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# FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ July 4th - Independence Day, Church Office Closed
- ♦ July 9th - Men's Fellowship Breakfast,  
8:30am, Fellowship Hall
- ♦ July 23rd - Annual Garage/Bake Sale



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. August 2022 Newsletter deadline will be July 20th, 2022.

## FROM BRENDA, ACTING HEAD OF STAFF

It is hard to believe that we are already one month into Pastor Edward's sabbatical. And so far, it has been business as usual at Federated Church. That's not to say that we don't miss Pastor Edward, because we do! It's just that we have an amazing staff with a collaborative work ethic who are dedicated to their work. We are also blessed to have the leadership of our Governing Council and the support of our many committees that carry out the work of the church. We have had some brave volunteers who have stepped into the pulpit this summer. It has been so inspiring to hear our members share their faith during worship.

Worship attendance is traditionally lower in the summer months due to travel, family, and summer activities. However, I encourage you to stay connected. If you cannot join us for in-person worship, try joining via our Facebook Live broadcast or by watching a recording of worship on our website. And please remember to continue to share your "Joys and Concerns" by calling or emailing the church office. We have a plan in place to address any pastoral care needs that might arise. Please call the church office at 402.564.2812 or Brenda Sand at 402.276.2080 for pastoral care needs.

May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all.

Brenda Sand – Acting Head of Staff

PS...Please join me in praying for Pastor Edward while he is on sabbatical leave.

## PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR BY SEAN NEMECEK

I bet your pastor prays for you, but have you ever thought how to [pray for your pastor](#)? The apostle Paul often asked people to pray for him. "I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me" (Romans 15:30). Here are a few ways you can join your pastor by praying for him.

### Soul

Your pastor's entire ministry hinges on his walk with God. Satan would love to make your pastor so busy that he doesn't take time to be with the Father. Pray that your pastor would make time for intimacy with God through Jesus while depending on the Holy Spirit. Plead with God on his behalf that your pastor might make prayer his first priority. Ask God to draw him into [scripture for the nourishment](#) of his own soul before he spends any time in study for preaching. Pray that the church would see these priorities and give your pastor time with God through regular Sabbath rest, prayer retreats, or an extended [sabbatical](#).

### Identity

Whether from an internal drivenness or from the expectations of the congregation, the demands of pastoral ministry can push a pastor to find his identity in the work rather than in Christ. Pray that your pastor would know who he is in Jesus – that this identity in Christ would be the source of all his ministry. Use Romans 8 to pray the love of God over your pastor. Ask God to so fill your pastor with the beauty of Christ that he feels the height, depth, and breadth of God's love.

### Health

Pray for your pastor's body and mind. [Stephen Altrogge](#) says, "Ministry can take a tremendous toll on a pastor's body. . . Long nights at the hospital, high-stress situations, and ever-present discouragement can quickly lead to burnout and body betrayal. Not only do pastors need spiritual strength, they need physical strength as well. Pray for your pastor that he would be sustained in body and mind." The stress of ministry can lead to weight gain, heart problems, emotional trauma, and a variety of other stress disorders (e.g. compassion fatigue, post-traumatic stress, panic attacks, tension headaches). Pray that God would help your pastor to have a sound body and mind.

## PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR BY SEAN NEMECEK, CONT.

### Joy

Your pastor's joy is good for your church. Pray that your church would be a source of joy rather than frustration (Hebrews 13:17). Ask God to fill your pastor with the joy of his salvation by inspiring people to speak the gospel back to him. (Sometimes a pastor needs to be reminded that Jesus died for him too.) Pray that your pastor would be so filled with joy that it fills not only his preaching but his whole personality.

### Courage

Pray for your pastor to be filled with courage in the face discouragement, criticism, disagreement, or anything else that Satan could use to distract him from his calling. Ask God to give him a clear vision for ministry and the wisdom to implement it. Intercede for your whole church by asking that the Elders (or church board) would encourage your pastor regularly.

### Support

Pastors often leave churches because of a critical few instead of seeing the overwhelming support of the many. Pray that your church would show their support and that God would raise up key people to help your pastor when he struggles. Too often churches wait until the pastor leaves to show him how much he means. Pray that God would inspire people to show their support in tangible ways – something that the pastor can look at when he gets discouraged.

### Family

Growing up as a pastor's kid, I was keenly aware that my parents were struggling because of ministry. I watched my mother stress over the expectations of people in the church. I saw the sorrow on my father's face for days after church conflicts. Being in a pastor's family taught me that the church hurts pastors and their families. It also taught me how to love the church in spite of the pain. Pray for your pastor's wife and kids. They often feel isolated because people treat them differently.

### Friendship

According to [The State of Pastors](#), an extensive study done in 2017 by the Barna Group, pastors (especially those in Generation X) are more likely to feel lonely and isolated from others. The study says that a lack of healthy, spiritually supportive friendships correlates to greater risk of spiritual and relational burnout. It's hard to discern which is the cause: do they burn out because they lack friends, or do they struggle in friendships because they are burned out? Either way, pastors often wish they had more close friendships. Pray that God would provide someone who is safe and with whom your pastor can be open about his struggles. Ideally this would be the elders in the church, but they are often the last people a pastor feels safe with.

### Witness

The apostle Paul wrote, "Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19). I wonder how many pastors struggle in evangelism because their churches aren't praying for them. In many cases, it's the culture of the church that hurts their gospel witness. [Thom Rainer](#) agrees: "Pastors are energized when they have the opportunity to share the gospel. Unfortunately, many of them are too busy to take time to do so. The demands of the church are just too great. These pastors live lives of inverted priorities and frustrating days." Pray that your pastor would have opportunities to share the gospel, wisdom to see those opportunities, boldness to use them, and clear words provided by the Holy Spirit.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should." Colossians 4:2-4

Sean Nemecek, "Pray for Your Pastor", *The Pastor's Soul*, April 1, 2019

DoA: June 24, 2022

<https://pastorsoul.com/2019/04/01/pray-for-your-pastor/>



## *Vacation Bible Camp 2022 - Food Truck Party!*

Vacation Bible Camp was held at First United Methodist Church, June 13th – 17th. The theme was Food Truck Party which focused on the prayer, “God is Great.” Each day students learned a new bible story featuring food. Sixty-two students attended VBC which was made possible with the help of 40 volunteers. Students explored the daily theme through music, story time, science, crafts, recreation, mission and snacks. A good time was had by all!!! Thank you to all who supported VBC by bringing children, donating funds, and volunteering your time and talents. Thank you Doris Augspurger, Julie Graham, Eliot Yang, Tessa Miller, Rebecca Timperley, Anjel Garcia, Denise Hughes, Kathy Leischner, Karen Grabowski, Sunnie Yang, and Bronwyn Prokopec.



## SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS - SCHOOL BAG PROJECT

Social Concerns and Mission Committee is sponsoring the School Bag Congregation wide Mission Project. A table in the Narthex has a box of 40 zip lock bags each one, containing a list of the needed school supplies to be purchased. Please purchase the quantity recommended. Generally, WalMart has a Back to School Supplies sale starting in July. Please take advantage of it. The goal is to have items purchased by the end of July. Once you have purchased the school items, place them in the zip lock bag and return it to the church. The Social Concerns and Missions Committee will place the filled plastic bags into cloth bags sewn by Elsie Ita, Louise Moran and Anita Hahn. THANK YOU!



## CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS!



We are looking to create a brand and logo for Federated Church! If you are a drawer, designer or have any artistic talent, we are asking for your help. Chrissy is looking to have a logo created that embodies the church as a whole. We all know the stained glass window quite well, and it can be incorporated, but it is not a logo. Throughout this newsletter, you can find examples of logos: PCUSA, UCC, Mission Heart, Paws and Claws, etc. Please contact Chrissy if you would like to help design Federated Church's logo or have ideas or suggestions.

Thank you!





## LANDSCAPING PROJECT



The Lord answered our prayers with a fantastic team of heavy haulers and the Northwest parking lot is now officially open. Phase I of the landscaping project is complete and a great BIG (HUGE) thank you goes out to Byron Meyer, Jesse Abrego, Alex Garcia, Tim Warren, Bob Arp, Steve McClure, Bill Royer, Terry Hoeman, Lee Augustin and Deb Curry (cookies) and six youth volunteers from the Platte County Diversion Program for sharing their time and muscle removing weeds and spreading the mulch around the remainder of the entire church.



Now all we ask of you is that when you see a weed, pull it (LOL)! There is still a small pile of FREE mulch left and anyone is welcome to take all that they need. We are also looking for a few volunteers to spray the weeds that are in the cracks of sidewalks and parking lots when you have time.

We must not forget to thank our office staff for their continued support and cooperation.

God bless, Sue McClure and Wilma Arp



## SILENT AUCTION

There will be a silent auction of church property that is no longer needed or used. The auction for the items pictured below will begin on June 1st and the deadline for bids is July 15th at 4pm. In order to bid, please come to the office to be assigned a number. You will then be eligible to begin bidding on the items you prefer. All items are on display in the Narthex and Office Lobby. Any items not purchased will be sold on the Garage Sale, July 23rd.



## MAY JOYS & CONCERNS

- ♦ Pray for Bill Irby. Bill was hospitalized for pneumonia and is currently home recovering.
- ♦ The Gausman family wants to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes. Reece is home, doing well and improving daily!
- ♦ Pray for John Wardman who was put on hospice on May 19, 2022.
- ♦ Pray for Jan Pickrel who is in Minnesota at her sister's home waiting for her car to be repaired since the accident. Anxious for a safe trip home. Congratulations: Mia Grant graduated from the University of Denver with a Masters degree in International Studies on June 10th.
- ♦ Prayers for the Tupper family as Bob & Judy Tupper recently lost two of their grandchildren in an automobile accident.
- ♦ Please pray for Reece Gausman's family. Reece passed away June 25, 2022. His funeral was at Federated Church on June 30th.
- ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Alexandria**  
The Alexandria Presbyterian Church seeks your prayers as we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> year this year and look toward the future. We are joyful to plan a number of fun things - we will do an anniversary worship service, participate in our town's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and parade, and are planning a hymn sing and ice cream social this year. We look forward to a confirmation class starting in the fall, and are hoping to start a pre-school Sunday School class since we have several little ones involved with our congregation. Please pray for these endeavors, as we teach our young people and help them grow in Christ's love and service. We pray that we may continue to follow God's guidance and proclaim the gospel!
- ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Auburn**  
The biggest prayer request that the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn has at the moment is for a new pastor. Our pastor for the past three years, Carla Patterson, has retired

and we are now searching for another full-time minister. We ask that you pray for our pastor search committee as they search through resumes to find someone who is the right fit for our church and congregation. And for our church as a whole as we go through this time of transition and uncertainty. As for joys, we have been partnering with Project Response the past few years and have gotten their food pantry all decked out with new shelving, freezers, and security cameras. We've also been working to grow our Sunday School program and we ask that you pray for us as we work toward branching out for both and nursery and Sunday School program so more families with small children will be comfortable coming to service on Sundays. Thank you in advance for all of your thoughts and prayers!

- ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Bancroft**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Bancroft 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: Beatrice**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Beatrice congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

- ♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Columbus**  
St. Luke's UCC (Columbus, NE)

- ♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Coleridge**  
Pilgrim Congregation UCC (Coleridge, NE 68727)

- ♦ **Tri-Conference UCC Ministries, Inc., Calls to Action: End Gun Violence** - for more information, please contact the office staff.

- ♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Creighton Faith**  
United Creighton (UMC/UCC) (Creighton, NE 68729)



# MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

Conceived and written by  
Jim Caron  
Music and lyrics by  
Michael McGill



Theater Camp will be held at Federated Church

Free auditions at 9:45am on Monday, July 25th

**Ages:** Completed Kindergarten through 12th Grade

**Cost:** \$45 per child, to be paid after auditions are completed

If you have questions, please contact Karen 402-562-0899

Sponsored by Columbus Arts Council

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Group will be meeting

Saturday, July 9th at 8:30am

in the Fellowship Hall.

Men of all ages welcome!

## SPAM EMAILS, ATTACHMENTS AND EMAIL ISSUES

WARNING! There have been some unusual emails coming in recently claiming to be from Federated Church. DO NOT OPEN ANY ATTACHMENTS! We will NOT send you an invoice or any other document through email unless you specifically ask for it!

Call the office if you have questions!

As some of you may know, we recently changed email server providers. If you are not getting your regular emails or responses from any @federatedcolumbus.org email addresses, please call the office or go into your email settings and set these emails as confirmed emails or "white-listed".

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have time to help out this summer?  
We have a number of activities that you can volunteer for!

- \* Special Music during Sunday worship services
- \* Liturgist during Sunday worship services
- \* Summer Café La Fed after Sunday worship services
  - \* Rescue Mission Meals, once a month

## ANNUAL GARAGE & BAKE SALE

Items are now being accepted in the Education Center. The North Narthex and Ed Center doors will be open Monday through Friday. Items can be placed in EC 4/5 for now and it will be sorted by the Garage Sale volunteers.

## SPECTRUM CLOSED - NO MORE LOCAL BROADCASTING SERVICES

As you may have noticed, the Spectrum office/store in Columbus has closed. The company has confirmed they will no longer be broadcasting worship services on channel 1403.

If you would like to receive DVDs of worship services, please contact the office staff.

## COLUMBUS DAYS

Columbus Days will be taking place August 11th - 14th.

As always, the church will be participating by operating the Diaper Changing/Nursing Station in Frankfort Square and creating a float for the Parade. This year's theme is 'Nightmare on 13th Street'. If you would like to help or volunteer, please contact Jesse Abrego, Chair of Membership & Growth Committee.

## 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.

In May, we helped one family with fuel.

Total given to those in need through May 31, 2022: \$639.96



## 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](http://missionheartworld.weebly.com)

## MEALS ON WHEELS



Federated is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels Monday, June 27 through Fri. July 1. Cec Bartholomew will coordinate, 402-564-0264 or 402-276-8193.

Thank you to faithful servants.

## 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.



## 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>

## 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 - May 2022	
<b>General Funds (Checking):</b>	<b>\$23,666.75</b>
Contributions (2022)	\$23,276.75
Rent	\$390.00
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$1,738.85</b>
Building Mntc.	\$450.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$125.00
Youth Fund	\$397.80
Helping Hands - Members	\$125.00
Vacation Bible Camp	\$30.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1.05
Doane College	\$20.00
Kamp Kaleo	\$20.00
Camp Calvin Crest	\$20.00
Disaster Relief	\$275.00
Pentecost	\$250.00
Landscaping Fund	\$25.00
<b>Memorials</b>	<b>\$205.00</b>
Unrestricted	\$155.00
Landscaping	\$50.00
<b>Interest Income:</b>	<b>\$13.20</b>
Savings	\$13.20

Expenses - May 2022	
<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$30,697.61</b>
Utilities	\$3,163.36
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$26,518.50
Misc. Expense - Postage	\$615.75
Damage Deposit/Wedding Fees	\$400.00
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$1,923.11</b>
Helping Hands - Non-Members (Fuel Assistance)	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$524.00
General Savings - Library to Chapel Project	\$486.81
Worship & Music - Advent Candles	\$885.35
Library Furnishings	\$6.95
<b>Memorial Fund:</b>	<b>\$210.08</b>
Unrestricted - Boettcher Bible stand	\$22.10
Kitchen Supplies - Café La Fed	\$187.98

Total Income: \$25,028.80  
 Total Expenses: \$32,830.80  
 Balance: -\$7,802.00



# Happy Birthday

Tom Hempstead	7/2	Lauretta Dixon	7/17
Ethan Yang	7/3	Drew Wolfe	7/18
Eliot Yang	7/4	Shirley Johnson, Kaitlynn Meyer, Nick Warren	7/19
Ruth Schlobohm	7/6	Mark Garcia Lopez	7/20
Terry Millard	7/7	Rod Behlen, Rodger Grisham, Lucas Miller	7/21
Parker Hughes	7/11	Meg Weeder	7/24
Cooper Luedtke	7/12	Rae Fulton, Steve Heinisch, Codan Prokopec	7/26
Madden Luedtke, Byron Meyer, Tessa Miller, Barb Sanderson, Kathy Senior	7/13	Mike Sand, Bob Trautwein	7/29
Michael Griffith	7/15		

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



## Happy Anniversary



Congratulations to Marv & Barb Zoucha!  
They will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on July 22nd!  
A 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception and Polka Dance  
will be hosted by their children on  
July 23rd from 2pm to 6pm at the Eagles Club.  
All are welcome to attend!  
**Only the gift of your presence is requested!!**



## 2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEETING DAYS/TIMES

In the table below you can find the 2022 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.

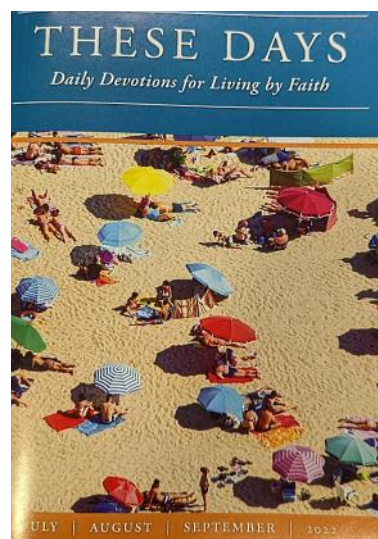
<b>Committee or Group</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Meeting Day/Time</b>
Christian Education Committee	Renee Norris	2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Endowment Committee	Donna Augspurger	Will meet as necessary
Finance & Property Committee	Terry Norris and Mark Weeder	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Membership & Church Growth Committee	Jesse Abrego	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating Committee	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Order of St. Andrew	Laura Porter	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	Elizabeth Grisham	<i>To be determined</i>
Worship & Music Committee	Alison Wagner	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm
Youth Ministry Committee	John McClure	2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am
Foundation	Doug Williams, President	Quarterly
Governing Council	Wayne McCormick, President Julie Graham, 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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## JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

The fourth quarter *These Days* is now available in the Church Office or the Narthex



### 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 times when there is "nothing special" going on in the life of the church (no big festivals or holidays) reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us and into our church.