



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

**March 1 - Hymn Sing; Birthday Recognition;
Communion; Wholeness & Healing**

**March 4 - Lenten Lunch - Federated Hosts
at First United Methodist Church**

March 8 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 21 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

March 22 - Cake Picnic

March 25 - Easter Cookie Decorating Class

**March 29 - Palm / Passion Sunday;
Children's Sunday; 5th Sunday Potluck**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

[This month's article is based on my reflection for Lenten lunch service on 2/25/26]

For this year's Lenten lunch services, our ecumenical group of pastors decided to talk about a selected hymn. I didn't have a particular hymn in mind; instead I have been thinking about a hymn writer. Her name is Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. She is a Presbyterian pastor in the east coast. About nine years ago, I got to meet Carolyn as we took classes together at Columbia Theological Seminary. I had known of her work before meeting her, but I got to be more appreciative as I learned about her craft of hymn writing. She made it clear that her skill is in writing the words – while utilizing familiar tunes. Inspiration for her hymns come from biblical texts and current events.

While trying to pick one of Carolyn's hymns (since we'll be singing one for Lenten lunch), I realized there were plenty to choose from. She has written about 500 hymns. There is a hymn that stood out. It is titled "We Pray for Peace" which she wrote in response to Russian invasion on Ukraine four years ago. Sadly, the hymn is still pertinent as the war has not ended.

There is a particular line of this hymn that struck me. In the second verse, there is mention of Christ who calmed the waters. It is in reference to Jesus calming the storm in Luke 8:22-25. It also resonates with what has been happening in Ukraine. I think about the sound of the sea storm and the sound of bombs exploding on buildings. For both, the noise cannot be ignored. It would be nearly impossible to rest (although Jesus was sleeping in the storm, but he is unique). The disciples must have been afraid for their lives, as are people in war torn areas: Ukraine, Palestine-Israel, Sudan, or Myanmar, to name a few.

Another thing that struck me about the storm that Jesus calmed is the feeling of helplessness. One would feel helpless on a boat in stormy waters; there is little control over where the boat goes. Similarly, there would be an overwhelming feeling of helplessness not knowing if a bomb will fall on one's home. To a lesser extent, there is helplessness in hearing about places at war.

In response to this feeling of helplessness, we are called to pray. Carolyn views her hymns as sung prayers. In a video (search for "Hymns for a Weary World" by Sojourners in youtube), she describes a difference between spoken and sung words: "I think when we sing, we sing from our hearts." Below are words for "We Pray for Peace" set to the tune of Finlandia.

Grace and peace,
Edward

"We Pray for Peace" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

We pray for peace, O God of love and justice, as once again, we face a time of war.

The meek and humble try — amid the crisis — to love and build, to nurture and restore.

May leaders hear the truth the prophets teach us — that gifts of peace are well worth struggling for.

We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the waters — who stilled the storm, who stilled disciples' fear.

You spoke with love and with amazing power; be with us now when trouble is so near.

May leaders see the miracle you offer — that words and deeds can calm the nations here.

We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us; your love emboldens, judges and restrains.

Take any hate and acts of impulse from us; make leaders wise, amid competing claims.

May we seek peace, O God of love and justice; may love and mercy be our highest aims.

MUSIC MINISTRY DIRECTOR

The season of Lent offers us an opportunity to explore a different variety of challenging, and thought provoking music selections. I invite you to consider how music can enrich our spiritual journey. Lent is traditionally a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal, as we prepare our hearts for the remembrance of Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection.

During Lent, the music in our services will reflect the somber yet hopeful nature of the season. We'll explore hymns and anthems that speak to themes of sacrifice, humility, and redemption. Lenten music tends to lean into minor modes and more complex harmonies, evoking a deeply emotional response from the listener. The melodies and harmonies can help us to meditate on the suffering of Christ and to consider our own shortcomings; but even in the midst of this solemnity, we'll also hear strains of hope and anticipation, reminding us of the promise of Easter and the new life that awaits us.

Palm Sunday this year will feature our Children's bells again, playing along with the Chancel Choir in a joyous collaboration! Easter will feature brass instrumentation with the Choir, and the Sunday after Easter is, of course, our Jazz Sunday, with music provided by members of the Columbus Jazz Orchestra.

I encourage you to be present with the music, allowing it to guide you into a deeper understanding of yourself and your relationship with God. May this Lenten season be a time of profound reflection and spiritual growth for us all, as we journey together toward the joyous celebration of Easter.

In Christ,

Stuart Gausman, Director of Music Ministry

GOVERNING COUNCIL SUMMARY

The Governing Council met on Tuesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Steve Heinisch.

Meeting highlights include:

January GC meeting minutes were approved. Corrected Communion dates were discussed and the need for Communion servers. Being a Communion server is a privilege and a obligation.

Edward spoke about new prospective members. There are several individuals interested in joining Federated Church.

Terry Norris reported the financials for the beginning of 2026. A new format will be used for the GC Financial report. The GC approved the motion to accept the financials.

Nila Novotny discussed the upcoming Cake Picnic. Details are shared on page 8 of this newsletter. The February Congregational meeting was well attended and very well received. Everyone was pleased with the lower budget for 2026 and appreciative of the big projects completed in 2025.

The next Governing Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th at 7 p.m.

Kathy Zywiec, Secretary

CHILDREN & YOUTH MARCH 2026

CALENDAR

3/8

Fed@Fed
4 - 6 pm | 8th Grade & Up

3/15

Sunday FUNday - Egging!
11 am - 2 pm
5th - 12th Grades

3/29

Palm/Passion Sunday
Children's Sunday

4/5

Easter
Egg Hunt following Worship

4/12

Fed@Fed
4 - 6 pm | 8th Grade & Up

4/19

Sunday FUNday
10 - 2 pm | 5th Grade & Up

5/10

Mother's Day Flower Sale

FED  **FED**

March 8th ~ 4 - 6 pm in Federated Kitchen
8th Grade & UP

SUNDAY
FUNday

March 15th ~ 11 am - 2 pm
5th Grade & Up
Food, Fun and Egging!
Parent drivers needed!



children's
sunday



March 29th

9 am - Ed Hour featuring games & bounce houses
10 am - Worship with Palm Parade and Kids Bells
11 am - Potluck and bounce houses
Wear a Federated Church t-shirt if you have one!

RECENT EVENTS



The youth collected 212.8 lbs of food and \$285 for the Platte County Food Pantry during the 2026 Souper Bowl of Caring. Thank you to all who supported this youth mission.



SUNDAY FUNday

The February Sunday FUNday included a trip to Axe in the Box where we learned how to throw axes. It was lots of fun and no youth were injured at the event.



BOOK SALE

Support our youth by purchasing books or donating books to our annual book sale currently taking place in the Narthex. Funds raised will benefit the youth summer mission trip.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING



"Fish banks" were distributed on 2/22. Youth are encouraged to collect money through the season of lent. All proceeds benefit OGHS. Additional "fish banks" are available in the Narthex.

KITCHEN CLEANUP NEWS

On February 7, 2026, a dedicated team of volunteers came together for a full **deep cleaning of the Federated Church kitchen and Café la Fed station**. The effort was organized by **Brenda Sand**, with valuable guidance from **Anita Hahn**, who previously led this project.

A heartfelt **thank you** to all who volunteered their time and energy:

Anita Hahn, Susan McClure, Meg Weeder, Wilma Arp, Joe Chin, Taylor Irby, Katie Claus, Sunnie Yang, and Doris Augspurger.

Your work truly helps keep our shared spaces welcoming and functional!

Our volunteers tackled a wide range of tasks, including:

- Deep cleaning all areas of the kitchen and Café la Fed
- Organizing cabinets, shelves, and storage
- Completing a full inventory of kitchen items
- Discarding broken or expired supplies
- Setting aside lost and found items to be shared with the congregation
- Notifying the office of items that need replenishment or replacement

We are grateful for everyone's attention to detail—this was truly a team effort!

Thank you again to everyone who pitched in. Keeping our shared spaces clean and organized makes a big difference—and your service is deeply appreciated.

Report submitted by **Brenda Sand**



HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY/UCC LIVING WATERS PRAYERS

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Hebron

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Hebron 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: Hickman

As we enter the new year at Hickman Presbyterian Church, we continue to try to find ways to engage our congregation and serve our community in this time of change and challenge. We are thankful for our dedicated members, volunteers, and staff. We ask for prayers for energy and wisdom to continue to find ways to serve our Lord and our community faithfully.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Laurel

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Laurel 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: Lincoln Eastridge

Eastridge Presbyterian Church invites you to pray for the congregation's commitment to responding to the PCUSA, Matthew 25 Initiative. Please pray for our leaders, members, and friends to discern pathways to continue our work to address food insecurity. We specifically request prayers for continued resources needed to support our pantry ministry. Pray, not only for financial resources, but also for more volunteers needed to operate this community ministry. Pray also for the pantry clients, that this ministry relieves some of the financial burden and fear they live with and that they know they are seen and loved by the pantry volunteers.

UCC Living Waters Association:

- ◆ Omaha Countryside Community Church UCC (Omaha, NE 68114)
- ◆ Omaha First Central Congregational UCC (Omaha, NE 68131)
- ◆ Omaha Northwest Hills UCC (Omaha, NE 68134)
- ◆ Pierce UCC (Pierce, NE 68767)

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

- ◆ Please pray for Terry Griffith, brother of Janet Lyon, Connie Spohn, Debbie Wasco, Cola Hahn, and Bob Griffith. Terry lives in Centerville, MA and is scheduled for triple bypass surgery on February 3rd.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Rob Keller, spouse to Chrissy Ford (former Office Administrator). Rob passed away on February 4th. Funeral service is February 9 at 11:00 am at Gass Haney Funeral Home.
- ◆ Chancel flowers are given by John & Deb Curry & family in memory of J.R Curry, February 17, 1984 - February 17, 2001. It will be 25 years since his passing.
- ◆ Pray for Diane Scheffler as she is scheduled for full knee replacement surgery on February 23rd.
- ◆ Congratulations to Shay Meyer & Jackson Barnes on their engagement & upcoming wedding. Shay is the daughter of Byron & Peg Meyer.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Doniver Peterson, brother of Neal Peterson. Doniver passed away February 15 in Greeley, CO.
- ◆ Pray for Val Rathje as she is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on March 3rd.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Nyla Friesen, sister to Dianne Wall. Nyla passed away on January 29, 2026 in Newton, Kansas.

FEBRUARY 2026 ATTENDANCE

Ushers/Liturgists & Attendance Report

Ushers: Bill Royer, Georgia Behlen; Youth - Hadley McHugh, Lainey McHugh, Cara Porter

Liturgists: Jackie Marker, Katie Claus, Sue McClure, Peg Meyer

Average Attendance :

In-Person Thursday Service: 20

In-Person Sunday Service: 93

Online Average Weekly Views: 190

OPERATION EDUCATION NAIROBI FUNDRAISER

EASTER COOKIE DECORATING CLASS WITH MARI MELCHER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 6:30 - 8 P.M.

FEDERATED CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

\$30 PER PERSON, RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW



SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS

In January, February and March 2026 we are collecting small jars of peanut butter for the Methodist Backpack Program. 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*

CAKE PICNIC INFORMATION

We're having our first ever Cake Picnic at Federated Church in the social hall on March 22.

This is how it works -

Doors open at 1 PM, Sunday March 22. Set up your cake and take a look at all the other cakes.

You need a cake and \$10 ticket to get in. Under 4 years old get in free with a parent. Everyone else needs a ticket and a cake. Any cake works - homemade, purchased, cupcakes, cake pops or cheesecake. Bring whatever you want to decorate your cake.

There will be a small sign by each cake saying the flavor of the cake and who made it or brought it. A timer starts at 1:30. Everyone gets a cake box (think pizza box) and we'll have spatulas by every cake. You get 5 minutes to cut pieces of any cakes you want.

The time is done at 5 minutes and you can sit with your friends and eat cake or take your box and leftover cake home. This may be chaotic, but fun and quick!

Please spread the word. We will have coffee, tea, lemonade and water.

There are many examples of Cake Picnics on YouTube and Instagram if you want to learn more.

Tickets are available from Membership & Growth Committee members. Nila Novotny, Claudia Kiser, Julie Graham, Ruth Lind, Glynette Smith, Tim Warren, Sunnie Yang and the church office.

Proceeds go to our church missions.

P.S. March 22 is also Pastor Edward's birthday so we may have to sing to him!

Thank you, Nila Novotny

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM



Easter Flowers

Please **order flowers** by March 15th.

Easter Flowers are given to God's glory



	Quantity	Total
Lily - \$14.00		\$
Mum - \$17.50		\$
Begonia - \$17.50		\$
Grand Total - due to church office by March 15th		\$

Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome. Please label it with your name.

Donor Name(s)

To God's glory and in memory of _____

Make checks payable to Federated Church. Please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line.

Join us for a day of worship and fellowship as we celebrate
Palm/Passion Sunday & Children's Sunday
on March 29, 2026.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. with an Education Hour featuring bounce houses and games. At 10 a.m., join us for worship, including a Palm Parade, performances by the Children's Bells, and the Chancel Choir.



After the service, stay for a Fifth Sunday Potluck at 11 a.m. with more fun in the bounce houses and games. **Don't forget to wear your Federated Church shirts!**



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2704 15TH STREET, COLUMBUS T 402-564-2812

LOST AND FOUND



There is a table set up in the Narthex with a variety of items that have been lost and need to be found.

Please stop by and look through the items and see if any item may be yours.

Items not claimed will be sold at the garage sale.

THANK YOU SPOTLIGHT - RENEE NORRIS

THANK YOU

We want to recognize Renee Norris for making sure the Sanctuary is decorated with your beautiful floral arrangements. She changes the centerpieces each season and for special services. You are greatly appreciated!



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, 6:30pm
Nominating Committee	Bob Arp	<i>To be determined</i>
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!

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.

S.A.L.T. ADULT SUNDAY CLASS

S.A.L.T classes every Sunday before service
"Study and Learn Together"

Who: All Adults!

When: 8:45 a.m. (So choir members can come!)

Where: Education Center Room 4

FUNERAL COMMITTEE #3

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

2 X 4 GATHERINGS - MEETING FELLOW CONGREGANTS

Thank you for your interest in the 2 x 4 gatherings.

Groups have been created and the schedule is set for 2026.

Please reach out if you have questions or would like to be involved.

The office can provide you a copy of the 2 x 4 schedule and all details.

Thank you, Nila Novotny, Chair of Membership & Growth Committee

T-SHIRT SALES NOW THRU MARCH 15

You can order your Federated Church T-shirt/Sweatshirt now. We have some new colors available and a V-neck
option for women.

Go to http://inkedcolumbus.com/federated_church. It is very easy - select the type of shirt you want, the color
and the size. You will then be directed to a payment page where you can enter your credit card payment and
print out a full receipt.

If you would like assistance with ordering please stop by the office and we would be happy to help. We can
even pay for your shirt through the church and you can write a check or give cash to the office.

Thank you for supporting Federated Church by WEARING a t-shirt and promoting our wonderful church.

FEDERATED CHURCH'S HELPING HANDS FUNDS

Did you know... “In the spring of 1975 Federated Church hosted and helped organize the Helping Hands Organization of Columbus...”¹ This gathering collaborated the efforts of a number of community groups and created low-cost housing, as well as a number of other wonderful outreaches to our community. This is where our “Helping Hands” funds were started!

¹Excerpt from ‘In Ministry Together; Federated Church - A Centennial History; July 2, 1914 - July 2, 2014’; pg. 38-39



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.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX if you can prepare a meal.

Katie Claus, Chair of Social Concerns & 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.



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

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!>



Clint



Nora



Miguel



3/03	Dave Lange	3/20	Deb Gaeth, Sheri Melick, Gordon Specht
3/07	Robyn Bower	3/22	Bill Berry, Addilyn Ternus, Edward Yang
3/08	Wayne McCormick, Sherry Miller	3/23	Dylan Bradley, Cyndi Jarecke
3/09	Tessa Klevemann, Beryldean Lauterbach	3/24	Riley Gausman, Mitchell Norris
3/10	Wilma Arp	3/25	John Hahn
3/11	Jeannie Kiser Jensen	3/26	Betty Garcia Lopez, Paul Sanderson, Charles Whitney, Gail Wurdeman
3/18	Heidi Klevemann	3/29	Patty Beckner
3/19	Gene Hahn, Terry Norris	3/31	Ardell 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 (JAN. THRU FEB. 15 2026)

Income	
General Funds (Checking):	\$90,405.37
Total Donations & Contributions	\$90,405.37
Memorials:	\$9127.50
Kitchen/Undesignated	\$8,427.50
Landscaping	\$550.00
Kitchen Fund	\$150.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$1,255.00
Christmas Meal (late donation)	\$50.00
Food Pantry	\$275.00
Misc. Income	100.00
Helping Hands (non-members)	\$300.00
Ghana	\$30.00
Education Hour	500.00

Expenses	
General Fund Expenses:	\$55,998.47
Homestead Presbytery	\$876.60
UCC NE Conference	\$525.98
Living Waters Association	\$350.64
Christian Ed Expenses	\$513.63
Worship & Member Ministry	\$596.55
Equipment Maintenance & Upgrades	\$1,105.33
Utilities	\$10,164.26
Grounds Care	\$1261.50
Custodial Supplies	\$754.26
Administration	\$5,980.45
Staff Salaries	\$33,869.27

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders 2026	Federated Church Clergy and Staff													
Bob Arp, <i>President</i> Steve Heinisch, <i>Vice President</i>	Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.or	Stuart Gausman <i>Director of Music Ministry</i>												
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Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>														

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DECODING THE LITURGICAL COLOR SCHEME

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.

SPRING FORWARD MARCH 8

