

# FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

# **Upcoming Events**

- •Wednesday's in March: Lenten Luncheons at First UMC, Noon
- March 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 24: Palm/Passion Sunday
- March 28: Maundy Thursday Service at Federated, 6:30pm
- March 29: Ecumenical Good Friday Service,
- Grace Episcopal, Noon
  - ~ Church office closes at Noon
- March 31: Easter Sunday at Federated, 10am
- April 1: Easter Monday
  - ~ Church office closed

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. April 2024 Newsletter deadline will be March 20th, 2024.

#### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Since our church belongs to two denominations, there are plenty of opportunities to learn. As a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ordained minister, I still have much to learn about the United Church of Christ. I have wondered why the UCC does not have an extensive set of creeds; whereas the PC(USA) has the Book of Confessions, which includes 12 creeds.

One reason why the UCC does not have an "official theology" is the denomination's emphasis on congregational autonomy. The UCC Constitution insures the rights of each local church to "formulate its own covenants and confessions of faith..." (Article IV, paragraph 15).

I have also learned that the UCC has a particular approach to theology. Some denominations begin with formulated beliefs and then interpret life situations with those beliefs. Other denominations tend to begin with life situations and then move toward developing beliefs. According to one denominational resource, the UCC is more of the latter: "In the United Church of Christ, we work toward gaining a theological understanding of the situation in which we find ourselves." ("Theology in the UCC" by Parish Life and Leadership Ministry Team of Local Church Ministries).

While the UCC does not have an extensive set of beliefs, it does have a concise "Statement of Faith" which was developed in 1959 (two years after the formation of the UCC). I appreciate the following description of the statement's purpose: "Rather than being a test of faith, [UCC Statement of Faith] is a testimony of faith which informs, instructs and inspires the members, groups and organizations of the United Church of Christ." Below is the 1979 updated version of the Statement of Faith by then UCC President, Robert V. Moss. As you read it, consider the following questions:

Which parts of the statement stood out to you?

Which parts of the statement would you strongly agree with?

Are there parts of the statement that you disagree with (or have uncertainty with)?

How does this statement help you in your understanding of God?

#### United Church of Christ Statement of Faith—adapted by Robert V. Moss

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to

# PASTOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God.

Amen.

Grace and peace, Edward

# **GOVERNING COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT**

Governing Council met Tuesday February 27, 2024@ 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Highlights include:

January financials were presented and received. GC meeting minutes and Committee Reports were received. Approval of Leave for Paster Edward March 11-17th

Approval of leave for Pastor Edward April 16-18, Synod of Lakes and Prairies

Leadership Summit in Buffalo, MN.

Approval of the Annual Garage Sale to be held June 29, 2024.

3 elements were replaced on the kitchen stove, so all 10 burners are now functional

A water heater will be placed in the kitchen to provide a ready supply of hot water. Approval of \$12,400.00 to continue Landscaping project on the East and North side of Church from unrestricted Memorial funds.

The next Governing Council meeting will be March 26, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Alison Wagner, Church President and Barb Sanderson, Council Secretary

#### CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **MARCH 2024**

#### Youth Funday



Due to the unseasonably warm February weather, the annual youth ski/snowboard trip to Mt. Crescent was cancelled. Instead, the youth enjoyed a day learning to ice skate at the Moylan Iceplex in Omaha.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thanks to all who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Federated Church's youth collected 276 lbs. of food and \$462 for the Platte County Food Pantry.

#### One Great Hour of Sharing

Throughout lent, Federated Church's children will be collecting change in their fish banks for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Please remember to return your fish banks on Palm Sunday.

#### Calendar of Events

March 3<sup>rd</sup> High School Student Dinner (9<sup>th</sup> – 12th Grades) Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm

March 17<sup>th</sup> Youth Sunday Funday (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) (Meet in Fellowship Hall after Worship)

March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday (Children Play Bells During Worship)

March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday (Egg Hunt following Worship) (No Education Hour)

> April 28<sup>th</sup> Children's Sunday

May 5<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday

May 12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day (Youth Flower Sale)

May 19<sup>th</sup> Graduation Sunday (Last week of Education Hour)



#### **JOYS & CONCERNS FOR FEBRUARY 2024**

- ◆ Congratulations to Cletus Arasmith, he is retiring from the National Guard after 25 years of service.
- Pray for Daryl Smith who is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, February 6th.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Paul Mohr, Jr., brother of Michael Mohr. Paul passed away on January 17th. Michael's 6.5 year old terrier, Annie, also passed away that week.
- Pray for Rosie Heinisch, she is starting chemotherapy for her leukemia.
- Pray for Rod Behlen as he receives radiation and chemotherapy treatments for cancer.
- Congratulations to Michael & Taylor Irby, who welcomed son Mack, born January 24, 2024.
- ♦ Congratulations to Ryland Prokopec who was a member of the CHS Bowling Team that won the Class A State Championship! Proud parent are Aaron & Carrie Prokopec and proud grandparents are Doug & Randi Williams.
- Pray for Jeannie Kiser-Jensen, as she prepares for surgery (ileostomy reversal) on February 13th .
- Pray for the family of Frank Thompson, husband of Sherry Thompson. Frank passed away on February 5th. Services will be held this spring.
- Pray for the family of Ben Vrana, husband of Marilyn Vrana. Ben passed away February 19th.
   Services were held at Federated on February 26th.
- Pray for Kelli Scheffler as she recovers from hip replacement surgery on February 5th.

#### ♦ Homestead Presbytery: Wakefield

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Wakefield 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: Wayne

January was a busy month at FPC in Wayne, like many congregations we had installation of new officers. Pastor Bartlett is thankful for those who said yes to serving as Elders and Deacons sharing their energy, imagination and love as we move forward as a congregation. At our annual congregational meeting we reviewed the year past. At their January meeting the Session looked back at 2023 and forward to the year ahead, making plans for the life of the congregation. During Advent each family of the congregation received the devotional book, "A Surprising God," by Thomas G. Long and Donyelle C. McCray. Pastor Bartlett will be using several of the devotions in the book as the basis for worship and sermons beginning on January 14th with the devotion entitled "God Sees the Effort" written by Donyelle C. McCray. In February we will resume our CoffeeHouse format worship services on the third Sunday of each month. This conversational style worship is led by members of the congregation and Pastor Teresa. The CoffeeHouse format allows us to engage with the Scriptures and one another as we learn together, a side benefit are the tasty treats and coffee shared during the service held in our Fellowship Hall. We look forward to all opportunities and potential 2024 holds for FPC.

#### • Homestead Presbytery: Wymore

We continue to maintain our yoke with Steele City, including joint services and activities. We 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

York Presbyterian Church would be grateful for prayers regarding our search for a new Minister, and for Rev. Wakeman as he leads us through the coming year. We ask for patience as we wait upon the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us. In the meantime, we want to continue to worship God, share our faith with our children, and in the community of York. We want to continue the spirit of Christian fellowship that we experience when we are together. Thank you for your prayers.

- UCC Living Waters Association:
- Norfolk First Congregational UCC, 68701)
- Omaha Countryside Community Church UCC, 68114
- Omaha First Central Congregational UCC, 68131
- Omaha Northwest Hills UCC, 68134

# **DECODING THE LITURGICAL COLOR SCHEME**

Within the life of the church, color has long been used to give a visual indicator of what is happening in the life of the church. Whether it is marking of the rhythm and movement of the liturgical season, or the noting of a special celebration within the life of the church , the colors that we use in worship, whether it is in the cloths covering the tables or the stoles that the Pastor and the choir wears, have deep meaning.

White = Holiness We use white any time we are celebrating days that emphasize the divinity of Christ: Christmas, Easter, Baptism of the Lord, Christ the King, and so on. For the most part, if you find white paraments in the sanctuary, you are worshiping on a day that has great significance to our understanding of Jesus as God. Also, since white has come to symbolize holiness, it is also often used for the celebration of both sacraments (baptism and communion). You will also often see a pastor wear a white stole when officiating a wedding. Although there is no theological or liturgical reason, some pastors choose to do so as the colors white and black are so often associated with weddings. However, any color stole is deemed appropriate based on the season.

**Purple = Preparation** Purple is the color that is used during our season of preparation: Advent and Lent. During both of these seasons (the four Sundays before Christmas and the 40 Days before Easter, respectively), we are to dedicate ourselves for the preparation of our hearts and minds for welcoming Christ.

Purple is also the traditional color of royalty, and so some give not to this as a reason why we use purple during these seasons.

In some tradition, the color blue is used interchangeably with purple during the season of Advent.

In March, the vestment colors will be **purple** until March 28th, Maundy Thursday, where it changes to **white**. The paraments will stay white through the Sundays of Easter until May 19th, the Day of Pentecost, where red will be the color.

# HOLY:

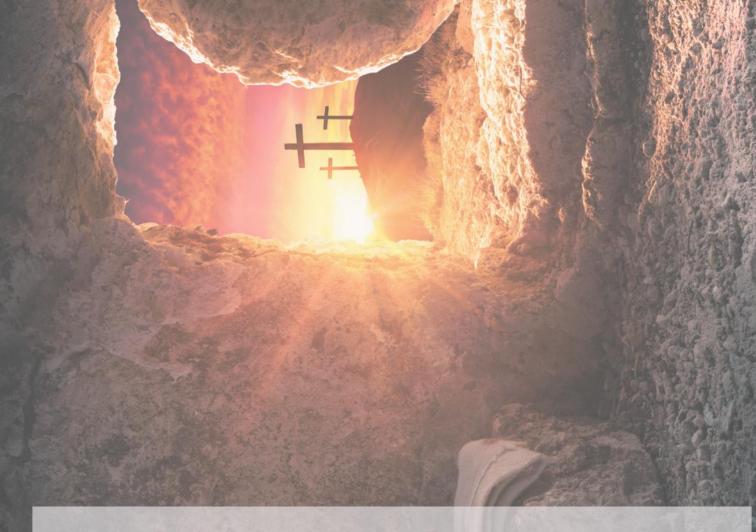
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<u>March 28</u> - Maundy Thursday Service @ Federated 6:30pm <u>March 29</u> - *Good Friday* Service @ Grace Episcopal Noon *Church Office Closes at Noon* 

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<u>March 31</u> - *Easter Sunday* Service @ Federated 10am Easter Egg Hunt after service *No Education Hour* 

April 1 - Easter Monday Church Office Closed



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| Friday: Sunday is PDA's Blue   | T-Shirt Sunday. What does PDA<br>do to show God's love? Choose<br>something blue to wear or share<br>with your congregation.  | Friday: Health is one of our most<br>important needs. Say a prayer<br>for each person your family<br>knows who has been or is now<br>sick and for quality medical care<br>for everyone.                              | Friday: It is estimated that 1 in 5<br>kids in the U.S. will experience<br>hunger this year. Pray that no<br>child will ever go to sleep at night<br>hungry.   | Friday: Sunday is SDOP Sunday!<br>Visit peusa.org/sdop and identify<br>a community partnership<br>SDOP has cultivated. Give a<br>generous gift in honor of that<br>partnership.  | Friday: Communication can<br>be incredibly difficult after<br>a disaster, especially if the<br>internet isn't working! Give a gift<br>for every phone your family has.   | Friday: Learning new languages<br>can help form relationships.<br>Learn about the Indigenous<br>peoples who inhabited the land<br>where you are now and the name<br>they gave that place or region. | Friday: Women and children are<br>disproportionately impacted by<br>poverty and hunger. Give a gift<br>for every female in your class or<br>workplace.   | ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING<br>SPECIAL OFFERINGS<br>HUNGER • DISAFTER • DEVELOPMENT   |
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| Thursday: Our Gracie Fish coin | boxes will hold many gifts of<br>money this season, but what<br>other kinds of gifts can we give?<br>What gifts can share?  | Thursday: Using the online OGHS<br>map, look where PDA is working.<br>Read about one project near you<br>and one far away and make a gift<br>for each as you offer a prayer.   | Thursday: When roads are closed<br>and electricity is off, going to see a<br>doctor can be hard. Give a gift for<br>each person in your family who has<br>been able to see a doctor in the<br>past year. | Thursday: Rainwater is rare in<br>some places, so special collection<br>systems are built to catch the<br>water so it can be used for growing<br>plants. Give one gift for every day<br>it rained (or snowed) in the past<br>week. | Thursday: The most vulnerable<br>are often the most impacted in<br>emergency situations. Say a prayer<br>for children impacted by disasters<br>and give a gift for every flashlight in<br>your home.                   | Thursday: Find three books you<br>can donate so another person has<br>the chance to read and learn. Give<br>a gift for every year you have been<br>in school and.                                   | Thursday. Blankets are used<br>internationally to comfort those<br>impacted by disasters. Give a<br>gift for each blanket on your bed<br>or find some blankets you can<br>donate.  | 75   JL ONE GREAT<br>YEARS   JR HUNGER-DISATTER-DE  |
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| Ash Wednesday: Read Isaiah     | 58:6-8, 12. What are we asked to<br>do? Who helps meet those same<br>needs for you (x, 12)? Say a prayer<br>of gratitude for them.                                    | Wednesday: What did you use<br>water for today? Using the OGHS<br>map, find projects related to water<br>and give a gift for each faucet in<br>your house.   | Wednesday: Without the right<br>nutrition in the first two years of<br>life, a child's physical and mental<br>development is compromised.<br>Give a gift for each baby/toddler<br>you know.              | Wednesday: If you could start a<br>business of your own, what would<br>it be? Give a gift for every good<br>business idea you hear from those<br>you are with.   | Wednesday: Teaching healthy<br>food choices and food safety can<br>change the health of an entire<br>community! Choose some healthy<br>foods in your kitchen to donate to<br>a food pantry or soup kitchen.            | Wednesday: God's love is<br>shown in so many ways. Find<br>three things you can do today or<br>tomorrow to share God's love.  | Wednesday: Where does your water come from? Many people carry buckets of water long distances to their homes every day. Give a gift for every faucet in your home.   |   |
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| t 2024                         | ity. Consider the<br>ish coin bank or a jar.  | Tuesday: Electricity is usually<br>the first utility that is lost in a<br>storm. Give a gift for each light<br>switch in your home.  | Tuesday: Thousands of frontline<br>workers risk their lives daily during<br>a health crisis. Say a prayer for the<br>doctors, nurses and other medical<br>staff who care for the sick.                   | Tuesday: Changing weather<br>patterns mean old ways of farming<br>don't work in some areas anymore,<br>so farmers need to be taught new<br>techniques. Give one gift for every<br>farm you've visited.                             | Tuesday: Poverty can make people<br>feel like their wheels are spinning<br>because of surprise expenses,<br>problems or illness. Give a gift for<br>every wheel around your home<br>that helps your family get places. | Tuesday: Immunizations give<br>us hope for a day when certain<br>diseases will no longer cause<br>sickness and pain. Give a gift<br>for each immunization you have<br>received.                     | <b>Tuesday:</b> Most people around<br>the world don't have access to<br>the many varieties of fruit and<br>vegetables we have. Give one gift<br>for each type of vegetable in your<br>house.                                     | For more locations and ministries, go to peusa.org/oghsmap or scan this code.   |
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| A Sharing Calendar for Lent 20 | Each day at or after a meal time, gather around this map activity. Consider the reflection and questions, place a coin or a bill (a "gift") in your fish coin bank or | Monday: Over 23 million Ameri-<br>cans live in a food desert, far from<br>a store where they can buy fresh<br>food. Give a gift for each grocery<br>store nearby.  | Monday. Climate change is<br>forcing farmers worldwide<br>to either adjust their farming<br>methods or move away. Give a<br>gift for each type of animal you<br>saw today.                               | Monday: Find an SDOP project<br>near you on the OGHS map. What<br>is SDOP working to address<br>there? Say a prayer of thanksgiv-<br>ing for our partners.   | Monday: Hunger-related causes<br>kill tens of thousands every day<br>around the world. Give a gift for<br>meals you've had today.  | Monday: Social support and<br>connection are important parts<br>of being healthy. Gift a gift of<br>gratitude for every home that<br>offers welcome to you.   | Monday: After a natural disaster<br>or a public health crisis, it may<br>be hard to find places to buy<br>basic supplies. Say a prayer of<br>thanksgiving and give a gift for<br>each time you had toilet paper to<br>use today. | For m   |
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| A Sharing C                    | ach day at or after a mea<br>sflection and questions, p   | Sunday: God, open our eyes to<br>your face in every person. Let us<br>see the ways we are all connected<br>with all of Creation. May we as<br>your Church, together, seek love,<br>justice and peace with all. Amen. | Sunday: Gather us all around your<br>banquet table, O God, with all who<br>hunger and thirst. May we join<br>together to share the abundance<br>you ve intended for all. Amen.                           | Sunday: Encourage us, Creator,<br>when things get difficult. May we<br>draw creativity and hope from your<br>Spirit, and from our partners along<br>the way. Amen.   | Sunday: Lord, help us to learn from<br>what others have seen, so that<br>we might grow in understanding<br>across lines of difference. Amen.   | Sunday: Guide us through the<br>paths that feel lonely, assured that<br>you are always with us. Be with us<br>in the darkness as we walk by faith<br>and not by sight. Amen.                        | Passion/Palm Sunday: God, you<br>call us to grow, go out and serve.<br>Open our eyes, ears and hearts so<br>that we can be "repairers of the<br>breach," serving our siblings in<br>need. Amen.                                  | Sunday – Resurrection/Easter/<br>One Great Hour of Sharing:<br>Present the gifts in your coin box<br>to your congregation. Say a prayer<br>for all those who will receive help<br>from your generosity. |
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# S.A.L.T. ADULT SUNDAY CLASS



"Study and Learn Together" Who: All adults! When: 8:45 a.m. (So choir members can come!) Where: Fellowship Hall



Come join us! Besides goodies and coffee, we have good discussions and great interaction. This year's curriculum will be:

Video series (every other week): In the Footsteps of the Savior by Max Lucado. The videos are always interesting and informative.

Every other week: Today's news---Exploring relevance to our faith News is inevitable--whether it be good or bad. We'll look at the latest news events (no political discussions, though) and talk about linking our Christian faith and wisdom from the Bible to today's news. We will be sure to have stimulating discussions as we share our questions, opinions, and insights with each other. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! COME JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS!

#### **SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTIONS & EVENTS**

"The Son of Man did **not** come **to be served**, **but to serve**," Matthew 20:28 Social Concerns and Missions Committee is collecting peanut butter for the months of January, February and March. This peanut butter goes to the Methodist back pack program. The box for collecting is inside the north door to the Narthex. **Social Concerns and Missions Committee** 

#### **USHERS/LITURGISTS & ATTENDANCE REPORT FEBRUARY 2024**

Ushers: Mark Hegi, Bill RoyerYouth Ushers: Annabelle Bender, Hadley McHugh, Anna YoungLiturgists: Alison Wagner, Brenda Sand, Bob Arp, Julie GrahamAverage Attendance: Thursday Service - 19Sunday Service - 102

Online - 103 Weekly Attendance - 223

#### **FUNERAL COMMITTEE 2**

Co-Chairs: Steve & Marcia Dewald, Sue & Larry Mares, Linda Wheatley, Barb Olson Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs

## 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..."<sup>1</sup> 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!



<sup>1</sup>Excerpt from 'In Ministry Together; Federated Church - A Centennial History; July 2, 1014 - July 2, 2014'; pg. 38-39

#### **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!

Easter Flowers Order Form

| Flower & Price  | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| Lily \$10.00    |                 |              |
| Mum \$15.00     |                 |              |
| Begonia \$20.00 |                 |              |



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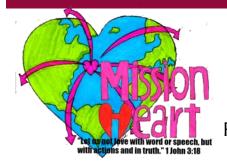
TO GOD'S GLORY AND... IN MEMORY OF:

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PLEASE ORDER FLOWERS BY MARCH 17TH. EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO GOD'S GLORY, AND MAY ALSO BE DESIGNATED AS A MEMORIAL AND/OR GIVEN IN HONOR OF SPECIAL PERSONS. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FEDERATED CHURCH. PLEASE NOTE 'EASTER FLOWERS' ON THE MEMO LINE.

# **MISSION HEART, INC.**



Mission Heart, Inc. is located at 412 "G" Street in Central City. Some donation suggestions include: <u>Clothing items</u>, <u>Linens</u>, <u>School supplies</u>, <u>Baby items</u>, <u>& pill bottles are accepted without labels</u> 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 Cift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stor



Paper, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores. They have a number of animals available, including the ones pictured below.









#### **RESCUE MISSION MEALS FOR 2024**

Columbus **RESCUE P**ission

Federated Church delivers 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. There are no steps there. 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. There are several openings for this year. Please be a part of this important ministry and sign up in the Narthex! Social Concerns and Missions Committee

#### **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.

## **OPERATION EDUCATION NAIROBI**

Julie Graham and Katie Claus would like to thank you for the results of our last fundraiser, "Roll into January" on January 21. We were OVERWHELMED at the generosity of the congregation--\$888.00! This money will provide scholarships for one student for one year, and will go a long way toward another scholarship. We want to especially thank Sunnie Yang for contributing many meals of Orange Chicken and Ham and Potato soup---we appreciated it so much! Also thanks to members of Federated who are sponsoring students. We are grateful. It means so much for these students to be able to get an education. If anyone would like to find out how to become a sponsor, see Julie or Katie. Again, a HUGE thank you!

| Cec Bartholomew,<br>Dave Lange           | 3/3  | Heidi Klevemann  | 3/18 |
|--|------|--|------|
| Connor Luedtke                           | 3/4  | Gene Hahn, Terry Norris  | 3/19 |
| Noelle Carstens, Lori Smith              | 3/5  | Deb Gaeth, Sheri Melick,<br>Gordon Specht                                | 3/20 |
| Robyn Bower                              | 3/7  | Bill Berry, Addilyn Ternus,<br>Edward Yang                               | 3/22 |
| Wayne McCormick,<br>Sherry Miller        | 3/8  | Cyndi Jarecke  | 3/23 |
| Tessa Klevemann,<br>Beryldean Lauterbach | 3/9  | Riley Gausman,<br>Mitchell Norris  | 3/24 |
| Wilma Arp                                | 3/10 | John Hahn, Larry Spence  | 3/25 |
| Sarah Bower,<br>Jeannie Kiser Jensen     | 3/11 | Betty Garcia Lopez,<br>Paul Sanderson, Charles Whitney,<br>Gail Wurdeman | 3/26 |
| Mary Norton                              | 3/14 | Megan Bower  | 3/27 |
| Terry Schultz                            | 3/17 | Patty Beckner,<br>Shannon Hempstead                                      | 3/29 |
|  |      | Ardell Wurdeman, Kathy Zywiec  | 3/31 |

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

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Matt & Nicole Miller March 13, 1999

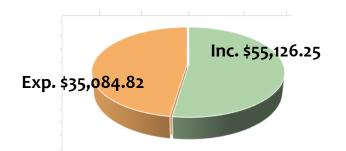
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# **JANUARY 2023 FINANCIALS**

| Contributions - January 2023 |             |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| General Funds (Checking):    | \$53,171.86 |  |  |  |
| Contributions                | \$52,566.86 |  |  |  |
| Rent                         | \$105.00    |  |  |  |
| Previous Year (2023)         | \$500.00    |  |  |  |
| Designated Funds (Savings):  | \$1,799.39  |  |  |  |
| Interest Earned              | \$596.81    |  |  |  |
| Youth Mission Trip           | \$133.00    |  |  |  |
| Operation Education Nairobi  | \$25.00     |  |  |  |
| Helping Hands - Non-Members  | \$25.00     |  |  |  |
| Music Dept.                  | \$25.00     |  |  |  |
| Christmas Meal               | \$244.58    |  |  |  |
| Pastor's Continued Education | \$750.00    |  |  |  |
| Memorials:                   | \$155.00    |  |  |  |
| Undesignated                 | \$55.00     |  |  |  |
| Kitchen/Funeral Supplies     | \$100.00    |  |  |  |

| Income                           | \$55,126.25  |  |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Expenses                         | -\$35,084.82 |  |
| Transfer for bills               | \$2,579.73   |  |
| (Savings & Memorial<br>Expenses) |              |  |
| Total                            | \$22,621.16  |  |

| Expenses - January 2023                    |             |  |  |  |
|--|-------------|--|--|--|
| General Fund Expenses:                     | \$32,505.09 |  |  |  |
| Utilities                                  | \$3,271.89  |  |  |  |
| Other Budgeted Expenses                    | \$28,483.20 |  |  |  |
| 2023 Pastor's Education                    | \$750.00    |  |  |  |
| Designated Funds (Savings):                | \$2,079.73  |  |  |  |
| Poinsettias                                | \$427.50    |  |  |  |
| Piano/Organ - Organ Rental                 | \$1,000.00  |  |  |  |
| Building Maintenance                       | \$282.85    |  |  |  |
| Helping Hands - Members<br>(Brian Marker ) | \$350.00    |  |  |  |
| Helping Hands - Non-<br>Members            | \$19.38     |  |  |  |
| Memorial Fund:                             | \$500.00    |  |  |  |
| Piano/Organ - Organ Rental<br>Assessment   | \$500.00    |  |  |  |



## 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<br>Committee        | Pat Anderson                                      | 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm |
| Endowment Committee                     | Donna Augspurger                                  | Will meet as necessary           |
| Finance & Property<br>Committee         | Mark Weeder                                       | 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm |
| Membership & Growth<br>Committee        | Nila Novotny                                      | 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm  |
| Nominating Committee                    | Alison Wagner &<br>Georgia Behlen                 | To be determined                 |
| 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 &<br>Missions Committee | Katie Claus                                       | 2nd Monday of the month, 5:00pm  |
| Stewardship Committee                   | Georgia Behlen                                    | Will meet as necessary           |
| Worship & Music<br>Committee            | John Lohr   | 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm |
| Youth Ministry<br>Committee             | Max Porter  | 2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am |
| Foundation                              | Doug Williams,<br>President                       | Quarterly/as Necessary           |
| Governing Council                       | Alison Wagner,<br>President<br>Georgia Behlen, VP | 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm |

<u>Reminder to all Chairpersons</u>: 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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