



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 3 - 7: Vacation Bible Camp at First United Methodist
- ◆ June 8: Men's Fellowship Breakfast
 - ◆ June 24 - 28: Garage Sale Prep
- ◆ June 29: Annual Garage & Bake Sale
- ◆ July 4: Independence Day; Office Closed
 - ◆ July 14 - 20: Youth Mission Trip
- ◆ July 15 - 18: Missoula Children's Theatre

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.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

Governing Council met Tuesday May 28, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Highlights include:

- April financials were presented and received.
- April GC meeting minutes and May Committee Reports were received.
- The Landscaping committee plans to begin working on the East and North sides of the church.
- Federated Membership of Brianna Brockhaus was approved.
- Improving Federated's Hybrid Sunday Worship Service was discussed.
- Part 1 of a video provided by the Presbyterian Church USA titled Boundary Training was watched and discussed.

Governing Council's next meeting will be June 25, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Alison Wagner, Church President and Barb Sanderson, Council Secretary

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

On Thursday (May 30) and Sunday (June 2) James Sharpe will conclude his 33-month music ministry with Federated Church and mark his sixty-year career in church music. Join us after worship for coffee and cake in celebration of his service to Federated Church as organist.

Reagan Gausman announced that April 28th would be her last day directing the Chancel Choir. She has accepted a position as the Performing Arts and Recruitment Assistant for Doane University, and is living in Lincoln.

Confirmation Sunday

Congratulations to our newest members, Tessa Miller, Meg Weeder and Celine Perrin, who were confirmed on May 5th!



Mother's Day Flower Sale

Thank you to all who supported the Mother's Day Flower Sale. We raised \$568 for the Youth Summer Mission Trip! And a great big thank you to Tammy at Accent Floral for donating the roses. They were beautiful!

Graduation Sunday

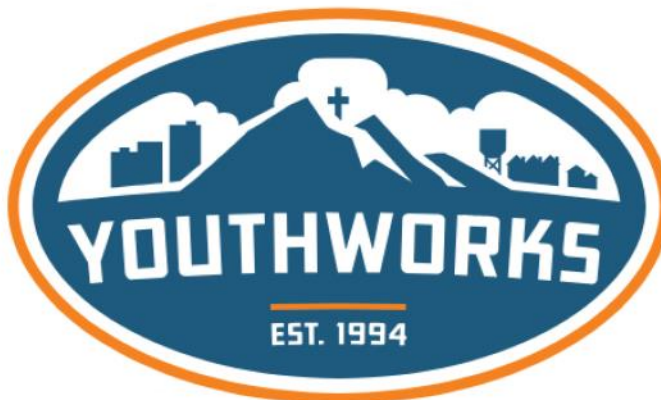
On May 19th, we celebrated the graduation of our four seniors, Tessa Klevemann, Ryland Prokopec, Alex Gracia Lopez and Gunnar Wolfe. Congratulations grads! We are so excited to see what God has planned for your futures!



Vacation Bible Camp

June 3rd – 7th
 8:14 – 11:30 am
 First United Methodist Church
 Ages 3 Years – 6th Grade

Youth Summer Mission Trip



The Youth Summer Mission Trip will take place July 14th – 20th in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The trip is open to students in 7th – 12th grade. Recent graduates are also welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brenda Sand.

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR MAY 2024

◆ Pray for the family of Ed Yonker, 92, father of Marcia & Steve Dewald, passed away on April 26, 2024 in Windom, Minnesota. Jan Yonker, 90, Ed's wife passed away on October 6, 2023 also in Windom, Minnesota.

◆ Pray for the family of Gary Puckett. Gary passed away on Saturday, April 20th. Funeral was at Federated Church on April 27th.

◆ Pray for Laura Porter as she receives chemotherapy treatment for cancer.

◆ The family of Frank Thompson invites you to remember and celebrate Frank's life on Saturday, June 1st, 2024, 3:00-5:30 (Central time) at the NPPD cabin at Lake Maloney (206 District Drive, North Platte, NE). Come and go as you please; light refreshments will be provided. Frank passed away on Feb. 5, 2024.

◆ Pray for the family of Rosie Heinisch. Rosie passed away on May 22nd, 2024. A Celebration of Life service will be June 1st at 1 pm at Federated Church with refreshments to follow. Visitation begins at 11:30 am prior to service.

◆ Please pray for Jeremy Allen, cousin to Brianna Brockhaus. Jeremy is suffering from a brain tumor.

◆ Pray for Jane Ellefson and her family. Jane has been placed 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 has foot surgery scheduled.

◆ Pray for Anita Zavadil, grandmother of Brianna Brockhaus, who will be having surgery next week.

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◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Dunbar** Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Clarkson 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: Fairbury** Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Fairbury 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: Falls City** First Presbyterian Church of Falls City is excited to have the basement remodeling nearly finished. The basement entrance now has a chairlift and enclosed stairwell. A restroom was also remodeled to make the basement fully handicapped accessible. Only the bathroom painting is left to complete the project. We ask for prayers that visitors

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and members will enjoy using the new facilities. The basement also houses the Community Diaper Closet. We pray the families are blessed by the baby and toddler items they get each week, and by the friendliness of our volunteers. Our congregation is quite small, but we enjoy helping our community where we can. Please pray our congregation continues to grow in spirit and in size!

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Fremont**

Thank you to the Presbytery! We are glad to be surrounded by your prayers! Since late November when a high speed chase ended in our building, half of our church building is still a construction zone. The office was moved to the basement, the pastor and CE director are working from multi-use areas. We have been

worshipping back in our sanctuary and using our church kitchen since Christmas. This summer we plan to be a USDA feeding site, but with much less available building, we will have to innovate to accommodate. The PNC here is hard at work, so if you know a pastoral candidate that wants to do ministry in a church with a rich heritage and a vibrant future with newly constructed pieces, send them our way. Peace, Fremont Presbyterian Church

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:**

- **Norfolk UCC, 68701**
- **Albion Congregational UCC, 68620**
- **Arlington Community UCC, 68002**
- **Blair Congregational UCC, 68008**

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 helped four people with fuel and donated \$350 to the Brian Marker Benefit that was held in January.

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

USHERS/LITURGISTS & ATTENDANCE REPORT APRIL 2024

Ushers : Jesse Abrego, Brian Klevemann, Wayne McCormick, Bill Royer, Beth Sharpe
Youth Ushers: Meredith Gaeth, Anna Young

Liturgists : Confirmands, John McPhail, Nicole Miller, Julie Graham

Average Attendance : Thursday Service - 16
Sunday Service - 98
Online - 83
Weekly Attendance - 197

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.

OSA MAY DAY BASKETS

Order of St. Andrew is always coming up with fun things to take to our members! Peg, Barb and Tammy used their time and talents to create May Day Baskets. These baskets were delivered to a number of our Federated Family members!

OSA Committee members, thank you so much for using your time to bring joy to others!
You are very much appreciated!



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 2024 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Congratulations to the 2024 High School Seniors who received Scholarships:

Tessa Klevemann,

Ryland Prokopec, Gunnar Wolfe!

Federated's Foundation was made possible by a generous donation from Phil Wilson, Jr., who died in 1998. As of 2023, over 1 million dollars worth of scholarships have been awarded.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE 3

Co-Chairs: John & Katie Claus, Paul & Barb Sanderson, Rick & Laura Porter
Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs.

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00am Rosie Heinisch Visitation 1:00pm Rosie Heinisch Memorial 2:00pm Rosie Heinisch Reception
2 10:00am Sunday Worship Service (Wholeness & Healing) 3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services	3 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 7:00pm Jazz Orchestra Rehearsals 7:00pm Scout meeting- Jason Reiff, 402-910-5297	4 1:30pm Cries of the Spirit - Library room 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:15pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	5 10:00am Dwayne Smith Visitation 11:00am Dwayne Smith Memorial 1:00pm Dwayne Smith Luncheon 4:00pm Lectionary Bible Study	6 12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group 6:30pm Worship Service	7 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service	8 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9 10:00am Sunday Worship Service 11:15am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting 3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services	10 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee Meeting 6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scout meeting- Jason Reiff, 402-910-5297 7:00pm Jazz Orchestra Rehearsals	11 7:00pm Personnel Committee	12 12:00pm All Staff Meeting 4:00pm Lectionary Bible Study	13 6:30pm Worship Service	14 5:00pm Ashley - Minions party Girl Scouts? 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service	15
16 10:00am Sunday Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services	17 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 7:00pm Scout meeting- Jason Reiff, 402-910-5297	18 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting	19 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Circle 2 4:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 6:00pm Circle 4	20 6:30pm Worship Service	21 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service	22
23 10:00am Sunday Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services	24 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 7:00pm Scout meeting- Jason Reiff, 402-910-5297	25 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting	26 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Lectionary Bible Study	27 6:30pm Worship Service	28 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service	29 7:30am Garage Sale
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Federated's Annual Garage & Bake Sale is scheduled for June 29th, 7:30am - 3pm.

We do not accept TVs, Computers or Monitors, Mattresses & Box Springs, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Refrigerators or Freezers, Firearms/Ammunition, or used Car Seats. All of these items will cost the church to dispose of them.

Volunteers will be needed June 24th through June 29th.

A vibrant poster for a Vacation Bible Camp. At the top is a ship's wheel with the text "Answers VBS THE GREAT Jungle JOURNEY" and "An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation". Below this, the words "VACATION BIBLE CAMP" are written in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath, it says "SPONSORED BY: FIRST UNITED METHODIST | FEDERATED CHURCH | ST. LUKE'S UCC". A date box contains "JUNE 3RD - 7TH" and "8:15 AM - 11:30 AM". At the bottom left, a teal box says "REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!". On the right side, there is a QR code. The background features palm trees and a blue sky with clouds.

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Jungle
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An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation

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SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTIONS & EVENTS

In April, May, and June we are collecting paper towels and toilet paper for the Center for Survivors, 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.

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.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAY

This year, the Habitat for Humanity build day will be June 8th.

We are requesting volunteers to help with the lunch for the workers. Suggestions include sandwiches, hot dogs, pizzas, sloppy joes, cookies, chips, etc. We are also needing cases of water (24 - 36 packs). Sign up is in the Narthex on the green easel by the right entrance into the sanctuary.



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: June 14, 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



Keep Columbus Beautiful is an affiliate of

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!>



Finch



Catfish



Cassandra



June Birthdays



Beth Sharpe	6/01	Toni Gumm, Hudson Luedtke	6/16
Kevin Kallweit	6/02	Hadley McHugh	6/17
Andree Hoeman, Peg Meyer	6/03	Bronwyn Prokopec	6/18
Nicole Miller, Kevin Perrin, Karen Whitney	6/05	Marilyn Vrana	6/20
Tyrone McHugh, Clark Smith	6/06	Taytum Miller, Hailey Rathje	6/21
Jeff Bruegger	6/10	Emily Grant, Mia Grant, Parker Grant	6/24
Pat Scheuneman, Brielle Wolfe	6/12	John Novotny	6/26
Antonio Garcia	6/13	John McPhail	6/27
Terry Hoeman	6/15	Caleb Hast, Marcene Wurdeman	6/28
Toni Gumm, Hudson Luedtke	6/16		

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



Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Brenda Berry, 55 years
June 7th

Rod & Cindee Wachter, 45 years
June 16th

Income - April 2024		Expenses - April 2024	
General Funds (Checking):	\$35,279.74	General Fund Expenses:	\$34,394.23
Contributions	\$34,771.74	Utilities	\$2,686.85
Rent	\$299.00	Other Budgeted Expenses	\$31,544.01
Misc. Income (Lenten Lunches)	\$209.00	Transfers for Online Giving	\$163.37
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$5,301.63	Designated Funds (Savings):	\$10,883.85
Interest Earned	\$666.24	Easter Lilies	\$502.50
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$251.40	Youth Fund	\$35.80
Pentecost	\$250.00	Building Maintenance (Ed Center Remodel)	\$10,304.58
Youth Mission Trip	\$820.00	Easter Lilies/Poinsettias (water trays for Poinsettias/Easter Flowers)	\$40.97
Youth Fund	\$250.00	Memorial Fund:	\$0.00
Youth Fund (Transfer from Checking - Online giving)	\$63.99		
Organ/Piano Fund	\$3,000.00		
Memorials:	\$4,039.38		
Undesignated	\$3,555.00		
Landscaping	\$205.00		
Youth	\$30.00		
Funeral/Kitchen	\$150.00		
Undesignated (Transfer from Checking - online giving)	\$99.38		

Income	\$44,620.75
Expenses	-\$45,278.08
Transfer for March Bills	\$9,513.33
Transfer for April Bills	\$10,883.85
Total	\$19,739.85



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.