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FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ June 1st - First day to bring Garage Sale items
 - ♦ June 11th - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
 - ♦ June 13th - 17th - Vacation Bible Camp at First United Methodist
- ♦ June 25th - Habitat for Humanity Build Day
 - ♦ July 23rd - Annual Garage Sale

SPECTRUM CLOSING - NO MORE LOCAL BROADCASTING SERVICES

As some of you may have heard, the Spectrum store/office is closing in Columbus on June 3rd. The nearest office to get service or equipment will be Fremont. Unfortunately, due to its closing, our worship services will no longer be aired on local broadcast television. Please contact the office if this is your only way of watching, so we can help find an alternative method of viewing the services.

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 2022 Newsletter deadline will be June 20th, 2022.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Federated Church Members,

I am grateful for the opportunity to have a sabbatical this summer. My intention for this newsletter article is to explain my plans for this sabbatical and ask for your support during this time.

It might be helpful to know some background information on sabbaticals, since they are not common for many occupations. The concept is based on Scripture including this Old Testament passage:

The Lord said to Moses on Mount Sinai, Speak to the Israelites and say to them: Once you enter the land that I am giving you, the land must celebrate a sabbath rest to the Lord. You will plant your fields for six years, and prune your vineyards and gather their crops for six years. But in the seventh year the land will have a special sabbath rest, a Sabbath to the Lord: You must not plant your fields or prune your vineyards. You must not harvest the secondary growth of your produce or gather the grapes of your freely growing vines. It will be a year of special rest for the land. (Leviticus 25:1-5)

Sabbath rest was intended to allow the land to recover from several years of continuous work. Interestingly, the practice of sabbatical year is most developed in the academic setting of colleges and graduate schools, where long term professors may receive up to a year leave of absence to rest and study. Sabbaticals are not as common for pastors and, if granted, are one to four months long.

Both the Homestead Presbytery and Nebraska UCC Conference recommend three-month sabbatical leave. Following these recommendations, Federated Church had a policy of granting pastors a three-month sabbatical every five years, when I was called as Associate Pastor in July 2016. Since that time, the sabbatical policy was revised to every six years. My original Terms of Call would have allowed me to take a sabbatical last year, summer 2021. Yet, it did not seem like the right time. There were travel restrictions in countries like South Korea, and there was uncertainty of the future with the Pastor Nominating Committee's and my discernment for how God was leading. When our respective searches were over, I was glad that the PNC agreed to allow my years of pastoral service to carryover for a sabbatical this summer and the congregation affirmed that decision with approval of my new Terms of Call.

Plans have been made for pulpit supply and pastoral care during my sabbatical (during the months of June through August along with Labor Day weekend). Each week's worship leadership will be filled by very capable lay members of our church and clergy from UCC Living Waters Association and PC(USA) Homestead Presbytery. Please show your support of these leaders with your worship attendance (in-person or online); reminder, if you are planning to be out of town on a weekend, we have Thursday evening services at 6:30pm as another option.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONTINUED)

Our Governing Council approved my recommendation for Brenda Sand as Acting Head of Staff during my sabbatical. Along with administrative duties, Brenda will provide primary pastoral care and coordinate with the Order of St. Andrew and local UCC pastors (Rev. Linda Mohr & Rev. Adam Lassen) for further assistance. Please communicate with Brenda for church related needs this summer.

As for my own plans during the sabbatical, there will be a combination of rest and planning for upcoming ministry. I am looking forward to rest in the form of break from ministry activities. The past three years have been filled with challenges requiring much mental and emotional energy. Taking a momentary step away can also be helpful for Federated Church. I have reminded myself that Christ is the foundation of our church. Ministry can go on without me.

While rest will be a major component to being re-energized, my sabbatical will not be solely for resting. I am NOT going on a three-month vacation. I hope to gain clarity on why God has led me to stay at Federated Church. Specifically, I want to know what the next phase of ministry will look like. During a recent presbytery meeting, I was congratulated by colleagues for my new call at Federated and asked whether I feel different. My honest answer was that I don't; I am continuing to do the same things as prior to being installed as "Solo Pastor." Yet, I wonder if things might be different after my sabbatical. There will be changes in our church's ministry as we continue to discern the Holy Spirit's guidance. It feels like my sabbatical could be a restart button for seeing what some of those changes are. Please pray for me, especially during this sabbatical, to discern how God is leading and to be spiritually renewed.

Grace and peace,
Edward

THANK YOU FROM CAROL BOTTUM

I would like to extend my thanks to all the people who helped me after my recent surgery.

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards and visits,
they definitely helped with the healing process!

To the Order of St. Andrew's ladies who brought food over:

Thank you so much! It was terribly helpful to have those delicious meals!

Many thanks and blessings!

Carol Bottum

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 24TH

The May meeting of the Federated Church Governing Council was held on May 24.

Members present were Jesse Abrego, Donna Augspurger, Mimi Ernst, John McClure, John McPhail, Renee Norris, Alison Wagner, Mark Weeder, Rev. Edward Yang, and President Wayne McCormick. Absent were Katie Claus and Julie Graham.

Mark Weeder gave the Finance and Property Committee report, which included approval of \$3500 to repair a heaving section of sidewalk.

The following motions were made and approved:

- To approve the April Governing Council meeting minutes.
- To receive the financial reports.
- To receive the Finance and Property report.
- To receive the emailed Standing Committee reports.
- To receive the Pastor's written report.
- To approve the baptism of Dominic Francis Oran and Elliott Edwin Oran on June 5.
- To set the annual meeting date to October 30, 2022, in order approve the 2023 budget and elect officers.
- To use general fund savings to cover expenses related to substitutes during Pastor Yang's sabbatical leave (May 31 - September 5).

Submitted by Wayne McCormick, President

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!

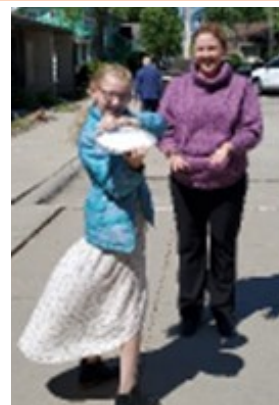
Confirmation



On May 1st Federated celebrated the confirmation of five of our students. Congratulations to Eliot Yang, Brielle Wolfe, Bronwyn Prokopec, Malynn Slizoski and Toby Sand.

Seed Store

Students earn seed store points for attending Sunday School, memorizing Bible verses, and having good behavior in class. Students spend their points



at the Seed Store for prizes which include candy, toys, and gift cards. A popular seed store prize, with a high point price tag is "Pie Someone." This year Alyse Wolfe collected enough points to pie her mother & teacher, Kristi Wolfe.

Graduation Sunday



Congratulations to Mark Garcia-Lopez on his graduation from Columbus High School. Mark plans to pursue a career in welding.

Summer Nursery Care

Childcare will be available on Sunday mornings in the nursery room during the 10:00 am worship service. Children in the nursery will go to the sanctuary for the Children's Sermon and then return to the nursery for a brief lesson and playtime.

Teacher Appreciation

May 22nd was the last week for Education Hour for the school year. Thank you to our amazing teachers who answered God's call to share their time and talents with the children and youth of Federated Church! Thanks you Heidi Kleemann, Nicole Miller, Kristi Wolfe, Max Porter and Lisa Perrin.

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible Camp
First United Methodist Church
June 13th - 17th, 8:15 - 11:30 am
Color of the Day:
Monday - Red
Tuesday - Yellow
Wednesday - Green
Thursday - Purple
Friday - Blue



Vacation Bible School 2022 Registration

June 13-17th | 8:15 am - 11:30 am | 2710 14th Street Columbus

Ages: 3 Years - 6th Grade | \$5 Early Bird Registration or \$10 at the door.

Questions? Contact Federated (564-2812), First UMC (564-8463) or St. Luke's (564-8862)

Monday - Red | Tuesday - Yellow | Wednesday - Green | Thursday - Purple | Friday - Blue

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Grade Completed May of 2022:

<input type="checkbox"/> Preschool	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 5th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 6th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> No School

What days will your child attend Vacation Bible Camp?

<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wed	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
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Does your child need early morning care?

☐ Yes

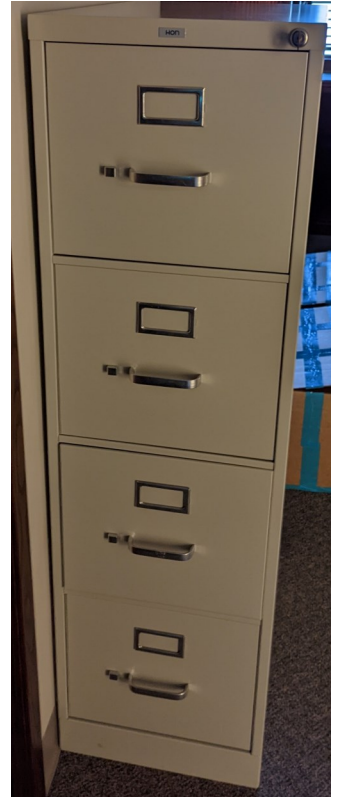
☐ No

If yes, what time? _____

Please list any allergies, relevant medical information or special requests for this child.

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.



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
the second Saturday each month at 8am
in the Fellowship Hall starting June 11th.

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
- * Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers, June 13th through 17th
 - * Habitat for Humanity, June 25th
 - * Rescue Mission Meals, once a month

LANDSCAPE UPDATE

The new landscape plan is scheduled to begin soon. The first phase will be the northwest parking lot areas on the south and east sides of that entrance. Short Landscaping will begin removing most of what remains in those areas. They are anticipating that the process will begin sometime during the last week of May depending on the weather. The Landscape Committee is requesting that no one parks in that parking lot M-F during the hours of 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. There will be large machinery used to remove stumps, rocks, and dirt. There are still a few beautiful Hosta plants that can be transplanted. Please contact Wilma Arp (402-910-4233) or Sue McClure (402-563-1803) to make arrangements to dig up those plants.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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>

Federated's Day for Habitat for Humanity is June 25th. It is the last day of the build so it will involve finish work. We will need workers AND people to provide a



midmorning snack and lunch. For more information, please contact Katie Claus. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex starting May 15th.

Please, won't you help?

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.



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.



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.

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

OUR EXPERIENCE AT MISSION HEART, INC.

We were very impressed with Mission Heart at Central City. Thank you to those who donated items that we delivered to them. The fact that they repurpose items is amazing. Posted on the bulletin boards is a flyer listing some of their projects. We were given a tour of the facility which takes about 20 minutes. We saw the sewing room, the foster care room, laundry room and shipping area to name a few. When shipping out pallets, boxes must all be the same size. They have solved that without expense by having grocery stores recycle their "banana boxes" to them. If you want to tour the facility, they are open on Tuesday from 1-4 pm and Wednesday from 5-7pm located on south side of street (Highway 30) between State Theater and Archer Credit Union.

Look for the hanging Mission Heart logo sign.

John and Anita Hahn

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.



Angel



Shadow



Stallone



Lumus



**Peppermint
Patty**

FINANCE AT A GLANCE

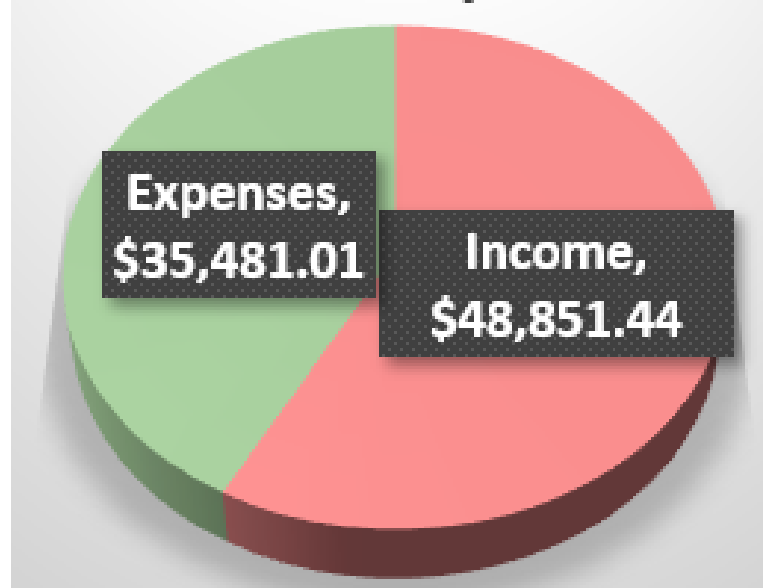
Contributions - April 2022

General Funds (Checking):	\$45,283.67
Contributions (2022)	\$44,423.67
Misc. Income - banner stand (L. Augustin), Accidental purchase	\$860.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$3,353.10
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$693.36
Youth Fund - Can Recycling	\$195.74
Disaster Relief - Ukraine	\$900.00
Installation Service	\$1,564.00
Memorials	\$205.00
Unrestricted	\$155.00
Landscaping	\$50.00
Interest Income:	\$9.67
Savings	\$9.67

Expenses - April 2022

General Fund Expenses:	\$31,439.96
Utilities	\$4,021.28
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$27,334.18
Misc. Expense - Accidental purchase	\$84.50
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$3,265.55
Youth Fund - Paint/Supplies for youth room mural; Mother's Day flowers	\$229.17
Office Equipment - Computers & IT	\$2,075.00
General Savings - Email Migration & IT	\$961.38
Memorial Fund:	\$775.50
Unrestricted - Boettcher; banner stand	\$775.50

Income v Expenses



Happy Birthday

Kevin Kallweit, Marlyn Wurdeman	6/2	Bronwyn Prokopec	6/18
Andree Hoeman, Peg Meyer, Shirley Spence	6/3	Emily Critser, Marilyn Vrana	6/20
Nicole Miller, Kevin Perrin, Karen Whitney	6/5	Taytum Miller, Hailey Rathje	6/21
Tyrone McHugh	6/6	Giana Boyle, Emily Grant, Mia Grant, Parker Grant	6/24
Pat Scheuneman, Brielle Wolfe	6/12	Elyssa Hahn, Lia Grant, Ben Vrana	6/25
Antonio Garcia	6/13	John Novotny	6/26
Terry Hoeman	6/15	John McPhail	6/27
Hudson Luedtke, Toni Gumm	6/16	Caleb Hast, Catherine Hare, Marcene Wurdeman	6/28
Hadley McHugh	6/17	Janae Graham	6/30

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 Terry & Renee Norris
who will be celebrating
their 25th Anniversary on June 18th!*



MAY JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ The Chancel Flowers are given by the Bellum Family to the Glory of God and in celebration of Fred's 90th birthday!
- ◆ Chancel Flowers are given by Gail Wurdeman and Sara Aerni, In loving memory of our parents, Irene & Harold Wurdeman. Happy Mother's Day Mom and Happy Birthday Dad!
- ◆ Pray for Roberta Saalfeld who fell and is recovering.
- ◆ Pray for Deanna Scheidegger who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Sheri Bostic, daughter to Marlyn Wurdeman and sister to Jackie & Steve Marker. Memorial service for Sheri will be held May 2nd, 2:00pm at Columbus Cemetery (or Federated Church if there is too much rain).
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Jack Blocker, who died on Sunday, May 8th in Lake Havasu, AZ. Services are pending.
- ◆ Pray for Mary Kay Dixon, friend of Rebecca and Paula Timperley. Mary Kay's husband, Ron passed away on May 11th.
- ◆ Pray for the Gausman family, Reece was admitted to the ICU at Columbus Community Hospital and transferred to the ER in Children's Hospital. Reece is having a difficult time breathing and will have numerous tests. He was then receiving treatment for pulmonary hypertension at Children's Hospital Omaha.
- ◆ Congratulations to Dan & Lizzie Johnson of Holdrege, who welcome a daughter, Della Grace, born on May 2, 2022. Brother is Axel and grandparents are Guy & Linda Wheatley.
- ◆ Congratulations to Val Rathje who has retired. She was with CPS for 14 years.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Linda Niles who passed away on May 12, 2022. Services were Monday, May 16th. She and her husband, Rev. Stephen Niles, and former members of Federated Church.
- ◆ Pray for Julie Graham & Katie Claus as they travel to Kenya (May 23 - 30) in preparation for a group trip in Spring 2023.
- ◆ Pray for John Wardman who was put on hospice on May 19, 2022.
- ◆ Calvin Wagner is presently residing at the Norfolk VA Home. If you would like to send cards or correspondence, please contact the Church Office for the address.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Dr. Don Gammel, brother-in-law to Linda McPhail. Dr. Gammel passed away on May 25, 2022. Services are being planned.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Wayne**
First Presbyterian Church of Wayne serves the community as host and administrator of the ecumenical Wayne Food

Pantry. The Wayne Food Pantry is open to all in the community. FPC also supports the Backpack program which assists local school students, both public and private, with easy to prepare meals for the weekends. Both programs are assisted by student athletes from Wayne State College and other dedicated volunteers. We give thanks for the assistance of the students, the volunteers, and the support of FPC and the Wayne community in this outreach.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Wymore**

With minimal health risks in our small community, we thankfully had only a few months of interruption to our in-person worship over the last couple years. We have maintained most of our joint parish-wide services and activities, including Lenten worship with our sister churches, Mission Creek and Steele City. We continue to enjoy opportunities of outreach in our local community. Pray that we rise to the task of loving our neighbors and offering the hand of Christ.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: York**

Prayers

are requested for the well being and prosperity of the York 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: Akron**

◆ The Akron church offers praises for an increase in membership and attendance in the last year. We offer praises for the growth of each person as they hear of God's word. We ask for prayers for rain, as we are a rural church and many of our members are farmers who are scared to perform their daily and seasonal work in risk of starting a fire. We pray for the safety and effectiveness of all firefighters as we have friends and family that are volunteering their time away from their families to help. We pray for the men, women, and children in Ukraine. We pray for political leaders to have wisdom and courage to do the right thing. We pray for our family, friends, and enemies' health -- physical and mental. May we all resist the devil's pull. We praise God for this life we live and hope to honor him in all things said and done.

◆ **Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church**

◆ **Prayer for UCC Living Waters Association:** Albion Congregational UCC (Albion, NE)

◆ **Prayer for UCC Living Waters Association:** Arlington Community UCC (Arlington, NE)

◆ **Prayer for UCC Living Waters Association:** Blair Congregational UCC (Blair, NE)

◆ **Prayer for UCC Living Waters Association:** Center Congregational UCC (Center, NE 68724)

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.

Committee or Group	Chairperson	Meeting Day/Time
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

DECODING THE LITURGICAL COLOR SCHEME

Red = Spirit The color red can, traditionally, only be found on one Sunday during the liturgical year: Pentecost, where the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church as tongues of fire. Since the color has so closely come to be associated with the Holy Spirit, red vestments are also appropriate for the celebration of the sacrament of baptism and installation/ordination services.

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.