



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- ♦ July 4 - Church office closed
- ♦ July 9 thru July 14 - Youth Mission Trip
- ♦ July 15 - Federated Church's Habitat for Humanity Build Day
- ♦ July 17 thru 21 - Missoula Children's Theatre
- ♦ July 29 - Annual Garage & Bake Sale
- **We will not be taking VHS or cassette tapes!***
- ♦ July 30 - 5th Sunday Potluck after service

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. July 2023 Newsletter deadline will be June 20th, 2023.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Second half of 2023 is upon us. July looks to be a very full month. We begin the first week with a national holiday. Hope you all have a safe and fun Fourth of July.

On Sunday July 9th, Brenda Sand and I will be leading a group of four youth to our summer mission trip in the Quad Cities (in Iowa & Illinois). It has been four years since our last youth mission trip, so we're excited to restart this annual tradition. We will be working with YouthWorks, a national organization that we worked with for our youth mission trip to Chicago in summer 2018. Please pray for our group's safety and openness to how God is working in the Quad Cities. Our trip will be completed on Friday July 14th.

The next day, my family and I (minus one adult child) will be flying to San Francisco. We'll spend one night with family in the Bay Area before driving to Lake Tahoe for my continuing education. I will be taking a one-week course on the Art of Transitional Ministry (Week 1). Below is a brief description of this course:

We live in unprecedented times. Change is happening all around us – whether it is in our churches, communities or the wider world. The question is not “will change come?” but instead, “How will we respond to the changes that confront us?”

The Art of Transitional Ministry is a two-part education opportunity to provide models, methods and similarly-minded colleagues to hone skills as leaders through transitions. Whether you are an installed pastor, interim or transitional leader, or serve other institutions in transition, our in-person educational event in a stunning location will provide you with time and space to discern your path as a transitional leader for this time.

We will be staying at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center. While I take my class, we'll have one child in middle school camp. My wife and high school age child will enjoy the scenery of Lake Tahoe.

When course and camp is over, we'll drive to Los Angeles to celebrate my brother's birthday. We'll spend a few days in Southern California visiting family and friends before driving back to Northern California. We expect to be back in Columbus for our annual Garage Sale on July 29th and 5th Sunday potluck after worship on July 30th.

May the month of July be filled with God's blessings for you all.

Grace and peace,
Edward

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - JUNE

Summer is officially here! The June Governing Council meeting began with zoom open forum with Joan Berglund, from the Presbytery Implementation Team for the new Presbytery structure. Joan provided some information on the new structure and asked how the Presbytery can be of assistance to Federated Church. Homestead Presbytery's Strategic Plan Engagement Guide can be found on Homestead's website front page: <https://homesteadpres.org/>. It is an 8 page easy to read document.

Copies of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual For Federated Church of Columbus, NE was handed out to each council member. This new personnel policy was approved by Governing Council on March 28, 2023.

In preparation for the Governing Council retreat at the St. Benedict Center on August 26, 2023, Pastor Yang provided council members with "Mutual Ministry Review: A Process of Continuous Improvement" to read and reflect. The purpose of the retreat is to set church wide goals for Federated Church and to develop a ministry plan review. Please seek out a governing council member or Pastor Yang if you have any questions or goals you would like us to consider. Also please keep the Governing Council members and Federated Church in your prayers as we discern the future goals for Federated Church.

Other business:

- Approval of 4 doors to be installed with a card key lock system and an intercom system installation for the south office door entrance.
- Also approved was \$80,000 for the Education Center renovation project. This will include updating the lighting fixtures, drywalling (ceiling) from the lighting updates, new windows, and adding soffits around the water lines.
- A draft copy of the Amended and Restated Constitution of the Federated Church of Columbus, Nebraska was provided to council members by the Constitution task force for review.
- Council approved a letter of recommendation and some financial support for Brenda Sand to the Commission Pastor Program
- Brenda Sand will attend the next Presbytery meeting on August 12th at Camp Calvin Crest

Alison Wagner gave an update on the Stewardship committee and the Pipe Organ Task Force. The Stewardship campaign theme is from Matthew 10:8 "Freely you have received, Freely Give!" "God's gift to me- - My gift to God". Logos have also been selected. Please pray for both of these committees this coming month.

The next Governing Council meeting will be Saturday August 26, 2023, during the retreat at the St. Benedict Center, 10:00am - 4:00pm.

Julie Canaday Graham, Federated Church President

Vacation Bible Camp 2023

Vacation Bible Camp was held June 12th – 16th at Federated Church in partnership with First United Methodist Church and St. Luke's UCC. Thirty-three kids learned how to *Shine Jesus' Light* through this STELLAR program! We collected 211 food items for the food pantry and \$60 in the coin vortex for the Backpack Program. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this week possible!



Youth Mission Trip

The youth mission trip to Quad Cities, IA will take place July 9th – 14th. The quad cities include Davenport and Bettendorf in Iowa and Rock Island and Moline in Illinois. Service opportunities include assisting with local youth programming, engaging with adults who have disabilities, and meeting basic needs through food pantries, community gardens, and clothing giveaways. The mission team will be commissioned during worship on Thursday, July 6th at 6:30 pm and will report back to the congregation during worship on July 20th and 23rd.



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

If any of these items are yours, please pick them up in the coatroom next to the office.



OPERATION EDUCATION NAIROBI MISSION TRIP 2023



Clark and Marcia Grant, Chris Warren, Julie Graham and Katie Claus along with four others traveled to Nairobi Kenya on May 28th and returned June 9th. It was a wonderful trip. We visited schools, organized books in

library and provided new books, met with administrators, met with students, visited a Children's home, visited four homes in the Dandora slum, met with parents, students, and other groups in church. We experienced many new things. It was a very busy time!

Thank you for your prayers and support! The prayers and support were very much needed and appreciated. Friends and members of Federated Church make it possible for Operation Education Nairobi to provide full year scholarships for 45 very bright and needy students. We believe with God's help we are making a difference in the world. At the OEN Board meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya on June 7, 2023, the Board voted to start a student sponsorship scholarship. We will keep you updated on the progress of this initiative of how you can continue your support to change the life of a child.



SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTIONS & EVENTS

The Social Concerns and Mission Committee are sponsoring a church wide project, Hygiene Kits, during the month of July. You will find gallon size plastic bags with a zipper closure on a table by the office. In the plastic bag is a list of items needed. Our goal is to fill 24 kits. Thank you!

July 15th is Federated's day to help with Habitat for Humanity. Workers are needed. We also need lunch items (sandwiches, chips, cookies, for example) and a snack for the afternoon. We also will need bottled water. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

For the months of July, August and September we will be collecting leashes, Pine Sol and bleach for Paws and Claws.

In October, November, December we will be collecting new items - gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for the Angel Tree. Watch for these items to go on sale! Summer is a good time to stock up.

"The Son of Man did **not** come **to be served, but to serve**," Matthew 20 : 28

Social Concerns and Missions Committee

UPDATING BROCHURES IN NARTHEX

If any place you work or volunteer for has new brochures (not outdated) please collect some and bring them to church for the rack in the library. Thank you!

Social Concerns and Missions Committee

SHRED AT FED

Thank you to all who came to the Shred at Fed event!

We ended up with 60 cars coming through and collected 198 pounds of food and \$85, all to be donated to the Platte County Food Pantry!

MAY USHERS/ LITURGISTS & ATTENDANCE REPORT

All information is through June 25th

Ushers : Bill Royer, Beth Sharpe, Pat Anderson, Peg Rupprecht, Tim Warren

Liturgists : Sue McClure, Beth Sharpe, Wilma Arp, Doug Williams

Average Attendance : Thursday Service - 19

Sunday Service - 94

Online Average - 84

Total Weekly Attendance - 197

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR JUNE 2023

- ♦ Pray for family of Frances Warner, aunt of Jean Royer. Frances passed away on May 22nd in Cambridge, NE. Funeral was on May 26th in Lebanon, NE.
- ♦ Pray for John Curry who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- ♦ Congratulations to Sunnie Yang for being named the CPS Foundations Operations Employee of the Year!
- ♦ Congratulations to Jenny Young for being named Outstanding New Educator of the Year for CPS!
- ♦ Pray of the Operation Education Nairobi team as they travel to Kenya.
- ♦ Thank you for all the prayers for healing. I am now rehabbing and doing well! ~ Elsie Ita
- ♦ I would like to thank Federated Church members and friends for all of the thoughts, prayers and concern while I was in the hospital and since I have returned home. It is a continued recovery, but I am doing great! Thanks again and God bless you all! ~ Jan Pickrel
- ♦ Pray for Chuck, friend of Rod & Georgia Behlen who was just diagnosed with a double brain bleed.
- ♦ Pray for Rodney, who has been fighting cancer and was just placed in hospice. Rodney is the son of Cheryl (Jean Royer's sister) & Lonnie.
- ♦ John and Anita Hahn rejoiced with the birth of their first great grandchild, Camden Matthew King into the Hahn family on June 3rd. Parents are Matthew and Kaitlyn King and grandmother is Lori Hahn King all of Elkhorn.
- ♦ A sincere thank you to everyone who sent cards & prayers & calls while I was recovering. I am now home after 3 months at Brookstone and getting stronger by the day. ~ Nell Burnham
- ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Cedar Bluffs**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Cedar Bluffs 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: Clarkson New Zion**
New Zion Presbyterian church is located in Clarkson Nebraska. We are a healthy congregation spanning three or four generations of several families. As the pastor of the church I am starting my second year

of leadership. At the end of May we host our annual VBS for our rural community. Last year we had over 50 children. Our youth group which has about 20 teens from 7-12 grade provides support to our younger kids in VBS. This June we will host our annual Czech Days dinner on Saturday June 24th from 11am-1pm. We have an active prayer group that meets weekly to pray for the specific needs of our community. We are intentionally seeking the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into our next season of ministry and hope to continue actively participate in the work of Jesus Christ for generations to come.

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Columbus Federated**

We welcome prayers for our church leaders as they focus on developing goals for the church and congregation. We are excited as we venture into a new season of late spring and summer activities. We welcome prayers for our children and youth and leaders as they prepare for VBC, a mission trip, and summer camps. We are thankful for the work of committees that complete many projects and services that work to build a strong foundation of faith and support for the congregation, the church staff, and for the church building and property. We feel we are very fortunate to have great ministry leadership, church staff, congregational membership and support, opportunities for small interest group activities and worship, and opportunities for family, children and youth fellowship activities and worship. We join you in your prayers for your church needs and blessings as one in faith with Jesus Christ.

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Craig**

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♦ **UCC Living Waters Association:**

- **Center Congregational UCC (Center, NE 68724)**
- **Coleridge Pilgrim Congregation UCC (Coleridge, 68727)**
- **Columbus St. Luke's UCC (Columbus, 68601)**
- **Faith United Creighton (Creighton, 68729)**

June is Alzheimer's Awareness Month. This chart shows the stages, the characteristics of each stage, how long the stage lasts and the mental age of each. If you would like more copies of this, please contact the office staff.

Stage	Stage Name	Characteristic	Expected Untreated AD Duration (months)	Mental Age (years)	MMSE (score)
1	Normal Aging	No deficits whatsoever	--	Adult	29-30
2	Possible Mild Cognitive Impairment	Subjective functional deficit	--		28-29
3	Mild Cognitive Impairment	Objective functional deficit interferes with a person's most complex tasks	84	12+	24-28
4	Mild Dementia	IADLs become affected, such as bill paying, cooking, cleaning, traveling	24	8-12	19-20
5	Moderate Dementia	Needs help selecting proper attire	18	5-7	15
6a	Moderately Severe Dementia	Needs help putting on clothes	4.8	5	9
6b	Moderately Severe Dementia	Needs help bathing	4.8	4	8
6c	Moderately Severe Dementia	Needs help toileting	4.8	4	5
6d	Moderately Severe Dementia	Urinary incontinence	3.6	3-4	3
6e	Moderately Severe Dementia	Fecal incontinence	9.6	2-3	1
7a	Severe Dementia	Speaks 5-6 words during day	12	1.25	0
7b	Severe Dementia	Speaks only 1 word clearly	18	1	0
7c	Severe Dementia	Can no longer walk	12	1	0
7d	Severe Dementia	Can no longer sit up	12	0.5-0.8	0
7e	Severe Dementia	Can no longer smile	18	0.2-0.4	0
7f	Severe Dementia	Can no longer hold up head	12+	0-0.2	0

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

Thank you for filling in so many slots for the Rescue Mission meals!
There are only November and December.
This is always the second Friday of the month.

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.



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.

In 2023, Federated has assisted 6 people with rent, 18 families with fuel and a bus ticket for a veteran who wanted to go be with his family.

This assistance has totaled \$1,037.65.

We have received donations totaling \$200.

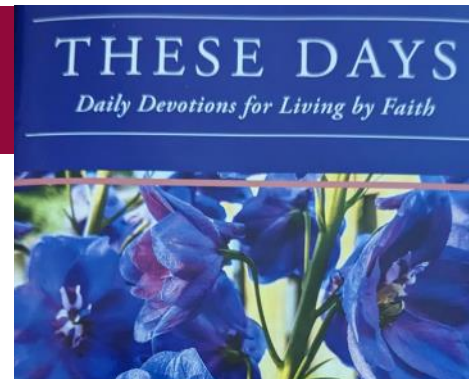
¹Excerpt from 'In Ministry Together; Federated Church - A Centennial History; July 2, 1014 - July 2, 2014'; pg. 38-39

FUNERAL COMMITTEE 2

Co Chairs: Steve & Marcia Dewald, Larry & Sue Mares, Linda & Guy Wheatley, Barb Olson
Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs

THIRD QUARTER *THESE DAYS* 2023 NOW AVAILABLE

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



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, and paper towels.



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!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, JULY 15, 2023

The Federated designated day for Habitat for Humanity is Saturday, July 15th. They are still looking for food, donations and workers. Work might include building, painting, cleaning, etc. We have been asked to bring food - rolls or cookies for a morning break, and sandwiches, hot dogs, etc., chips and something sweet for lunch. We also will provide water.



There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

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 - May 2023	
General Funds (Checking):	\$48,894.79
2023 Contributions	\$39,966.95
Rent	\$450.00
Misc. Income - Online Contribution for Leroy Kallweit	\$49.47
Transfers from Savings for May bills	\$8,092.87
Transfer from Memorials for May bills	\$335.50
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$3,718.61
Interest Earned	\$568.61
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$135.00
Kamp Kaleo	\$25.00
Pentecost	\$550.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$460.00
Vacation Bible Camp	\$310.00
Youth Fund	\$50.00
Building Maintenance	\$500.00
Landscaping	\$350.00
Appreciation/Love Gift for Bob Arp	\$570.00
General Savings (designated for 1st Presbyterian, Bancroft, NE)	\$200.00
Memorials:	\$420.00
Undesignated Fund	\$120.00
Piano/Organ Fund	\$150.00
Funeral/Kitchen	\$150.00

Expenses - May 2023	
General Fund Expenses:	\$37,988.47
Utilities	\$3,270.97
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$34,717.50
Rent	\$250.00
Misc. Expense - Vanco (online giving fee)	\$15.75
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$8,092.87
Landscaping	\$5,844.00
Appreciation/Love Gift for Bob Arp	\$570.00
Operation Education Nairobi	\$1,457.99
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$20.00
General Savings (1st Presbyterian, Bancroft, NE)	\$200.00
Memorial Fund:	\$335.50
Landscaping	\$200.00
Kitchen Supplies - Coffee for Café La Fed	\$135.50

Income	\$53,034.40
Expenses	\$46,416.84
Balance	\$6,617.56



Tom Hempstead	7/02	Lauretta Dixon, Otis Young	7/17
Aurora Irby, Ethan Yang	7/03	Drew Wolfe	7/18
Eliot Yang	7/04	Shirley Johnson, Kaitlynn Meyer, Nicholas Warren	7/19
Hailey Marker, Ruth Schlobohm	7/06	Mark Garcia Lopez	7/20
Terry Millard	7/07	Rod Behlen, Rodger Grisham, Lucas Miller	7/21
Lena Griffith	7/10	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

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



Happy Anniversary!

Wayne & Jill McCormick - 50 year
anniversary on July 14th

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	1st 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 Monday of the month, 5:00pm
Stewardship Committee	Georgia Behlen, Alison Wagner	4th Thursday of the month, 5:30pm
Worship & Music Committee	John Lohr and Sue McClure	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
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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Silent Auction:

Eggshell Nautilus K 53 N 5 China set, includes 490 pieces;
Can be separated into smaller sets!

Bidding closes July 9th

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.