



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ June 3 & 6 - Rev. Kenn Leischner Preaching & Officiating Communion
 - ♦ June 7 - 11 - Vacation Bible Camp
- ♦ June 13 - Special Congregational Meeting to approve Staffing Plan (see pg. 5)
- ♦ June 23 - Phil Wilson Scholarship Renewal Deadline
- ♦ July 5 - Church office closed in observance of Independence Day
 - ♦ July 31 - Church Garage Sale
- ♦ August 15 - Columbus Day Parade
- ♦ August 29 - 5th Sunday Potluck!

From the Pastor's Desk

May has felt like a very full month. Maybe it's because there were five Sundays this May. Speaking of a fifth Sunday, the Membership & Growth Committee is preparing to host a 5th Sunday Potluck on August 29th – please mark that on your calendar. A potluck was not feasible for May because of the holiday weekend with the 5th Sunday.

Looking ahead to June, we have several important events happening in the life of our church. On June 13th, we will have a baptism for Sylas Micek (son of Dylan & Miranda Micek and grandson of Randy & Anita Kaspar). Baptisms, particularly for infants, always remind me of God making the first move in loving us – even before we can understand who God is or able to show our love to God. This baptism is extra special because Miranda and Dylan made their request to join Federated Church as members while requesting the baptism for Sylas. All requests were approved by Governing Council in April.

Also on June 13th, there will be a special congregational meeting after worship to vote on the staffing plan that was recommended by the Pastor Staff Plan Task Force last December. The congregation did not get to vote on this at the February Annual Meeting because more details were needed for when the staffing plan change would go into effect. The motion that will be voted on is included in this newsletter (page 5). Absentee ballots are available on the church website, office and by request. Completed ballots will need to be returned by Friday, June 11th, 4:00pm local time to be included for the congregational vote.

The motion is fairly straightforward in terms of Federated Church moving from a two-pastor church (with senior and associate pastors) to a one-pastor church (with a solo pastor). Approval of this is needed for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to proceed in their search for a solo pastor – as opposed to a senior pastor who might expect an associate pastor.

Details on the timing of staffing plan are included because there needs to be an approval by the Homestead Presbytery – alongside approval by our congregation. On the official start date of the solo pastor (who is nominated by the PNC and called by the congregation), the staffing change will go into effect. On the day before, the position of installed associate pastor will be eliminated. For those who are concerned about Federated Church no longer being a two-pastor church, it should be stated that the church could go back to having two pastors. The only restriction is that “a position may not be reopened or revalidated for a period of two years after the position was eliminated” (according to the Homestead Presbytery Commission On Ministry Manual; I am not aware of any restrictions by the United Church of Christ).

There is another important date in June: Father's Day (6/20). It will be refreshing to have this holiday in a relatively quiet month.

Grace and peace,
Edward

JUNE 2021

1	1 Samuel 20 ☐	1 Samuel 21 ☐	1 Samuel 22 ☐	Mark 15 ☐
2	1 Samuel 23 ☐	1 Samuel 24 ☐	Mark 16 ☐	
3	1 Samuel 25 ☐	1 Samuel 26 ☐	Psalm 49 ☐	
4	1 Samuel 27 ☐	1 Samuel 28 ☐	1 Corinthians 1 ☐	
5	1 Samuel 29 ☐	1 Samuel 30 ☐	1 Samuel 31 ☐	1 Cor. 2 ☐
6	2 Samuel 1 ☐	2 Samuel 2 ☐	Psalm 50 ☐	
7	2 Samuel 3 ☐	2 Samuel 4 ☐	2 Samuel 5 ☐	1 Cor. 3 ☐
8	2 Samuel 6 ☐	2 Samuel 7 ☐	1 Corinthians 4 ☐	
9	2 Samuel 8 ☐	2 Samuel 9 ☐	2 Samuel 10 ☐	1 Cor. 5 ☐
10	2 Samuel 11 ☐	2 Samuel 12 ☐	Psalm 51 ☐	
11	2 Samuel 13 ☐	2 Samuel 14 ☐	1 Corinthians 6 ☐	
12	2 Samuel 15 ☐	2 Samuel 16 ☐	1 Corinthians 7 ☐	
13	2 Sam. 17 ☐	2 Sam. 18 ☐	Psalm 52 ☐	Psalm 53 ☐
14	2 Samuel 19 ☐	2 Samuel 20 ☐	1 Corinthians 8 ☐	
15	2 Samuel 21 ☐	2 Samuel 22 ☐	1 Corinthians 9 ☐	
16	2 Samuel 23 ☐	2 Samuel 24 ☐	1 Corinthians 10 ☐	
17	1 Kings 1 ☐	1 Kings 2 ☐	Psalm 55 ☐	
18	1 Kings 3 ☐	1 Kings 4 ☐	1 Kings 5 ☐	1 Cor. 11 ☐
19	1 Kings 6 ☐	1 Kings 7 ☐	1 Corinthians 12 ☐	
20	1 Kings 8 ☐	1 Kings 9 ☐	Psalm 56 ☐	Psalm 57 ☐
21	1 Kings 10 ☐	1 Kings 11 ☐	1 Corinthians 13 ☐	
22	1 Kings 12 ☐	1 Kings 13 ☐	1 Corinthians 14 ☐	
23	1 Kings 14 ☐	1 Kings 15 ☐	1 Corinthians 15 ☐	
24	1 Kings 16 ☐	1 Kings 17 ☐	Psalm 58 ☐	Psalm 59 ☐
25	1 Kings 18 ☐	1 Kings 19 ☐	1 Corinthians 16 ☐	
26	1 Kings 20 ☐	1 Kings 21 ☐	2 Corinthians 1 ☐	
27	1 Kings 22 ☐	Psalm 60 ☐	Psalm 61 ☐	
28	2 Kings 1 ☐	2 Kings 2 ☐	2 Kings 3 ☐	2 Cor. 2 ☐
29	2 Kings 4 ☐	2 Kings 5 ☐	2 Corinthians 3 ☐	
30	2 Kings 6 ☐	2 Kings 7 ☐	2 Corinthians 4 ☐	

Federated Church : Year of the Bible

**Bible Reading Sharing & Discussion Group will meet
on June 28th at 3pm in person and online.**

Please see our weekly emails and Facebook posts for the Zoom information.

**If this day and time does not work,
please let Pastor Edward know what time works for you.**



All aboard the Rocky Railway!
Federated Church will be hosting Vacation Bible Camp
Monday, June 7th - Friday, June 11th
8:15 am - 11:45 am.
All children ages 4 years - 6th grade
are invited to participate.
Registration forms are available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
To Volunteer for Vacation Bible Camp
Please contact Brenda Sand at 402.276.2080

Congratulations to Federated Church's newest members!

Taytum Miller Confirmed 4/29/2021 | Caleb Hast & Elizabeth Miller Confirmed 5/2/2021



Congratulation to our Graduates!

Angel Garcia Lopez | Beatriz Garcia Lopez | Ethan Yang | Elizabeth Sand



**"Commit to the LORD whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed."**

Proverbs 16:3



Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

Special Congregational Meeting Announced!

The Governing Council has approved calling a special congregational meeting on Sunday, June 13th for the purpose of approving the Federated Church Staffing Plan, recommended by the Staffing Committee and approved by the Governing Council, to move forward with a solo pastor and lay person position. We need the approval of this plan for the Pastor Nominating Committee to move forward in their search for a solo pastor. We would like to stress the importance of your attendance at this meeting so that we can achieve a quorum. Please mark your calendar for June 13th.

Thank you,
Tim Warren, PNC Chairperson

Motion for Staffing Plan:

The Governing Council approved the recommendation of the Pastor Staffing Task Force to move forward with a solo pastor and a full-time equivalent ministry support person(s). On the date the called pastor joins the church staff, Federated Church shall become a one pastor church. The associate pastor position at Federated Church shall be eliminated on the day before the called pastor joins the church staff.

(Ballots available online or by request)

Jim Rains Retires!

To the Members of Federated Church:

It has been my Honor and Privilege to serve as the Office Manager for your church for the past 12+ years! I cannot express enough how much your kindness and generosity over the years has meant to me. I will truly relish those memories.

However, it is time for me to move on to other things in my life and embrace retirement.

I wish each and every one of you a plenitude of God's wonderful blessings and may His Love shine on you and yours forever!

With Love to All,
Jim Rains

THANK YOU!

Steve and I would like to thank you for your cards and notes of support while I've been in my 100 days isolation for leukemia treatment. They indeed brought cheer and I have saved every one. We also appreciate the meals and calls to bolster our spirits.

At my last bone marrow test there were no signs of the leukemia cancer blasts so the treatment has been successful. We are fortunate to have such a caring church community support us.

Rosie and Steve Heinisch

Social Concerns and Missions Committee Donations

The Social Concerns and Missions Committee is asking the congregation to participate in the monthly donations to the following agencies. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect these donations. Thank you for your help!

April-May-June

Toilet paper or paper towels for the Center for Survivors

July-August-September

Clorox, Pine Sol and leashes to be delivered to Paws and Claws

October-November-December

Mittens, caps, socks to be put on an "Angel Tree" in the Narthex and delivered to the Rescue Mission

Submitted by Katie Claus

May Joys & Concerns

◆ *Pray for the family of Christopher Höer, Christine Warren's father, who died Saturday, April 17, 2021. He was Tim Warren's father-in-law and grandfather to Zach Nickolite and Nick Warren. The funeral service was Friday, April 23, 2021.*

◆ *Pray for Rebecca and Paula Timperley. Rebecca recently had the last of three jaw surgeries and Paula is taking care of her.*

◆ *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!*

◆ *Congratulations to Marc & Megan Graybill, who welcomed a son, Jude Louis Graybill, born April 29, 2021. Grandparents are Cletus and Shelia Arasmith.*

◆ *Pray for Jeannie Kiser Jensen as she was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's.*

◆ *Praise God that Rosie and Steve Heinisch are done with 100 days of isolation!*

◆ *Congratulations to Doris Augspurger for retirement after 37 years of teaching at West Park Elementary School!*

◆ *Congratulations to Pete & Carol Bennett who will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary June 4th!*

◆ *Please pray for the family of Karel Morris, sister to Marilyn Vrana, who passed away Saturday, May 15.*

◆ *Please pray for Laura Porter and her family. Laura had surgery on Wednesday, May 26th.*

2021 Garage Sale

The Annual Garage & Bake Sale is slated for Saturday, July 31st with room preparations beginning Tuesday, July 27th.

Contributions may be brought to the church beginning the second week of June. Items should be taken to room EC 5 of the Education Center. Do not involve the church staff in your delivery. Sealed boxes should be labeled: "House wares", "Holiday", "Clothing", "Books", "Crafts".

Those church members interested in a leadership role in the sale are encouraged to contact Robert Trautwein 402-910-4341.



Sunday Lunch Bunch Resuming!

We will be resuming our Sunday Lunch Bunch for those who are fully vaccinated. Please get in touch with Nell Burnham nburnham001@neb.rr.com to help make the plans.

Rescue Mission Meals for 2021

Meals for the Rescue Mission still need providers for November and December. If two or more families did this together it becomes less daunting. Meals can be simple ---sloppy joes, spaghetti and meatballs, soup, hamburgers or brats, casseroles, or whatever you feel like making. Some families order pizza. You may provide a vegetable or salad if you wish, or bread or rolls. Dessert is totally optional. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call or text Katie Claus, 402-910-4479 --or email kayclaus50@gmail.com. Let's get the schedule filled!

Volunteers Needed!

Let your inner decorating talents shine!

Seeking creative volunteers to serve God by overseeing the seasonal decorating throughout the year of the Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, etc. This could be (2-3) individuals, a husband & wife team or a family unit. If you are interested, please contact Alison Wagner, 402-276-2585 for more information.

Meals on Wheels



Thank you to the volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels the week of April 26-30, and coordinator, Charlotte Lambert. Keep an eye on the upcoming bulletins and newsletters for information on the next delivery week!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Renee Bellum.

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.

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.



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 Duckey, Little Foot and Chase.



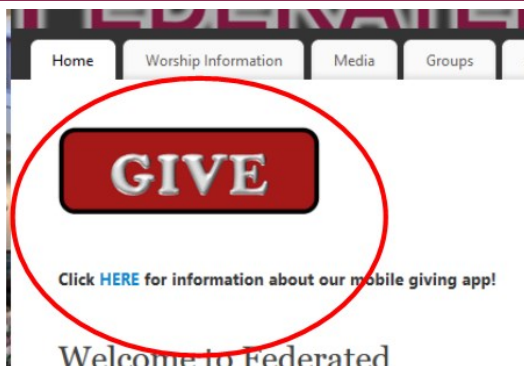
Finance at a Glance

April 2021 Incomes	
General Fund Contributions:	\$29,701.17
Contributions (2021)	\$29,008.71
Rent	\$100.00
Payroll Deduction	\$601.46
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$2,378.61
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$258.61
Camp Calvin Crest	\$20.00
Building Maintenance	\$2,100.00
Operation Education	\$160.00
Memorial Fund:	\$380.00
Unrestricted	\$280.00
Multi-Media	\$10.00
Music Department	\$65.00
Landscaping	\$25.00
Interest Income:	\$7.86
Savings	\$7.86

April 2021 Expenses	
General Fund Expenses:	\$31,652.77
Utilities	\$2,685.45
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$28,953.42
Sale of Books	\$13.90
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$470.00
Easter Lilies	\$230.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$240.00
Memorial Fund:	\$413.40
Undesignated	\$272.50
Family's Choice	\$140.90



Easy Online Giving Options Available



Give online for a quick and easy way to contribute without leaving the sanctity of your home!

Three options are currently available:

- 1) Online Giving - press the "GIVE" button on the website
- 2) Mobile app - click the 'here' link underneath the "GIVE" button for instructions
- 3) ACH transfer - call Chrissy at the church office for information.



If you see a mistake or a birthday missing, call the church office so we can get the correct information.

Kevin Kallweit	6/2	Marilyn Vrana	6/20
Andree Hoeman, Peg Meyer, Shirley Spence	6/3	Taytum Miller, Hailey Rathje	6/21
Nicole Miller, Kevin Perrin, Karen Whitney	6/5	Emily Grant, Mia Grant, Parker Grant	6/24
Pat Scheuneman, Brielle Wolfe	6/12	Ben Vrana	6/25
Antonio Garcia	6/13	John Novotny	6/26
Terry Hoeman	6/15	John McPhail	6/27
Bronwyn Prokopec	6/18	Caleb Hast, Marcene Wurdeman	6/28

Happy Anniversary!

June 4th - Pete & Carol Bennett's 50th Anniversary!!

*June 24th - Ron & Charlotte Lambert's
60th Anniversary!*

Congratulations!!

2021 Committee Chairs and Meeting Days/Times

In the table below you can find the 2021 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.

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Meeting Day/Time</i>
Christian Education	Renee Norris	2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Endowment	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Finance & Property	Marv Zoucha	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Membership & Growth	Nila Novotny	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Order of St. Andrew	Laura Porter	1st Monday of the month, 5:15pm
Personnel	John McClure	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm
Social Concerns & Missions	Katie Claus	2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:00pm
Stewardship	Roland Augspurger	<i>To be determined</i>
Worship & Music	Alison Wagner	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm
Youth Ministry	Wayne McCormick, VP	2nd Sunday of the month, 11am
Pastor Nominating Committee	Tim Warren, President	Weekly, if necessary, day and time pending
Foundation	Larry Mares, President	Quarterly
Governing Council	Tim Warren, President Wayne McCormick, 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 Communion Pick-Up and Curb-Side Delivery!

Communion elements will be available June 2nd through June 4th, from the Narthex refrigerator by the church office. We will be doing a 'curb-side delivery' each of those days if you prefer. Call the church office when you are ready for your elements and we will bring them to you in the parking lot.

Communion will be available during in-person service on

Thursday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 6th.

Please let the church office know if you would like to continue picking up elements at the church.

PLEASE HELP! MISSING BINDER!

Binder #423 from the Archive Room has gone missing.

If you, or someone you know, has information of its whereabouts, please let the office know, or return it as soon as possible!

THANK YOU!

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 2021 Newsletter deadline will be June 20th, 2021.