



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ July 4: Independence Day; Office Closed
 - ◆ July 14 - 20: Youth Mission Trip
- ◆ July 15 - 18: Missoula Children's Theatre
- ◆ August 8 - 11: Columbus Days: The Big 5-0!
- ◆ August 24: Governing Council Retreat

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 2024 Newsletter deadline will be June 20th, 2024.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Federated Church generally follows the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a three-year schedule of selected Scripture readings. RCL was a collaboration among Catholic Bishops and Protestants churches (including Episcopal, Lutheran and Presbyterian) in the U.S. and Canada. Details of the RCL worth noting include:

- There are usually four readings for each Sunday/holiday: Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle (Letter), Gospel
- Three-year schedule is designated by the letters A, B & C
- Synoptic Gospels are the focus of each year: Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B and Luke in Year C; Readings from the Gospel of John are scattered throughout three-year schedule.
- Each year begins with the first Sunday of Advent and concludes with the "Reign of Christ" (Sunday before next season of Advent).

Personally, I appreciate preaching from the lectionary because each week's Scripture has been selected for me, as opposed to me trying to figure out which passage from the entire Bible to preach on. From the selected lectionary readings, one passage is picked by the makers of Feasting on the Word curriculum (which we use for our weekly lectionary Bible study). With specific Scripture selected, I can focus on sermon preparation.

I share all this to say that for the month of July, we will NOT be using the RCL. There are times when it makes sense to do something different. For July, we will focus on people who demonstrated faith in God and describe how they showed that faith.

Since Brenda Sand and I are leading our summer youth mission trip, we will not be around for the couple weeks of worship (one Sunday and following week's Thursday). Thankfully we have very capable preachers in our congregation, and we get to hear God speaking through them. We will also have our youth mission team report about how they witnessed faith during the trip.

As we enter the month of July, I want to ask you: "Who modeled faith to you? How did that person show their faith in God?" You are welcome to send a written response and with your permission, we would love to share in the next newsletter.

Grace and peace,
Edward

GOVERNING COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

Governing Council met Tues June 25, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

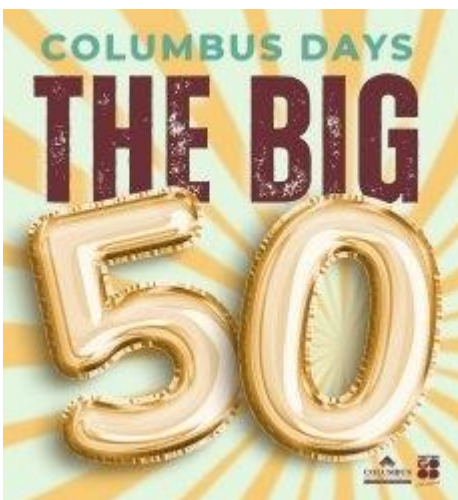
Meeting Highlights include:

- May GC meeting minutes and June Committee Reports were received.
- Part 2 of a video provided by the PC(USA) Synod of Lakes and Prairies titled Boundary Training was watched.
- Discussed ways to make the Federated Church Children and Youth Protection Policy available to the congregation.
- Two upcoming charity events supporting Operation Education Nairobi were approved.
- Two communion dates were changed from Nov. 28th & Dec. 1st to Dec. 5th & 8th .
- The Nomination Committee will be hosting a Committee Fair for committee nominations on August 25th.
- The youth mission trip to Milwaukee, WI is scheduled for July 14th - 20th.

Governing Council's next meeting will be August 24, 2024 at the St. Benedictine Retreat Center.

Alison Wagner, Church President and Barb Sanderson, Council Secretary.

2024 COLUMBUS DAYS



Columbus Days will be held downtown Thursday, August 8th through Sunday, August 11th.

Federated Church will be having the Diaper Changing/Nursing Station and a float on Friday and Sunday. Please contact one of the Membership & Growth Committee members!

Vacation Bible Camp 2024

Sixty-three students embarked on a Jungle Journey during this year's Vacation Bible Camp. Through Bible story, science, crafts, rec, music, mission and snack the kids' learned about the Bible and God's love for each of us.

It took approximately 45 youth and adult leaders and helpers to make VBC possible. Thank you to our Federated Members who volunteered: Karen Grabowski, Sunnie Yang, Angel Garcia, Jenny Young, Eliot Yang, Bronwyn & Ryland Prokopec, Brinlee Klevemann, Meg Weeder, Tessa Miller, and, friend of Federated, Dillon.



2024 Youth Mission Trip

Please pray for Eliot Yang, Tessa Miller, Meg Weeder, Brinlee Klevemann, Edward Yang, and Brenda Sand as they travel to Milwaukee, WI July 14th – 20th for our summer mission trip.



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Rain or Shine
BIBLE TIME



JOYS & CONCERNS FOR MAY 2024

- ◆ Pray for the family of Rosie Heinisch. Rosie passed away on May 22nd, 2024. Funeral was June 1st at 1:00 pm at Federated Church.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Dwayne Smith. Dwayne passed away on May 27th, 2024. Funeral was June 5th at Federated Church at 11:00 am with lunch after. Visitation at 10:30 am.
- ◆ Pray for Jane Ellefson and her family. Jane is on hospice.
- ◆ Pray for Joan Specht who is recovering from foot surgery. Also, pray for Gordon, who is acting as her caregiver.
- ◆ Pray for Marcene Wurdeman who had foot surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Anita Zavadil, grandmother of Brianna Brockhaus, who will be having surgery this week.
- ◆ Pray for Marcene Wurdeman as she recovers from her foot surgery.
- ◆ Congratulations on the birth of Ettie Ann, born May 29th. She is the daughter of Jared & Megan Kallweit, granddaughter of Kevin & Denise Kallweit, and great-granddaughter of Brenda Kallweit.
- ◆ Pray for Bill Royer as he recovers from heart surgery.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Calvin Wagner. Calvin passed away on June 22nd. Funeral will be at 11 am on Monday, July 1st, with luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Gresham**
For daily grace we give you thanks, O

Lord. For your stupendous love we praise Your Holy Name, O God. Grant that we may reach those who find no need of you. Grant that we might share You and worship You in ways that are irresistible to those who do not walk with you. Bless our outreach, bless our evangelism, and inspire us with Your Spirit as we seek to save the lost in Gresham.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Hickman**

As we navigate the strange waters of life after the pandemic, Hickman Presbyterian Church is grateful for those who are working hard to lead our congregation to meet the challenges of this time. We ask prayers for guidance as we continue to seek to minister to the needs of the families in our congregation and our community. We ask for prayers for new leaders to step up to fill roles from which some of our most dedicated members have had to step down. We ask for prayers for the people and the resources we need to continue to carry out the mission of sharing God's love.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Hebron**

First Presbyterian Church in Hebron is most thankful for our Pastors and Lay Preachers who are willing to fill the pulpit on a regular basis. We have John Duling, Mike Lagueau and Jim Fitzgibbon regularly. They are wonderful!!! We have only 15 members, but they are all dedicated to the Church and attend Worship regularly. We are also very

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR JUNE 2024

thankful for Dave Cording, who serves as Church treasurer and plays the organ every Sunday.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Laurel**

We appreciate prayers for our ongoing activities. We have a large group of young families and we are seeking ways to minister to the needs of this subgroup. We are also celebrating a bit of a baby-boom and some new members.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Eastridge**

Eastridge offers prayers of praise and thanks for continuing vitality in the church. This summer, the sermon series and other church activities will be based on the new book, "Everything Good About God Is True," by the Rev. Bruce Reyes Chow. We ask for continuing

prayers for our mission outreach activities, including Justice In Action, the Food Pantry, Faith Partners (mental health issues), the Gathering Place, and Lefler Middle School Market. We also are thankful for the completion of the Corona Bible, the entire Bible handwritten by more than 480 individuals. For more information about obtaining a digital or printed copy, contact the church office at dgustafso@eastridge.org.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:**

- **Center Congregational UCC, 68724**
- **Columbus Federated, 68601**
- **Columbus St. Luke's UCC, 68601**
- **Creighton Faith United UMC/UCC, 68729**
- **Elgin Park Congregational UCC, 68636**

FEDERATED CHURCH'S HELPING HANDS FUNDS

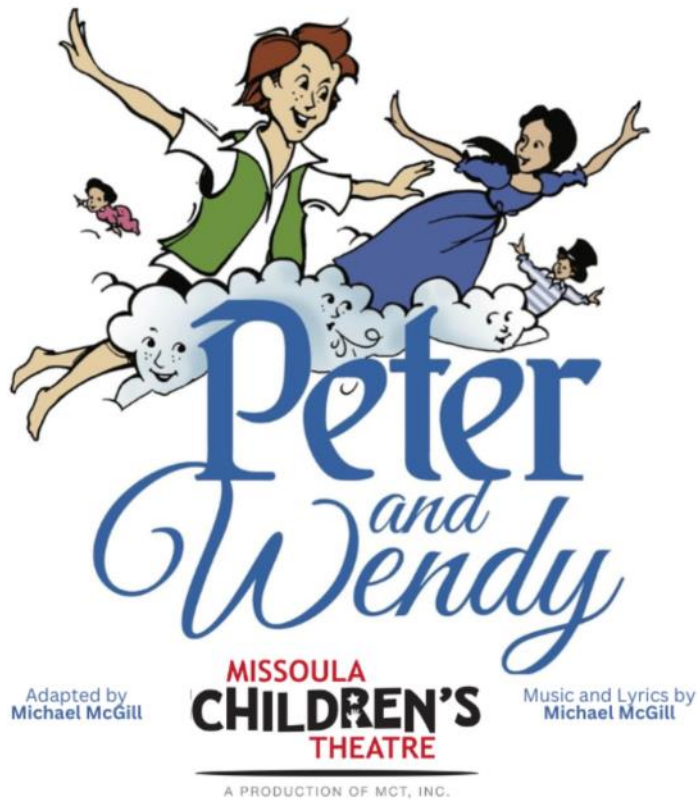
Did you know... *"In the spring of 1975 Federated Church hosted and helped organize the Helping Hands Organization of Columbus..."*¹ This gathering collaborated the efforts of a number of community groups and created low-cost housing, as well as a number of other wonderful outreaches to our community. This is where our "Helping Hands" funds were started!



For the year of 2024, we have received donations equaling \$1,540.00! For the year of 2024, we have helped four people with fuel and donated \$350 to the Brian Marker Benefit that was held in January, for a total of \$530.39.

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

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER

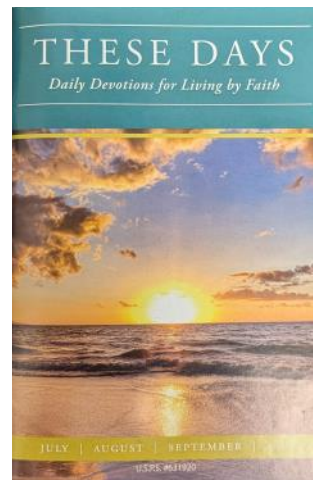


July 16 - 19
At Federated Church

Hosted by Columbus Arts Council

THESE DAYS THIRD QUARTER 2024

These Days for the 3rd quarter of 2024 is now available in the Narthex and office



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July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30am Calvin Wagner Visitation 11:00am Calvin Wagner Funeral 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study - no study in July 4:30pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting 6:00pm MGP meeting, conference room 7:00pm Scout troop 212 meeting	2	3 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study - no study in July	4 8:00am July 4th - Church office closed 6:30pm Worship Service	5 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service	6
7 10:00am Sunday Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services 3:00pm Mission Prep Meeting	8 7:00pm Scout troop 212 meeting	9	10 10:00am Staff Meeting	11 12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group 6:30pm Worship Service	12 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service	13 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
14 Youth Mission Trip 10:00am Sunday Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services	15 Youth Mission Trip 8:00am Missoula Children's Theatre 7:00pm Circle 4 7:00pm Scout troop 212 meeting	16 Youth Mission Trip 8:00am Missoula Children's Theatre	17 Youth Mission Trip 8:00am Missoula Children's Theatre 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting 1:00pm Circle 2	18 Youth Mission Trip 8:00am Missoula Children's Theatre 6:30pm Worship Service	19 Youth Mission Trip 8:00am Missoula Children's Theatre 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service	20 Youth Mission Trip
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USHERS/LITURGISTS & ATTENDANCE REPORT JUNE 2024

Ushers : Jesse Abrego, John & Anita Hahn, Wayne McCormick, Bill Royer

Liturgists : Alison Wagner, Doug Williams, Sue McClure, Katie Claus, Nicole Miller

Average Attendance :
Thursday Service - 21
Sunday Service - 75
Online - 63
Weekly Attendance - 161

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Can you play an instrument? Sing? Hum? Whistle? Or even play the accordion?? If you would like to share your talent with your Federated Family, sign up today for “Federated’s Got Talent!” There is a catch though... there is no judging! You won’t get first or second place, no ribbon, award or golden ticket. You will, however, get a “Great job!” “Thank you for sharing!” or a firm handshake and a pat on the back. Sign up today in the Narthex!



M & G SMALL GROUPS

Do you enjoy concerts, plays, or any upcoming arts and events in Columbus? However do you stay home because you do not want to attend alone and would rather go with others?

Here is your chance to go with others. The Membership and Growth Committee is getting a group of people together to attend these events.

If you are interested, please contact Ruth Lind and leave your name, phone number and email address. I will add your name or names to the list and will contact you when the next event comes up. If there is something you would like to see or attend, please give us your ideas. Please contact the church office if you need Ruth’s contact information.

SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTIONS & EVENTS

In July, August, and September, we are collecting leashes, Pine Sol, and bleach for Paws & Claws Adoption Center, There is a box for these items in the north entry off the parking lot. Thank you in advance for your help.

Social Concerns and Missions Committee

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

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

We are still collecting pill bottles - please take off labels (Goo Gone or Dawn Dishwashing soap work well.) Containers should be rinsed out, also. Thank you for your donations to this worthy project. These pill bottles are used as packing materials to send items to Africa and, once there, they will be sanitized and used for prescriptions.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE 4

Co-Chairs: Steve & Sue McClure, Sharon Kunchl, Brenda Sand, Rod & Cindee Wachter
Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs.

THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to our Co-Chairs for the Annual Garage & Bake Sale, Linda Wheatley and Sue Mares!

And many, many thanks to all the volunteers who organized, prepared items, priced, and worked the shifts on the sale day! This year's sale brought in more stuff to be sold than any year since the start of this fundraising event which began in 2005¹!

¹ Excerpt from 'In Ministry Together; Federated Church - A Centennial History; July 2, 1014 - July 2, 2014'; pg. 36

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.

It is noted that the shopping cart for the Food Pantry has been empty for the past few weeks. This, too, is an important part of Federated's outreach. Especially needed are canned fruits and vegetables.



MEALS ON WHEELS



Make sure to sign up for 2024 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!

RESCUE MISSION MEALS FOR 2024

Columbus **RESCUE** Mission

Federated Church has a long history of providing meals for the Rescue Mission, now located at 1112 15th Street, the old "Mory's Haven." This year we have quite a few dates that need to be filled: August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13 (always the second Friday.) With the price of groceries rising, we would suggest that two or three people go together to provide a meal. Please help with this important ministry. Sign up is in the Narthex.

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 ,
& pill bottles are accepted without labels

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

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.



KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL



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Keep America Beautiful.

To find out more information go to <https://kcbne.com>

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: Clorox, Pine Sol, Paper Towels, Old Linens, Stamps, Copy Paper, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores.

They have a number of animals available, go to <https://www.pawsandclawsne.org!>



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Cedar



Tucker



July Birthdays



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,	7/19
Hailey Marker, Ruth Schlobohm	7/06	Mark Garcia Lopez	7/20
Terry Millard	7/07	Rodger Grisham, Lucas Miller	7/21
Lena Griffith	7/10	Meg Weeder	7/24
Cooper Luedtke, Michael Mohr	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!

John & Anita Hahn, 65 years
July 19th

Mike & Ann Jeffrey, 45 years
July 28th

Paul & Peg Rupprecht, 35 years
July 22nd

2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEETING DAYS/TIMES

In the table below you can find the 2024 Chairperson(s) 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	Mark Weeder	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Membership & Growth Committee	Nila Novotny	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating Committee	Alison Wagner & Georgia Behlen	<i>To be determined</i>
Order of St. Andrew	Peg Meyer	1st Monday of the month, 4:30pm
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	Will meet as necessary
Worship & Music Committee	John Lohr	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm
Youth Ministry Committee	Max Porter	2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am
Foundation	Doug Williams, President	Quarterly/as Necessary
Governing Council	Alison Wagner, President Georgia Behlen, 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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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 time where there is “nothing special” going on in the life of the church (no big festivals or holiday) reminds us that God is present among us , breathing life into us and into our church.

INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT

In the event of dangerous weather during a church service, you will be instructed where to go for shelter at that time. If you are attending an event at the church outside of worship, please go to the Fellowship Hall to the storage area, or the restrooms right off the Narthex.

These areas are marked as Severe Weather Shelter Area signs.