

FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 1 THROUGH 5 - VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 1 - YOU MAY START TO BRING YOUR GARAGE SALE ITEMS TO THE EDUCATION CENTER ROOMS (GARAGE/BAKE SALE IS JULY 18TH)

JUNE 4 & 7 - COMMUNION, HYMN SING, BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION, SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING

JUNE 21 - FATHER'S DAY

From the Pastor's desk - Guest Article

During a recent meeting with Shelia Arasmith, I asked her if she would be willing to write an article about what she has been going through. Thankfully, she agreed. Timing worked well to include her article for this month's newsletter. God is good! Edward

"God's Ways" by Shelia Arasmith

This past December I developed a new mole on my right thigh. It changed quickly so I decided to go to Dr. Dillon Clarey to have it removed. Instead of removing it, he biopsied it, and he asked me if I had ever had cancer before. My eyes teared up, because yes, eight years ago I had battled breast cancer.

A couple of weeks later Dr. Clarey called with the results. I had lymphoma. But not just lymphoma. Stage 4 large B cell double hit lymphoma. One of the rarest and worst kinds. When I asked my oncologist at the time what my chances were of surviving this he said "We'll see." And the surgeon who put my port in advised me to make my end of life wishes while I was still able. It was really happening. At 59 years old I was facing death. My only hope was to go to UNMC every 21 days for 6 rounds of week-long constant intensive chemotherapy.

When you're facing death there's only 1 of 2 paths you can choose. You can be angry, bitter, depressed and terrified, or you can turn to God. I'm not going to lie, I was depressed and terrified, but I turned to God. I went to see Pastor Yang, and I cried so hard that day, and I told him that I thought God was punishing my for my sins. Pastor Yang told me that God wasn't punishing me. That sometimes bad things happen and we don't understand why, but that God is always with us and loves us. A dear friend from Federated gave me a devotional book titled *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young. I would recommend it to everyone.

During the months I was at home dealing with the side effects of the chemo I spent a lot of my time reading that devotional book, reading parts of the Bible and praying. Some of the deepest love for Jesus is often times born out of places like jail cells, and sick beds. Born again some might say. I began to rest in the stillness of God's presence in my life. God says "Do not be afraid, for I am with you." God asks us to trust Him at all times, in all circumstances. I began to feel a bit more secure, in the midst of the cataclysmic changes in my life, through the awareness of God's continual presence. I knew that no matter what happened, God was holding my hand.

During this time, another miracle was happening. The chemotherapy was working. At this point in time, I am in remission. It might come back. It might not. The verse that runs through my mind daily is Isaiah 55:8-9. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

I don't know if I'm going to live one more day, or until I'm 100 years old. But I know that every day of my life, I will do my best to live, and to trust, in God's ways.

Music Ministry Director

As we close another regular music season at Federated Church, I find myself reflecting on just how much music shapes the life of our congregation. Week after week, music helps tell the story of worship in ways words alone often cannot. It brings energy to celebration, peace to difficult moments, and a sense of connection and community that is deeply meaningful.

Our Music Ministry simply would not exist without the many individuals who give their time and talents so faithfully throughout the year. Last month I thanked the Bells of Joy members, and substitutes, but the dedication shown by our Chancel Choir members; Bob Arp, Wilma Arp, Dana Augspurger, Bev Fry, Marcia Grant, Cola Hahn, Steve Heinisch, Kathy Leischner, Ruth Lind, Sue McClure, Wayne McCormick, Dave Melick, John Novotny, Nila Novotny, Val Rathje, Alison Wagner, Meg Weeder, and Doug Williams has been an incredible gift to Federated this year as well.

Throughout the year, many others also shared their musical talents in worship and special services. We are grateful to Bob Arp for leading hymn sings and helping lead the choir when needed; to Dana Augspurger, Riley Gausman, and Dave Melick for instrumental performances; to Reagan Gausman and Riley Gausman for occasionally singing with the choir; and to Brent Shaw for sharing his gifts during the organ dedication service. We also appreciate Dana Augspurger, Steve Heinisch, Doug Williams, and Kristen Gausman for providing music during our first Sunday services.

Special music moments throughout the year added so much to our worship life. Our Christmas Eve services were enriched by both a brass quartet featuring Bob Arp, Riley Gausman, Dave Melick, and Bronwyn Prokopec, as well as a handbell quartet including Kristen Gausman, Sue Mares, Nila Novotny, and Ashli Porter. We were also fortunate to welcome members of CJO for Jazz Sunday, including Keith Byrkit, Riley Gausman, Larry Mares, Tom Pennington, and Jan Zaura.

I would also like to express sincere appreciation to Amanda Weeder and Lee Augustin, whose faithful accompaniment and musical leadership provide such an important foundation for worship each week. Whether accompanying the choir, supporting congregational singing, or preparing service music, their consistency, preparation, and musicianship contribute immensely to the worship experience at Federated Church.

While our Chancel Choir, and Bells of Joy seasons pause during the summer months, music ministry certainly does not stop. Summer special music is a very enjoyable and meaningful tradition in our worship life. These services allow opportunities for a wide variety of musical offerings; vocal solos and duets, instrumental performances, small ensembles, handbells, piano selections, praise music, and other creative expressions of faith through music.

One of the wonderful things about the summer music schedule is that it opens the door for participation from people who may not be involved during the regular choir season. Whether you are an experienced musician or someone who simply enjoys sharing your gifts occasionally, there is a place for you. Summer music is relaxed, flexible, and designed to celebrate the many musical talents within our congregation and community.

If you sing or play an instrument and would be interested in participating in worship this summer, I would truly love to hear from you. Individuals, families, and groups of all ages are welcome. You may contact me directly (402-910-3964 squarewavezone@gmail.com), sign up in the Narthex, or contact the office.

It continues to be a privilege to serve alongside so many generous and talented people. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Music Ministry this year and helped make worship at Federated Church such a meaningful experience for our congregation.

In Christ, Stuart Gausman
Director of Music Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

This Summer, the Federated Church Youth Group will be attending summer camp at Kamp Kaleo in Burwell.



This camp if for youth entering 7th - 12th grades and recent high school graduates.

Please contact Brenda Sand or Pastor Edward for more information.



Creative Arts Kamp – July 5-10 - Explore the arts while growing in faith and community.

Instead of choosing just one focus, campers get the freedom to try something new each day—whether it's visual arts, drama, writing, or music. This flexible approach encourages curiosity, experimentation, and self-expression while building confidence and creativity. Daily group discussions, games, skits, and nightly vespers around the campfire provide meaningful opportunities for connection and spiritual growth. Of course, no Kaleo experience is complete without adventure! Campers also enjoy canoeing, paddle boating, archery, tie-dyeing, fishing, hiking, and river play, plus big adventures like tubing and tanking the North Loup River and trips to Calamus Reservoir, Fort Hartsuff, and the city pool. At Creative Arts Kamp, faith, art, and nature come together in powerful ways—sparking imagination, building friendships, and inspiring campers to share their unique gifts with the world.



Mother's Day Flower Sale

The youth raised just under $500 at the Mother's Day Flower Sale on May 10th. Proceeds from the sale will go to support summer youth activities like the Mission Trip & Summer Camp. Thank you to Tammy Hempstead at Accent Floral for donating the roses and to those who purchased flowers at the sale. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

CHILDREN & YOUTH 2026

RECENT EVENTS

ED HOUR WRAP-UP & TEACHER RECOGNITION



"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16



The theme for the 2025-26 school year was Glow for Jesus. Throughout the year students memorized bible verses referencing "light." On the last day of Sunday School the children enjoyed a GLOW party with glow-in-the-dark games and face paint. During worship we recognized the education hour teachers and children's ministry staff and volunteers who "let their light shine" for our students this year.

Children Ed Hour Teachers: Nicole Miller, Ashli Porter, Megan McHugh **Youth Ed Hour Teachers:** Max Porter & Lisa Perrin

Adult Ed/SALT: Katie Claus & Steve Heinisch **Puppet Ministry:** Julie Graham, Anjel Garcia Lopez, Deb Gaeth

Children's Bell Choir: Stuart Gausman **Nursery Staff:** Anjel Garcia Lopez & Deb Gaeth

GRADUATION SUNDAY



FEDERATED CHURCH GRADUATES
Class of 2026

Eliot Yang: Son of Edward & Sunnie Yang, plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in architecture.

Brielle Wolfe: Daughter of Drew & Kristi Wolfe, plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in animal science.

Bronwyn Prokopec: Daughter of Aaron & Carrie Prokopec, plans to attend Northeast Community College - Nursing Program.

Toby Sand: Son of Mike & Brenda Sand, plans to attend Northeast Community College - Mechanized Agriculture.

Malynn Slizoski: Daughter of Mike Slizoski & Melanie Knopfle, Univiersity of South Dakota-Vermillion and major in Graphic Design & Business Marketing.

Message from our Governing President

As we move from the joy and mystery of the Easter season into the long days of summer, I am grateful for the many ways God has been at work in our congregation. We celebrated the resurrection together, we watched some of our youth reach the milestone of graduation, we overcame some challenges, and we were reminded again how God's Spirit continues to shape and send all on this continuing journey called life. Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they take their next steps, trusting that the God who has brought them this far will continue to guide and uphold them.

Summer also brings a change of rhythm to our worship life. We give thanks for the faithful service of our chancel choir and bell choir throughout the year, and we look forward to the gifts shared through summer special music in the weeks ahead. As many of us travel in the coming months, I encourage you to consider worshiping with other congregations along the way. Visiting other churches can deepen our appreciation for the wider body of Christ and give us a healthy perspective for the ministry we share here at home. Wherever this summer takes you, may you feel God's presence and return to Federated refreshed and renewed.

Bob Arp

Governing Council Summary

Your Governing Council met on Tuesday, May 27, 2026 at 7 p.m. for their monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Arp, President and Edward Yang gave the opening prayer.

The agenda covered many topics. The President's and Pastor's reports were read. Terry Norris gave a financial report from the Finance & Property committee. The church is doing well financially. The gym and fellowship hall floors will be deep cleaned and waxed after August 1st. There will be an outdoor skylight installed over the hydrangea plant on the southwest side of the building - this should protect the small tree more. The shingles have been laid and that project is now completed. The old website is back up and updated weekly so everyone can stay in touch with the church happenings. The development of the new website is still underway. The personnel department is working on creating a new pastor's job description and evaluation. The summer hours and new security protocol were started May 18th. It is working out well and will just take some time to get used to it. Meg Weeder will be helping the office out during the summer months. Max Porter and Marcia Grant gave a report about the Foundation committee and how great it is to support the graduates of Federated Church with their continued education. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Max Porter.

The next Governing Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd at 7 p.m.

Kathy Zywiec, Secretary

Homestead Presbytery/UCC Living Waters prayers

♦ May 3 *Niobrara Verdel*

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

♦ May 11 *Norfolk*

First Presbyterian Church Norfolk will rent the church Education Wing to the Norfolk Area Childcare Collaborative June 2026. We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of community building through the new childcare program in Norfolk. Pastor Brian Johnson announced his retirement in August 2026. Our congregation looks forward to the bittersweet time ahead in which we will celebrate Pastor Brian's work among us and to say goodbye. We praise God, the author of all things."

♦ May 17 *North Bend*

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

♦ May 24 *Palmyra*

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

♦ May 31 *Panama*

Please keep the Panama Presbyterian Church (USA) in your prayers. Particularly, we have seen significant increases in the use of our monthly food distributions through the Lincoln Food Bank. Last year, the number of households we served rose from 40-50 to 70-80. That was marked by a noticeable decrease in latino clients. We have been worried that that group is still here, but fearful of getting out into the public. For us, that means that there may be an even greater need out there than even the basic increases that we have seen. For the beginning of 2026 there has been a few less, though we are unsure whether or not it is related to early year weather conditions. Suffice it to say that there is great need and we are thankful that the church can help in what little way we can. We are very thankful for the coordinator and the volunteers! Additionally, please pray for us in our other ministries and worship that bind us together as a church family in the name of the Risen Lord through the Holy Spirit. God is good all the time...!

UCC Living Waters Association:

- Albion Congregational UCC (Albion, NE 68620)
- Arlington Community UCC (Arlington, NE 68791)
- Blair Congregational UCC (Wisner, NE 68008)
- Center Congregational UCC (Center, NE 68724)

Ushers/Liturgists & Attendance Report (through May 24, 2026)

Ushers: Bill Royer, Stephanie Johnson, Georgia Behlen, Tim Warren

Liturgists: Beatriz Garcia Lopez, Jackie Marker, Katie Claus, Wilma Arp

Average Attendance :
In-Person Thursday Service: 16
In-Person Sunday Service : 105

Online Average Weekly Views: 216

Joys & Concerns for May 2026

- Pray for Marilyn Vrana , she had hip replacement surgery on May 4th and is recovering.
- Congratulations to Luke Andreasen, grandson of Sharon Kuncl will receive his D.S.S. degree May 7, 2026 at the University of Nebraska Dental College. He will be employed by Innovation Dental College.
- Congratulations to Reva Long, granddaughter of Sharon Kuncl will graduate on May 9, 2026 from the UNL with a B.S. degree in computer engineering. Reva will be employed by Hudl.
- Congratulations to Evan Hill, grandson of Marv & Barb Zoucha graduated from UNL with a degree in mechanical engineering. He will move to Kansas City and work for Kiewit.
- Congratulations to Zachary Buetlner, grandson of Marv & Barb Zoucha is graduating from Norfolk High School. He will attend UNK on a pre-law track.
- Congratulations to Madeline Zoucha, granddaughter of Marv & Barb Zoucha, is graduating from Cherry Creek High School in Centennial, Co. She will attend Coastal Carolina College in South Carolina, studying
  exercise science.
- Congratulations to Brooklyn Ivy, she graduated from SEC-Milford with a degree in Non- Destructive Testing. She has a job with Klute Manufacturing. Brooklyn is the granddaughter of Pat Ivy.
- Maxson Hoke, son of Carly and Anthony Hoke of Long Beach, Calif. is graduating from high school in Long Beach Maxson is the grandson of Guy & Linda Wheatley.
- Olivia Richmond, daughter of Mikaela and Tom Richmond of Kearney, graduated from UNL, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Emerging Media Arts. Olivia is the granddaughter of Guy & Linda Wheatley.
- Congratulations to Ella Jane Pickrel, she graduated from Fullerton High School on May 9th with honors. Ella plans to attend Wayne State College to pursue a major in Elementary Educ. and a minor in Business Admin. Ella Jane is the granddaughter of Jan Pickel.
- Congratulations to Eli Fjell, grandson of Steve & Jackie Marker. Eli graduated from Shelby Rising City High School on May 9th. He is planning on going to Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas to pursue a degree in Ag Communications and continue wrestling!
- Congratulations to Brayden McPhail, grandson of John McPhail. Brayden graduated from UNL with a degree in Accounting.
- Congratulations to Melinda Marie Pickrel, granddaughter of Jan Pickrel. Melinda graduated from CCC-Grand Island with an Associates of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education. She will have her own in-home daycare in Fullerton.
- Congratulations to RL Hare (son of Roger & Catherine Hare) has recently published his 3rd novel and has now taken up photography. His nephew Aaron is the last of the Hare grandchildren to graduate from college; he was the school photographer for all the sports at Northwest Missouri State and this summer will do photography for the Monarch baseball team of Kansas City.
- Pray for Steve Heinisch who is having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, May 26th.

Activity Spotlight

Federated Church has many activities during the year that are sponsored by congregants - planning, setting up, attending, clean up, promoting, speaking, reading, serving, going above and beyond to do something for Federated Church.
Year round the grounds of Federated Church needs tending to. There is spring cleanup, pulling weeds, planting trees, flowers, bushes, maintaining the growth of plants, watering, feeding, working with the underground sprinkler system and other tasks I'm sure that we are forgetting. Not to mention the continual job of picking up trash as needed.
There are several wonderful people who assist with the landscaping throughout the year, but two women in particular, Wilma Arp and Sue McClure. **THANK YOU** to all have given their time to take care of the Federated Church grounds, especially Wilma and Sue.

If you would like to send your "activity" suggestion to the church to be added to our monthly newsletter, please send to fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org, call the office at 402-564-2812 or just stop in the office and visit.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nick and Kaitlynn Warren. The couple was married at Federated Church on May 9th, both Nick & Kaitlynn have been members of Federated for many years. Nick is the son of Tim & Chris Warren and Kaitlynn is the daughter of Byron & Peg Meyer.
We welcome you as **Mr. & Mrs.** and look forward to seeing you at Federated.

Social Concerns & Missions

In April, May and June 2026 we are collecting paper towels and toilet paper for the Center for Survivors. 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*

Center for Survivors is also asking for "Care Bags". Please put whatever products you choose from this list in a gallon Zip Lock bag and place it in the box outside the Narthex by the west parking lot.
The Center is in need of the following items:

Tampons	Flushable Wipes	Shampoo	Hand Sanitizers
Conditioner	Deodorant	Razors	Chapstick

Habitat for Humanity Build

Federated folks will once again supply water for the Habitat for Humanity Build beginning in August. We did this last year and it was very much appreciated. Hy-Vee mails coupons once a month with water for $1.99, and that would be a good time to buy water for this purpose. You may bring it anytime and place it outside the office, on the east wall. We will deliver the water in early August.

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…"* 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!

Since January of this year we have helped 13 people with gas, 8 with food, and 1 with a hotel room.

2026 Columbus Rescue Mission

Federated Church prepares meals to the Rescue Mission the second Friday of each month. The new Rescue Mission is located in the old Mory's Haven, on 15th Street and 12th Avenue. Meals should consist of a main dish, a salad or vegetable and bread or rolls. Dessert is not necessary but always appreciated. Suggestions include tacos, soup, sloppy joes, casseroles, spaghetti, lasagna, pizza, burritos, enchiladas, or whatever you'd like to take. Because you need to plan for 25 people, it is a good idea to pair up with someone. The meal should be there by 5:00 p.m.

Katie Claus, Chair of Social Concerns & Missions Committee

All months have been taken - THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!!

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.



Weekly Email to Congregants

Do you receive our weekly MailChimp email? If you don't, but would like to, please contact the office and we will get you added to the list!

Newsletter News

Do you have something to share? We want to hear from you! If you would like an article added to our newsletter please contact us by email, phone, mail, or stop by in person. The deadline is the 20th of the month. Anything received after that date will go in the following months newsletter. Email: fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org, Phone: 402-564-2812, Mail: 2704 15th St. PO Box 564, 68602

Membership & Growth 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.

Membership & Growth - Nebraska Passport

Stay tuned for details about a car caravan being planned for Saturday June 20th. The Membership & Growth Committee are planning several Nebraska Passport stops in Lincoln, NE for visiting and enjoying lunch together. **www.nebraskapassport.com**
Please call Ruth Lind if you are interested or anyone on the Membership & Growth Committee.
Thank you.

Summer Special music

Special music for Sunday service has started.
There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.
Singing, dancing, playing an instrument, any musical talent
you have would be welcome! If you know of an outside group that would like to share their time with us on a Sunday morning - that would be great!

Funeral Committee #3

Funeral Committee 3 Co-Chairs: Katie Claus, Barb & Paul Sanderson, Rick Porter
Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs.

Garage Sale Time Coming Up This Summer

The date for the Garage Sale will be July 18th

You can start collecting your items now and **KEEPING** them at home until June 1 when you can start dropping off items. Linda Wheatley and Kathy Leischner will be the chairs for the 2026 garage/bake sale. This is a huge activity and many people are needed to make the event a success. Please help in any way you can. You are appreciated.
Remember there are some items we do NOT accept: televisions of any kind, computer monitors, mattresses & box springs, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers, firearms, ammunition and baby car seats.

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

Meals on Wheels

Make sure to sign up for 2026 Meals on Wheels Schedule!
Please contact Kathy Leischner if you can deliver for approximately one hour each day during Federated's scheduled week!

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!


Chadwick


Gina


Baby Alabama



06/01	Beth Sharpe	06/16	Toni Gumm, Hudson Luedtke
06/02	Kevin Kallweit	06/17	Hadley McHugh
06/03	Andree Hoeman, Peg Meyer	06/18	Bronwyn Prokopec
06/05	Nicole Miller, Kevin Perrin, Karen Whitney	06/20	Marilyn Vrana
06/06	Denise Hughes, Tyrone McHugh	06/21	Taytum Miller, Hailey Rathje
06/10	Jeff Bruegger	06/22	Reuben Hughes
06/12	Pat Schueneman, Brielle Wolfe	06/24	Emily Grant, Parker Grant
06/13	Antonio Garcia	06/26	John Novotny
06/15	Terry Hoeman	06/27	John McPhail
		06/28	Caleb Hast, Marcene Wurdeman

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

Financial Summary (April 16 - May 15, 2026)

Income	
General Funds (Checking):	**$33,920.60**
Total General Fund	$33,920.60
Memorials:	**$155.00**
Landscaping	$75.00
Media Resources	$80.00

Designated Funds (Savings):	**$1,740.00**
Sale of Books/Youth Mission Fund	$40.00
Pentecost	$20.00
Kamp Kaleo/Calvin Crest camps	$65.00
Youth Fund	$584.00
Habitat for Humanity	$250.00
Disaster Relief (Nebraska)	$580.00
Education Hour	$2.00
OGHS - One Great Hour Sharing	$199.00

Expenses	
General Fund Expenses:	**$30,426.32**
Homestead Presbytery	438.30
UCC NE & LWA	438.30
Office Supplies (postage, phones, copier leasing, equipment, recycling, etc.	$3,174.94
Chamber Commerce (booth fee)	$50.00
CCLI & One License (annual licensing)	$828.00
Youth (Fun Day, supplies)	$636.49
Utilities	$1,641.61
Custodial Supplies	$373.54
Hy-Vee (palms)	$120.00
Other	$33.11
Landscaping	$1,044.29
Board of Pensions (April)	$3,441.47
Board of Pensions (May)	$3,441.17
Staff Salaries	$14,765.40
Memorial Expenses:	**$999.00**
AV Media	$899.00
Operation Education	$100.00
Designated Fund Expenses:	**$15,124.06**
Food Pantry/Habitat for Humanity	$560.00
NE Farm Bureau Foundation	$500.00
Helping Hands	$102.05
Hy-Vee (Easter flowers)	$472.00
Love Signs (marquee)	$8,752.72
Music / Bell Refurbishing	$2,770.60
OGHS	$1,818.24
Operation Education	$148.00

2026 Committee Chairs and Meeting Days/Times

In the table below you can find the 2026 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*	*Tentative Meeting Day/Time*
Christian Education Committee	Brenda Sand	1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Endowment Committee	Marcia Grant	Will meet as necessary
Finance & Property Committee	Terry Norris	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Membership & Growth Committee	Nila Novotny	2nd Monday of the month, 6:00pm
Nominating Committee	Bob Arp	*To be determined*
Order of St. Andrew	Peg Meyer	1st Monday of the month, 4:30pm
Personnel Committee	Marilyn Vrana	3rd Monday of the month, 5:00pm
Social Concerns & Missions Committee	Katie Claus	2nd Monday of the month, 5:00pm
Stewardship Committee	Linda Wheatley	Will meet as necessary
Worship & Music Committee	Steve Heinisch	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Youth Ministry Committee	Max Porter	2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am
Foundation	Doug Williams, President	Quarterly/as Necessary
Governing Council	Bob Arp, President Steve Heinisch, 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 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.