◆ Pray for Leroy Kallweit as he undergoes testing for source of infection on Dec. 29th.
- ◆ Pray for Bill Royer as he recovers from heart surgery and Jean as she cares for him while he heals.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: **Lincoln Westminster** Prayers are appreciated for Westminster's members and friends as we focus on gratitude in worship and in life. May we be a church that is faithful, hopeful, inclusive, and loving in 2022. Amen.

## 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.

## Meals on Wheels

All volunteers need to have their COVID vaccine cards verified by the Columbus Hospital. Questions? Call Angie at Columbus Hospital. (402)562-3365.

The next Federated Church scheduled week will be February 14th. Renee Bellum will be coordinating.



## 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. For more information, go to: [missionheartworld.weebly.com](http://missionheartworld.weebly.com)  
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

## 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 Officer, Austyn, Porky and Isa.



# Finance at a Glance

<b>Contributions - November 2021</b>		<b>Expenses - November 2021</b>	
<b>General Funds (Checking):</b>	<b>\$43,894.64</b>	<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$25,990.84</b>
Contributions	\$42,764.54	Utilities	\$1,929.03
Misc. Income	\$1,030.10	Other Budgeted Expenses	\$23,071.71
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$35,516.00</b>	Misc. Expense	\$990.10
Poinsettias	\$321.00	<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$18,833.36</b>
Building Maintenance	\$20,020.00	Building Maintenance - Awning Project	\$18,581.37
Pre-pledge/Future Year	\$14,600.00	Family Choice Expense - 10' Christmas Tree	\$231.99
Office Furniture - Phones	\$600.00	Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$20.00
Music Department	\$45.00	<b>Memorial Fund:</b>	<b>\$479.00</b>
<b>Memorials</b>	<b>\$380.00</b>	*Undesignated/Kitchen Supplies - Coffee, Forks and plates	\$176.00
Undesignated	\$380.00	Unrestricted Memorial - Gail Mead -10' Christmas Tree	\$303.00
<b>Interest Income:</b>	<b>\$16.50</b>		
Savings	\$16.50		

End of Year Contribution Statements will be ready to be picked up January 10th. Please let the office staff know if you need yours mailed or emailed.

End of Year Financial booklets will be available the last week of January in order to allow all congregants to peruse the budget for 2022 and the financials from 2021. The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place immediately after service on Sunday, February 27th. A quorum of 75 is needed. Financials & 2022 Budget, Committee & Staff Reports and vote of Solo Pastor, Edward Yang will be on the agenda.

**Please plan to attend if you would like your vote counted!**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

	Jeff Gotschall, Dorsie Ivy	1/1	Charlotte Griffith, Karen	
	Chris Dixon, Cliff Jensen, Kevin Grisham	1/5	Reece Gausman, Jason Kallweit, Rod Wachter	
	Mary Rasmussen, Holly Schultz	1/6	John Claus	
	Max Porter	1/7	Bennett Curtis-Hast, Kelli Scheffler	
	Kelli Anne Osterloo	1/9	Ben Lange, Jill Miller, Marilyn Petersen, Judy Trautwein	
	Nila Novotny, Harold Stevens	1/10	Mimi Ernst	
	Denise Kallweit, Riel Whitney	1/11	Marc Graybill, Ann Jeffrey	
	Audrey Grant, Bob Mead	1/12	Macyn Norris	
	Carol Bennett	1/14	Randi Williams	
	Celine Perrin, Regan Rine, Daryl Smith	1/15		

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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.



# JANUARY 2022

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*Federated Church : Year of the Bible*

Bible Reading Sharing & Discussion Group will meet on January 24th 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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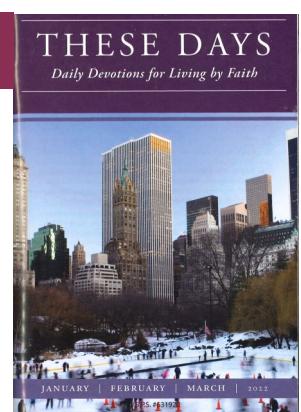
## **January 2022 Newsletter**

### **Annual Staff and Committee Reports Due**

Please send Chrissy or Kathy your Annual Reports as soon as possible. Those Committees who deal with financials, please get your reports in by January 14th.

### **1st Quarter 2022 *These Days***

The 1st Quarter *These Days* is now available. You can pick one up in the Narthex or the Church office. Please let the office staff know if you would like to have one sent to you.



**If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in the newsletter, you can email it to [fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org). The deadline for submitting information for Newsletters is the 20th of the prior month, e.g. Feb. 2022 Newsletter deadline will be January 20th, 2022.**