

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

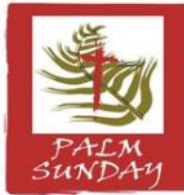
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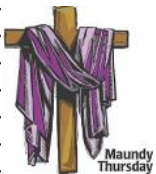
**Lenten Lunch @
First Methodist**
at 12:05 on March 21
Rev. Annika preaching and
Federated hosting
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

**Palm & Passion
Sunday**
March 25th



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Maundy Thursday
March 29
7 pm service with
Communion & Choir



Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

Easter Sunday Services
April 1st
8am

Brief Prayer & Communion Service

**9:30am
Choir, Brass,
and
Youth Liturgist**
Children's
Activity after
Service



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Church of Christ

From the Senior Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we look ahead to Holy Week and Easter, it's easy to feel like Easter is the culmination of the long wait of Lent.....and then what?

Be assured, the special opportunities to praise God and reach out to the community don't end after Easter Sunday!

It has become a tradition at Federated to have Jazz Sunday on the week after Easter. We will once again welcome musicians from the Columbus Jazz Orchestra in Sunday worship on April 8. Invite friends and family members to praise God with us accompanied by great sacred jazz and gospel tunes!

On Sunday, April 15, we welcome Rev. Helen (Penny) Greer and Kenneth Winston, who are both volunteers from Nebraska Interfaith Power and Light (IPL). The mission of IPL is *"to facilitate the faith community's response to our changing climate through community programs, education, and advocacy. IPL is not funded by any one religious organization. Our goal is to encourage dialogue across the usual political and religious divides so that we can make real progress in addressing climate change for the state of Nebraska."*

You can read more about Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light at www.nebraskaipl.org.

On April 15, Rev. Penny will preach in the Sunday worship service, and she and Ken will bring an engaging and informative presentation from IPL to the Adult Education hour.

We will celebrate Children's Sunday on April 29 with Pastor Edward preaching and our children involved in special ways in the worship service. That same Sunday, I will be commissioned to the Mosaic Peacemaking Conference of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Israel/Palestine. I will arrive in Israel/Palestine on Monday, April 30 and will return home Saturday, May 12.

During the Mosaic conference, I will be with church members and pastors from all around the U.S., travelling around the Holy Land and meeting with Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities to learn about the complex religio-political situation of the region. Of course, we will walk where Jesus walked and ministered.

When I talked with Rev. Cindi Stewart of Columbus First United Methodist Church about her experience visiting the Holy Land several years ago, she said this: *"All those sermons I heard as a child and youth growing up in church came alive, and a thousand future sermons were born."* I look forward to sharing this experience of the Holy Land in my preaching and teaching.

Annika

FEDERATED CYF

Children, Youth & Families

by Edward Yang



Time for Bonding

On Feb. 23-24, our youth group participated in the 30 Hour Famine, organized by World Vision (pictured above). Many of our youth fasted for 30 hours to experience a bit of what many people around the world experience on a regular basis. We read the 2018 “Be Hungry Manifesto” which states, “The world easily ignores the homeless and the hungry, and it’s the children who suffer most. But for 30 hours, we choose to come beside them with God’s love.” Along with fasting, we raised funds for World Vision hunger relief programs. Thanks to the generosity of our church members, we raised \$482 which more than doubles our goal. While we had plenty of time for bonding (with no school for Columbus schools), we were short on energy (not having eaten for many hours).

On March 4 Sunday, we had our annual youth church visitation trip. With a couple carloads of youth and adults, we drove to Christ Community Church in Omaha for a contemporary worship service. After lunch, we had a great time of bonding while ice skating - some for the very first time (pictured right).

Hopefully the bonds that are formed in our youth group will endure well beyond the teenage years.



Upcoming Events

March 17
Youth Summer Mission Training

March 25
Children’s Challenge with “Gracie” Fish Bank

please bring your fish bank to the Palm Sunday service

April 1
Children’s Activity -

special Easter activity for children during the 9:30am service.

Lenten Reflection & Prayer

Lent is a season to make time and space for prayer.

Our sanctuary welcomes you into a quiet space for personal reflection and prayer. A selection of printed prayers will also be available. You are welcome to pray in the sanctuary any time that the church building is open (please use the south entrance of the church). A group will meet on Tuesdays from 1:30 – 2:30 PM for those wanting to be in prayer with others. *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess. 5: 16-18)*

Sacristy Plant Watering

The Worship & Music Committee will be caring for the sanctuary/narthex plants this year. They will be on a watering/fertilizing schedule, so please do not randomly water them. Thank you to those who have given plants and to those who have cared for them in the past.

Meals on Wheels

Thank you to the volunteers who worked around a busy week Jan. 29 - Feb. 2. Our next week of service will be April 9 - 13. Watch the Sunday Bulletins for more info! - Thanks! Renee

Funeral Committee Information

Funeral Committee 6: Co-Chairpersons: Chris & Tim Warren, Jeannie & Roland Johnson, Jean & Bill Royer, Shirley Johnson
Members: Bob & Wilma Arp, Roland & Doris Augspurger, Lee Augustin, Lloyd & Kay Castner, Jon & Andrea Frey, Richard & Beverly Fry, Charlotte Griffith, John & Anita Hahn, Dorsie & Pat Ivy, Gary & Sue Jacobs, Neil & Janice Jensen, Cliff & Jeannie Kiser Jensen, Coley & Nancy Kiser, Clark & Robin Lehr, Cindy Lisko, Janet Lyon, Terry & Beth Millard, Louise Moran, Mary Norton, John & Nila Novotny, John & Marilyn Petersen, Carrie Prokopec, Andrew & Elizabeth Purinton, Doug & Deb Rasby, Gary Robertson, Peg Rupperecht, Sam & Deanna Scheidegger, Chuck & Pat Scheuneman, Calvin & Alison Wagner, Brenda & John Wardman, Ardell & Marcene Wurdeman

30 Hour Famine

Thank you for supporting Federated youth and pastors participating in 30 Hour Famine, which was a fast all day Friday through 6am Saturday. We raised \$482 for World Vision's hunger relief programs!

Narthex Book Sale

Book Exchange Youth Mission Fundraiser has begun! Find a book to enjoy and/or donate books to share. Freewill donations go to the Youth Summer Mission.

Tuesday Morning Discussion Group

The next book, *In the Beginning*, a new interpretation of Genesis by Karen Armstrong, will be reviewed, chapter by chapter. This group meets every Tuesday morning at 7AM. Started in the early 1980s, the participants changed from discussing lectionary with the pastor to reviewing Christian-related books. Over 45 books have been read and discussed in the past 20 years.

You are invited to visit a time or two to learn if this is the kind of group interaction you would enjoy. Contact Bob Trautwein 402 910 4341 for more information.

Worship & Music Postcard Survey

Postcard Survey Re: Worship Times Thank you to all who have returned a postcard from the Worship & Music Committee surveying the congregation about worship times. 132 postcards have been returned to the church office. So far, 68 votes are for a 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service, 49 votes for a 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, and 15 with only comments (but no votes). The Worship & Music and Christian Education Committees, along with the Governing Council, will be in dialogue about the survey results. Please mail in your postcard if you haven't already!

2018 Address Directories

2018 Address Directories are still in production. Please inform Chrissy of any input for these directories you may have - cford@federatedcolumbus.org or (402) 564-2812.

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Easter Worship Service	2 8:00am Church Office Closed Easter Monday	3 8:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group	4 3:00pm Wed. Youth After School	5 5:30pm YM Teachers Meeting	6 8:30am MOPS Meeting	7
9:30am Easter Worship Service	5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Committee Meeting	4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm Boy Scouts Roundtable	6:00pm Latino Prayer	
3:00pm El Buen		6:00pm Consonaires	7:30pm Youth Club			
8 9:30am Worship Service	9 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212	10 8:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group	11 1:00pm Needlecraft Prayer Ministry	12 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	13 4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	14 9:00am Fantastic 4- Hrs
10:30am Sunday School		4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring	3:00pm Wed. Youth After School		6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	2:00pm Jensen- Torrez Wedding
11:30am Youth Ministry Committee		6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal			
10:45am Adult Bible Education		6:30pm Christian Education	6:30pm H.I.S Puppet			
15 9:30am Worship Service	16 12:00pm BIG PALS-Little Pals	17 8:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group	18 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting	19 6:30pm Thursday W19 Worship Service	20 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	21
10:30am Sunday School	7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212	4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring	3:00pm Wed. Youth After School			
10:45am Adult Bible Education		6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal			
3:00pm El Buen		6:30pm Property & Finance	7:30pm Circle 4			

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11:30am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Adult Bible Education 11:30am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	12:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212	13:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group 1:30pm Lenten Prayer Group 4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279	14:00am VBS Planning Meeting 12:05pm Lenten Worship & Lunch at First United Methodist Church 1:00pm Needlecraft Prayer Ministry 3:00pm Wed. Youth After School 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Ministry Practice 7:30pm Youth Club	15:00pm Thursday Worship Service	16:00pm MOPS Meeting 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	17:00am Youth Mission Training
18:30am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Adult Bible Education 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship 6:00pm Confirmation	19:00pm BIG PALS-Little Pals Olympics Basketball Practice 5:15pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice 7:00pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting	20:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group 1:30pm Lenten Prayer Group 4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Property & Finance Committee Meeting	21:00am Circle 1 Meeting 12:05pm Lenten Worship & Lunch at First United Methodist Church 3:00pm Wed. Youth After School 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Youth Club	22:00pm Thursday Worship Service	23:00am MOPS Meeting 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	24:00am Fantastic 4 Hrs
25:30am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Adult Bible Education 1:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship 2:30pm Quinceanera 6:00pm Confirmation	26:00pm Interchurch Ministries Yellow Ribbon Event 5:15pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212	27:00am Tues. Morning Book Discussion Group 1:30pm Lenten Prayer Group 4:00pm Emerson Elementary After School Tutoring 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279	28:00pm Wed. Youth After School 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Ministry Practice 7:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	30:00pm Church Office Closes @ Noon 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	31

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Center For Survivors

The Center's needs often change due to shortages or surpluses of certain items, please call ahead if you have questions about donations. 402-563-1719

Please see the list below for common needs:

Household Items: Garbage bags, cleaning supplies, dish towels/wash cloths, paper plates and plastic-ware.

Personal Care Items: Toilet paper, toothbrushes/toothpaste, paper towels, tissues, feminine hygiene products.

Children's Items: Diapers, wipes, baby lotions.

Food Items: Cereal, bottled water/juices, Canned fruits/veggies, soups, non-perishable food items.

Misc. Items: zipper baggies, gift cards, aluminum foil, batteries.

Platte County Food Pantry

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in the following items: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, All Soups, Spaghetti Sauce, Jell-O, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Pancake Mixes, Bar Soap, Applesauce, Canned Pasta, Diced Tomatoes, Dry Pasta, Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Pudding, Saltine Crackers, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pancake Syrup, Toilet Paper

Platte Valley Humane Society

The Platte Valley Humane Society is privileged to have a donation receptacle in the northwest entrance of the Federated Church.

Requested items are:

March:

Windex
Pine Sol
Soft Scrub

April:

Dish Soap
13 Gallon Trash Bags



Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

4/13/18: Brian & Heidi Klevemann

5/11/18: Judy Temme & Ruth Schlobohm

6/8/18: Karen Paben

7/13/18: Deb Curry & Julie McClure

Women's Fellowship Circles



Circle 1: Co-leaders:

Sharyn Beard 402-606-4244

Jean Royer 402-564-8012

Circle 1 9:30 A.M. Meetings for 2018

Mar. 21: Hostess: Pat Scheuneman
Lesson: Linda McPhail

Apr. 18: Hostess: Kay Castner
Lesson: Sue McClure

May 16: Hostess: Jean Royer
Lesson: Sharyn Beard

June: No Meeting

July: No Meeting

Aug.: No Meeting

Sept. 19: Hostess: Charlotte Lambert
Lesson: Kay Castner

Oct. 17: Hostess: Sue McClure
Lesson: Jean Royer

Nov. 14: Hostess: Sharon Kuncel
Lesson: Anita Hahn
(Please note, 2nd Weds.!)

Dec. 19: Traditions (Charlotte Lambert)
Lesson: Anita Hahn

Women's Fellowship Restructuring Committee

Sue McClure
Rogalyn Stevens
Joie Taylor
Linda Wheatley



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jacob Buresh-Lange, Terry Schultz	3/17
Heidi Klevemann, Scott Wurdeman	3/18
Gene Hahn, Terry Norris, Landon Winslow	3/19
Sheri Melick, Bob Smith, Gordon Specht	3/20
David Walline	3/21
Wayland Berry, Alex Wachter, Edward Yang	3/22
Riley Gausman, Mitchell Norris	3/24
John Hahn, Kathy Hash, Larry Spence	3/25
Beatriz Garcia, Kyrstin Milligan, Paul Sanderson, Vianne Stroope-West, Chuck Whitney, Gail Wurdeman	3/26
Megan Bower	3/27
Shannon Hempstead, Aubrey Hoadley	3/29
Samuel Kiser	3/30
Jason Augspurgen, Brenda Kallweit	4/2
Justin Badje	4/3
Shawn Houska, Kaitlyn Janicek	4/4
Brian Dobbs	4/5
Skylar Dreesen, Brian Klevemann	4/7
Jessica Sand, Janalyn Pickrel	4/8
Lisa Perrin, Ellie Porter, Cara Porter	4/9
Beverly Fry, Connor Hahn, Sue Mares, Ervin Paben	4/10
Pat Houska, Kathy Morris, Clint Scheffler	4/11
Pam Hahn, Lois Schultz	4/12
Kathy Orr	4/13
Gary Sedlacek	4/14
Elena Purinton, Norma Schaufelberger	4/15

Don't see your birthday in our list above? Find an error?
Contact the church office and let us know!

Federated Church Finance-at-a-Glance

Recap of financial transactions for February 2018

The following information is a brief description of transactions for the previously completed month. Complete records are available in the church office upon request.

Income - February 2018

Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year \$19,880.70

Designated Funds (Savings):

Memorials \$3,337.50
One Great Hour of Sharing \$267.00
Mission Trip (Youth Pizza Fundraiser) \$122.00
Platte County Food Pantry (Souper Bowl) \$186.00
Hasting College \$20.00
Back Pack Program (Ash Wednesday) \$672.95
Easter Flowers \$9.00
Youth Fund (30 Hour Famine) \$147.00
Building Maintenance \$145.00
Alumni Mission Trip \$25.00
Zach N. Love Gift \$815.00
Tuesday Morning Book Discussion \$20.00
Helping Hands Members \$25.00
Sale of Books (All Church Book Read) \$20.00

Interest Income:

Memorial \$1.61
Checking \$0.61
Savings \$29.01

Expenses - February 2018

General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses \$34,612.89

Designated Funds (Savings):

Platte County Food Pantry (Souper Bowl) \$186.00
Youth Fund (30 Hour Famine) \$122.00
Building Maintenance \$1,950.00
Zach N. Love Gift \$815.00
Back Pack Program (Ash Wednesday) \$672.96
Pastor's Discretion \$100.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members \$200.00

Checking Account Balance Ending January 31, 2018: \$15,203.29

Savings Account Balance Ending January 31, 2018: \$162,358.07

Memorial Account Balance Ending January 31, 2018: \$25,207.61

Checking Account Balance Ending February 28, 2018: \$9,885.15

Savings Account Balance Ending February 28, 2018: \$151,043.97

Memorial Account Balance Ending February 28, 2018: \$28,546.72



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