



# FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ May 1st - Confirmation Sunday
- ♦ May 8th - Mother's Day & Youth Flower Sale
- ♦ May 22nd - Graduation Sunday
- ♦ May 30th - Memorial Day; Office Closed
- ♦ June 1st - First day to bring Garage Sale items
- ♦ June 13th - 17th - Vacation Bible Camp at  
First United Methodist
- ♦ July 18th - 22nd - Garage Sale Preparations
- ♦ July 23rd - Annual Garage Sale

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If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in the newsletter, you can email it to [fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org). The deadline for submitting information for Newsletters is the 20th of the prior month, e.g. June 2022 Newsletter deadline will be May 20th, 2022.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On the first Sunday of May, we have our Confirmation Sunday! It will be the day when confirmands will be officially welcomed as full members in our church. I must admit that the confirmation process is relatively new to me. In fact, I was never confirmed for two major reasons: the church of my youth did not have confirmation and my baptism happened during my college years.

Nonetheless, I have appreciated learning about the significance of confirmation. It is essentially a young person confirming their baptism. In most cases, confirmands (persons being confirmed) did not make a choice in being baptized as an infant. Since they are now in their adolescence, confirmands are ready to make a decision in confirming what others have previously decided for them. As a church, we want confirmands to make an informed decision and have provided confirmation classes.

Within the past ten years, Federated Church expanded confirmation classes from a one-year to a two-year program. I will admit there are times when I think it is great that we have plenty of time with confirmands and other times when it feels too long. It should be noted that our confirmation program is longer than many other churches. Based on what I know, confirmation programs range from three months to two years long. For us, confirmation classes occur during the 7th and 8th grade years for confirmands.

Since I arrived at Federated Church, I have taught confirmation classes. There have been several changes along the way. We had weekly classes on Sunday morning during Education Hour, then we had bi-weekly classes on Sunday evening, and then returned to weekly Sunday mornings. Initially, I taught confirmation by myself (with occasional guest lessons). Gratefully for the past several years, our Christian Education Director (Brenda Sand) has taught with me.

Another change has been our confirmation curriculum. I began using curriculum from our denominational publications before switching to an interdenominational resource. We currently use “Colaborate” curriculum from Sparkhouse which includes 15 lessons on the Old Testament, 15 lessons on the New Testament and 15 lessons on Presbyterian History and Doctrine (along with additional lessons on the United Church of Christ). As you might have noticed from reading the previous sentence, that is a lot of material to cover. I have realized that quantity of lessons might be too much and there are better uses for the time we have with confirmands. With that in mind, Brenda and I are planning for another update to our confirmation program for more balance between informing confirmands and forming community among them. All our changes have been attempts to improve upon what we have been doing.

Along with preparing and planning, we want to celebrate all that God has done for us. We especially rejoice for current confirmands as they join the church and thank confirmation mentors for their support. Interestingly, the word “confirm” comes from Latin <confirmare> which is the combination of con- “together” and firmare “strengthen”. In other words, to be confirmed literally means to be strengthen together. Our church is strengthened by our confirmands, and we hope to continue in strengthening confirmands in their faith journey together with us.

Grace and peace,  
Edward

P.S. I have some questions for you to ponder:

- How was your experience with confirmation? What do you remember most from it?
- If you were not confirmed, was it because you chose not to or was it not available? Alternatively, how was your experience with baptism?

## GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 26TH

The April meeting of the Federated Church Governing Council was held on April 26. Members present were Jesse Abrego, Donna Augspurger, Katie Claus, Mimi Ernst, John McClure, John McPhail, Renee Norris, Alison Wagner, Mark Weeder, Rev. Edward Yang, VP Julie Graham, and President Wayne McCormick.

Mark Weeder gave the Finance and Property Committee report, which included approval of Short Landscaping for the northwest parking lot area; and approval of DNL for the sound system upgrades.

The following motions were made and approved:

- To approve the March Governing Council meeting minutes.
- To approve the Operation Education fundraisers
- To affirm the email vote to approve the Benefit Concert held  
on Sunday, April 24, 2022
- To receive the financial reports.
- To receive the Finance and Property report.
- To receive the emailed Standing Committee reports.
- To receive the Pastor's written report
- To approve the Garage Sale for July 23  
(Linda Wheatley and Sue Mares are co-chairs)
- To approve the compensation for Amanda Weeder as choir accompanist.
- To approve a 3.3% salary increase for Kathy Zywiec, effective May 1.
- To approve the Baptism request for Lainey Grace McHugh.
- To approve new member requests from Tyrone and Megan McHugh.
- To approve the five confirmands for confirmation on May 1  
(Malynn Slizoski, Brielle Wolfe, Bronwyn Prokopec, Eliot Yang, and Toby Sand)
- To approve a request from Cub Scout Pack 279 to print an announcement in the  
church of their need for adult leadership (Cubmaster and Committee Chair)  
for their pack.
- To have the 2023 budget and the 2023 slate of officers prepared for the  
Fall Congregational meeting in October

Submitted by Wayne McCormick, President

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## ***Youth Sunday Funday***

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The April Sunday Funday was held on April 24th. The youth continued working on the mountain mural in the High School Sunday School room.

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## ***Youth Fundraisers***

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Thank you to the Youth Ministry Committee members, parents and students who helped with the can and ink cartridge recycling projects. We raised \$170.74 from the can recycling project.



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## ***Palm Sunday & Children's Bell Choir***

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Thank you to the Federated Children who participated in the Palm Sunday Parade and Played in the Children's Bell Choir.

You bring so much joy to our church!

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## ***Easter Egg Hunt***

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Thank you to the Christian Education committee for hosting the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

Approximately 160 eggs were hidden in the fellowship hall for the children to find following worship. There were lots of happy children!



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## ***Vacation Bible Camp***

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Children 3 years – 6th Grade are invited to Vacation Bible Camp June 13th – 17th. Register online via the church website or stop by the church office for a paper registration form. Please contact [brenda@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:brenda@federatedcolumbus.org) with questions or to volunteer to help!

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## ***Calendar of Events***

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May 1<sup>st</sup> – Confirmation Sunday  
May 8<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Flower Sale  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Graduation Sunday/ Last Week of Sunday School

## March Joys & Concerns

- ♦ Pray for Marilyn Abrego who had glaucoma treatment and is recovering well.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Val & Tim Rathje, whose uncle Abram Westenberg, age 95 of Leota, died Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at the Edgebrook Care Center In Edgerton, MN.
- ♦ Please pray for Gail Wurdeman who fell and is recovering at home.
- ♦ Pray for Roberta Saalfeld who fell and is recovering.
- ♦ Pray for Marlyn Wurdeman who fell and is recovering.
- ♦ Congratulations to Beau & Kaylee Godwin, who welcomed a son, Colt Michael Godwin, born on April 4th, 2022. Grandparents are Steve and Marcia Dewald.
- ♦ The Chancel Flowers are given by Roberta Uhlmann in loving memory of Jim Uhlmann and Alfred Anderson.
- ♦ Pray for Deanna Scheidegger who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ♦ Pray for Carol Bottum who had heart valve replacement surgery.

### ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Thurston John Huss**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Thurston John Huss 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: Wahoo Czech**

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

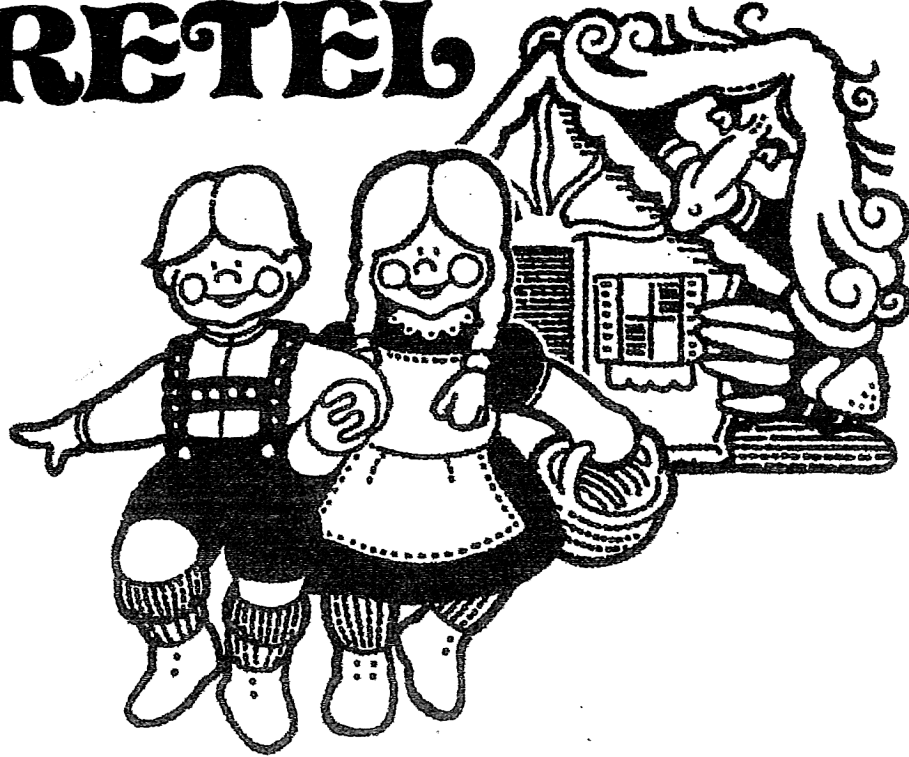
### ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Wahoo First**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Wahoo First 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: 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.

# HANSEL and GRETEL



Conceived and Written by  
**Jim Caron**

**MISSOULA  
CHILDREN'S  
THEATRE**

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

Music and Lyrics by  
**Michael McGill**

**THEATER CAMP**

**July 25-30, 2022**

**Sponsored by Columbus Arts Council**

**Free auditions -- Federated Church 9:45 AM on Monday July 25  
2704 15<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Ages: Completed Kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Cost: \$45 per child to be paid after auditions are completed**

**If have questions:**

**Contact Karen 402-562-0899**

## FEDERATED CHURCH'S HELPING HANDS FUNDS

Federated's Helping Hands funds helps individuals and families in our community with things like food, fuel, utilities and rent.

In February, we helped one family with shelter by paying for their room for a night, helped a mother get to and from work and her children's school by paying for a tank of fuel and purchased gift cards so we can help those who come in afford food for their families. Total given to those in need for 2022: \$419.96

In March, we helped a man get home to his family in California by purchasing a bus ticket for him and we helped a woman with fuel to get to work. Total: \$259.49

## 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.



## 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.



## MEALS ON WHEELS



Thank you to the volunteers and coordinator, Kathy Leischner, who delivered Meals on Wheels April 18-22.

Our next week for deliveries will be in June. Watch for more information in bulletins and newsletters.

## MISSION HEART, INC.



Mission Heart, Inc. is located at 412 "G" Street in Central City. Some donation suggestions include:

Clothing items, Linens (bedding, towels, washcloths), School supplies (pencils/pens, notebooks, crayons, etc.), Baby items (furniture, cloth diapers, blankets, toys, clothes, bottles/cups/spoons, Sewing supplies (batting, bias tape, thread & material - flannel, cotton, polyester, fleece), Medical supplies (walkers/crutches, glasses,

hearing aids, braces, slings, blood pressure cuffs, wheelchairs, stethoscopes, thermometers, etc.), O.T.C. medications (chewable vitamins - adult & child, iron pills, Vitamin B6, Pre-natal vitamins, first-aid creams), Gallon-sized or Quart-sized zipping bags, Empty pill bottles, Travel-sized soaps, shampoos/conditioners & lotions

For more information, go to: [missionheartworld.weebly.com](http://missionheartworld.weebly.com)

## 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 the ones pictured below.



Old Yeller



Zena



Angel

## FINANCE AT A GLANCE

Contributions - March 2022	
<b>General Funds (Checking):</b>	<b>\$20,748.15</b>
Contributions	\$20,747.81
Misc. Income	\$0.34
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$3,081.10</b>
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$710.00
Easter Flowers	\$460.00
Triennium - Narthex Book Sale	\$1.10
Youth Fund - Ski Trip	\$80.00
Building Maintenance	\$10.00
Landscaping Fund	\$500.00
Disaster Relief - Ukraine	\$1,275.00
Education Hour	\$45.00
<b>Memorials</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
Unrestricted	\$110.00
<b>Interest Income:</b>	<b>\$10.01</b>
Savings	\$10.01

Expenses - March 2022	
<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$38,033.67</b>
Utilities	\$4,686.77
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$32,471.40
Misc. Expense - Banner Stand; Postage - (see Feb.)	\$875.50
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$5,346.18</b>
Food Pantry - Souper Bowl of Caring	\$1,106.00
Youth Fund - Ski Trip	\$1,505.69
Disaster Relief - Ukraine	\$1,775.00
Office Equipment - Phones	\$700.00
Helping Hands - Non-Member	\$259.49
<b>Memorial Fund:</b>	<b>\$71.95</b>
Unrestricted - small paper plates	\$71.95





Donna Augspurger	5/1	Carol Bottum	5/18
Fred Bellum	5/3	Heather Curry, Elda Junke	5/19
Jan Dannelly, Kristen Gausman	5/5	Brenda Berry, Kyle Royer	5/20
Tammy Hempstead, Joie Taylor	5/6	Lizzy Sand	5/21
Shaylynn Meyer	5/7	Georgia Behlen	5/23
Stacey Miller	5/10	Katie Claus, Larry Mares	5/24
Tammi Gotschall	5/11	Neal Peterson, Nolan Rine	5/25
Doug Williams	5/14	Herman Lauterbach	5/58
Mark Weeder	5/17	Dick Fry	5/29
		Lee Augustin	5/31

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

## Spam Emails, Attachments and Email Issues

WARNING! There have been some unusual emails coming in recently claiming to be from Federated Church. DO NOT OPEN ANY ATTACHMENTS! We will NOT send you an invoice or any other document through email unless you specifically ask for it! Call the office if you have questions!

As some of you may know, we recently changed email server providers. If you are not getting your regular emails or responses from any @federatedcolumbus.org email addresses, please call the office or go into your email settings and set these emails as confirmed emails or “white-listed”.

## 2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEETING DAYS/TIMES

In the table below you can find the 2022 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.

<b>Committee or Group</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Meeting Day/Time</b>
Christian Education Committee	Renee Norris	2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Endowment Committee	Donna Augspurger	Will meet as necessary
Finance & Property Committee	Terry Norris and Mark Weeder	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Membership & Church Growth Committee	Jesse Abrego	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating Committee	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Order of St. Andrew	Laura Porter	1st Monday of the month, 5:15pm
Personnel Committee	John McPhail	2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Social Concerns & Missions Committee	Katie Claus	2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Stewardship Committee	Elizabeth Grisham	<i>To be determined</i>
Worship & Music Committee	Alison Wagner	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm
Youth Ministry Committee	John McClure	2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am
Foundation	Doug Williams, President	Quarterly
Governing Council	Wayne McCormick, President Julie Graham, 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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## MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS!

We are looking to create a brand and logo for Federated Church! If you are a drawer, designer or have any artistic talent, we are asking for your help. Chrissy is looking to have a logo created that embodies the church as a whole. We all know the stained glass window quite well, and it can be incorporated, but it is not a logo. Throughout this newsletter, you can find examples of logos: PCUSA, UCC, Mission Heart, Paws and Claws, etc. Please contact Chrissy if you would like to help design Federated Church's logo or have ideas or suggestions. Thank you!

### DECODING THE LITURGICAL COLOR SCHEME

Church paraments are the cloths that adorn the lecturn, pulpit, communion table and other parts of a church sanctuary.

#### WHITE

*White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White (and gold) represent days and seasons of joy and mark pivotal events in the life of Christ. They are used for all high Holy Days and festival days of the church year. The color white is used for Epiphany, the seven weeks of Easter, Christmas Eve through Epiphany, and the four transitional Sundays in Ordinary Time: Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration of our Lord, Trinity Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday. White is also used for weddings and funerals.*