



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

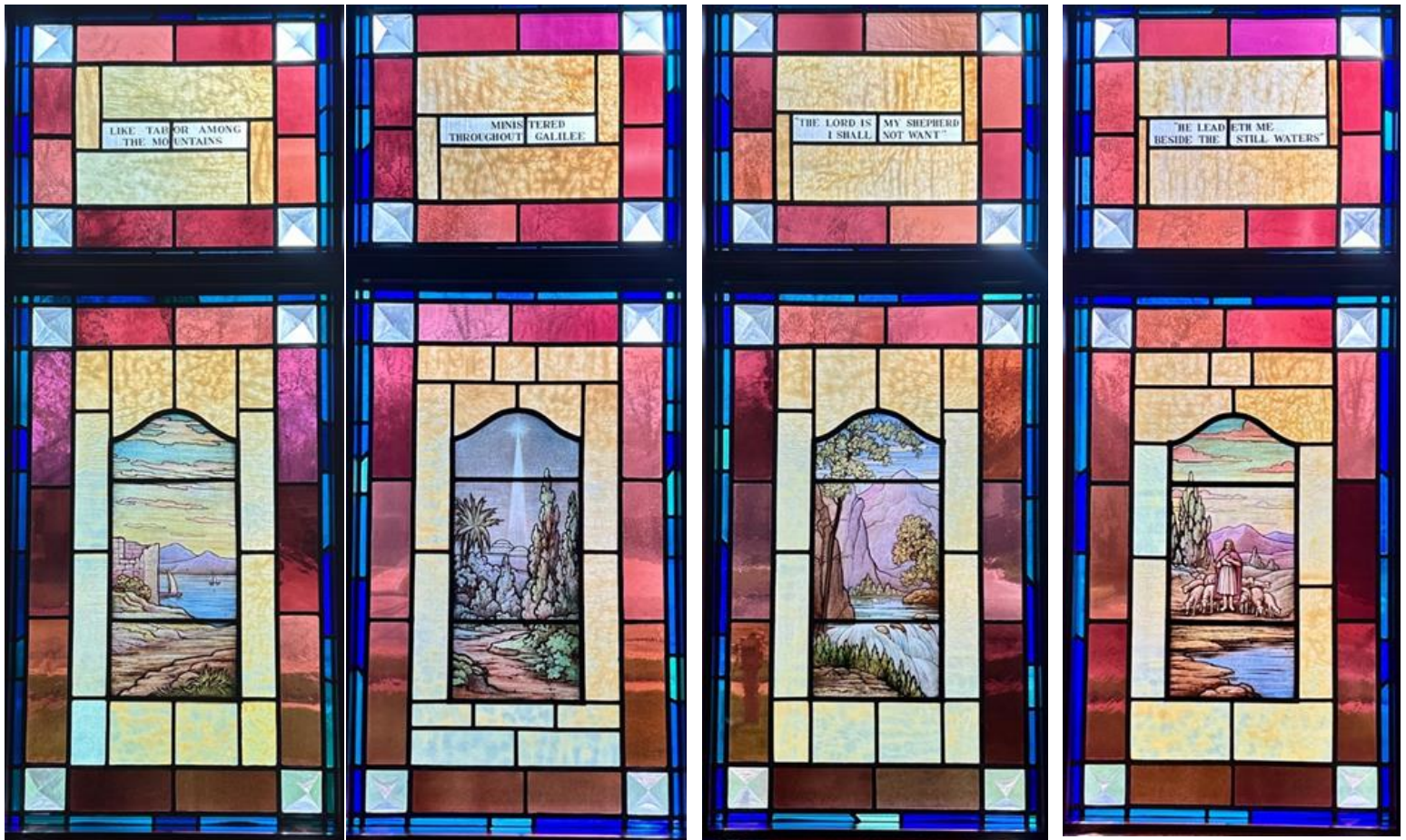
- ♦ May 13th - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- ♦ May 14th - Mother's Day - Youth Flower Sale
 - ♦ May 21st - Graduation Sunday
Breakfast for Graduates, 9am
- ♦ May 28th - Pentecost Sunday (wear red)
- ♦ May 29th - Memorial Day - Church office closed
- ♦ June 12 - 16 - Vacation Bible Camp hosted by Federated

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. June 2023 Newsletter deadline will be May 20th, 2023.

PASTOR'S REPORT

A few weeks ago, confirmands had a brief tour of our sanctuary. They looked up close at the stained-glass windows along the side walls and noticed accompanying words to images on the eight windows. If you haven't noticed, these stained-glass windows (which were brought from the old sanctuary) present the 23rd Psalm. You are encouraged to closely look at these windows next time you're in the sanctuary. I am also sharing photos of the windows (starting from Window 1, close to choir loft, and continuing clockwise until Window 8, close to bell choir loft) with brief descriptions.

May they bring enjoyment and peace, Pastor Edward.



Window 1:

Text: "LIKE TABOR AMONG THE MOUNTAINS", in reference to Mt. Tabor where Jesus was transfigured
Image: Seascape with hills in background

Window 2:

Text: "MINISTERED THROUGHOUT GALILEE"
Image: Landscape with star above at Jesus' birth

Window 3:

Text: "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD I SHALL NOT WANT" (Psalm 23:1)
Image: Trees planted next to stream of water, possible reference to Psalm 1

Window 4:

Text: "HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS" (Psalm 23:2b)
Image: Shepherd with sheep by pool of water



Window 5:

Text: "HE SHALL LEAD THEM UNTO LIVING FOUNTAINS", might be paraphrase of 23rd Psalm as quoted in Revelation 7:17
Image: Landscape with trees and green grass



Window 6:

Text: "HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES" (Psalm 23:2)
Image: Landscape with tree and rock lined path



Window 7:

Text: "I WILL FEAR NO EVIL" (Psalm 23:4b)
Image: Landscape with trees and cloud covered mountain



Window 8:

Text: "I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER" (Psalm 23:6b)
Image: Landscape with trees and large body of water

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - APRIL

April 2023 Governing Council Meeting Summary:

Mark Weeder presented the Finance and Property reports. He gave an update on the references and bids for door card readers and security cameras. A working list of projects is being updated with priority, bids/costs, and budget funding sources. This list will be made available to the Governing Council members next month. The church van was sold for \$3,200.00.

Pastor Edward reported on the following:

- A youth mission trip is being planned for this summer-Parent meeting on May 7th.

- Children's Sunday will be Sunday April 30th with bounce houses and other fun activities for the children during Sunday school hour and following the potluck meal.

- 5th Sunday Potluck will be April 30th.

- Mother's Day Flower Sale fund raiser for the youth mission trip will on Sunday May 14th.

- May 21: Graduation Sunday with appreciation for Education Hour Teachers & students

- Appreciation of Chancel Choir on May 21st.

- May 25th Commissioning for Operation Education Nairobi 2023 Mission

- Pastor Edward's housing allowance was adjusted.

The Governing Council Leadership Retreat is being planned for Aug 26th. Brenda Sand and Katie Claus volunteered to plan the retreat and make necessary arrangements. The purpose of this retreat is to develop church wide goals and a Pastor annual review process.

Personnel Committee has been meeting with staff for annual reviews. A phone stipend was approved for Chrissy Ford and Brenda Sand.

This month the Governing Council is asking that you keep the Finance and Property Committee in your prayers. As our church ages, there is always last-minute fixes and repairs that are needed. Include in your prayers the members of Federated Church and community workers who come to our rescue on short notice. The committee is working hard to cross off items on the To-Do list by securing bids and scheduling work to be completed. Continue to pray for donations so that we as a church can continue to pay our expenses, maintenance repairs, and for long term project updates.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or anyone of the Governing Council members. We value your trust in us to hear you and to work together in leadership.

Julie Canaday Graham, Church President

EGGED!

THANK YOU TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO **EGGED** THE HOUSES OF OUR YOUNG FAMILIES. THIS HAS BECOME AN EASTER TRADITION FOR OUR CHILDREN.

*EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT*

ANOTHER FEDERATED TRADITION IS THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY. THE KIDS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD SQUIRRELS HAD FUN FINDING EGGS AND EATING THEIR CONTENTS. THANK YOU TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR PROVIDING THE EGGS AND CANDY.

*VACATION BIBLE CAMP*

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP
JUNE 12TH – 16TH FROM 8:15 AM – 11:30 AM DAILY.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE LEADER: COORDINATE SEPARATE ACTIVITIES FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS (TOURS, CRAFTS, ETC.) TO TAKE PLACE DURING VBC TIME

HELPERS: ADULTS AND STUDENTS 7TH GRADE AND UP WHO WILL ESCORT CAMPERS FROM STATION TO STATION

*CALENDAR OF EVENTS***CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

APRIL 30TH

9:00 AM BOUNCE HOUSES & GAMES

10:00 AM YOUTH LED WORSHIP

11:00 AM 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK & BOUNCE HOUSES

MISSION TRIP PARENT & STUDENT MEETING

MAY 7TH

11:15 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

MAY 14TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

FREE WILL DONATION-YOUTH MISSION TRIP

GRADUATION SUNDAY

9:00 AM BREAKFAST

10:00 AM WORSHIP (GRADUATES RECOGNIZED)

11:00 AM (CAKE RECEPTION DURING CAFÉ-LA-FED)

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 12TH – 16TH

8:15 – 11:30 AM DAILY



**Vacation Bible Camp will be held at
Federated this year,
June 12 - 16 from 8:15am to 11am.
More information
will be available soon!**



**Federated's Annual Garage Sale is
scheduled for July 29th.**

**You can start bringing
your stuff June 18th!**



65
YEARS

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE
65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF

Kay & Lloyd Castner

May 14, 2023

11:30am - 1pm

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

2704 15 Street
Columbus, Nebraska

Hosted by Ralph, Clarey, and Anna
No gifts, please

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR APRIL 2023

- ◆ Please pray for the family of Jody Slates, son-in-law to Marlyn Wurdeman and brother-in-law to Jackie & Steve Marker, who passed away on March 16, 2023. Services will be held at a later date.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Jayne Gotschall, mother of Dr. Jeffrey & Tammi Gotschall. Jayne passed away on March 24, 2023. Services were held March 28th in Atkinson, NE.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Bonnie Payne, sister-in-law to Donna Augspurger. Bonnie passed away on March 26, 2023. Services were held on March 29th in Lakeville, MN.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of David Bennett, grandson of Pete & Carol Bennett. David died on March 28, 2023. Services were held at St. Isidore's on Saturday, April 1.
- ◆ We would like to thank our Federated family for all the prayers, cards, visits and calls made during the recent death of our precious grandson David. The outpouring of care and support from the Columbus community has been unbelievable and we cannot express our appreciation enough. Carol and Pete Bennett
- ◆ We would like to thank members of the congregation for the prayers, cards and concern shown to us at the time of our surgeries. It was greatly appreciated. Jesse & Marilyn Abrego.
- ◆ Congratulations to Parker & Jamie Hughes, who welcomed a daughter, Madelyn Mae Hughes, born on March 8th, 2023. Grandparents are Reuben & Denise Hughes. Great Grandmother is Donna Engquist.
- ◆ Pray for Rod Behlen, whose staph infection had returned and is now recovering with medication.
- ◆ Pray for Nell Burnham who is recovering from a fall.
- ◆ Pray for the family of John Joseph (Joe) Barbaglia, husband of Diana, who passed away Thursday, April 13, 2023. A Mass to Celebrate Joe's life was on Tuesday, April 18th at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. Visitation was Monday, 17th from 4-7 pm at McKown Funeral Home.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Wayne**
Last fall the Wayne FPC Session approved a new worship format which we call CoffeeHouse. CoffeeHouse is an informal worship service held on the third Sunday of the month. We meet in Fellowship Hall rather than the sanctuary. A member of the congregation leads a time of discussion on a topic/scripture they have selected instead of a

traditional sermon. The pastor creates the service liturgy based on the discussion leader's choices. The liturgy is shortened to allow about 25 minutes for discussion. Worshipers are seated at tables of four or five people which leads to rich conversation about the "questions of the day" brought out by the discussion leader. Over the last several months, we've discussed miracles, prayer, what being a neighbor means and requires of us and names for God. FPC members enjoy getting to know one another on a deeper level as well as the coffee and treats available before, during and after worship. We pray that this informal format might encourage visitors to join us. We are also grateful to have our Sunday School restarted and a core group of volunteer teachers. We pray that we might welcome more children and families during 2023.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Wymore**

We have sadly experienced the closure of the Mission Creek congregation, after many years of partnership as Trinity Parish. 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: Akron**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Akron 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: Alexandria**

The Alexandria Presbyterian Church is grateful for our Sunday School children and their enthusiasm. We are thankful for our active Presbyterian Women and the service projects they lead us in. We pray that God might continue to bless us and help us to continue to serve Him together throughout the seasons of the year.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: York**

For our pastoral transition.

UCC Living Waters Association:

Stanton New England Congregational UCC (Stanton, NE 68779)

Tilden Peace UCC (Tilden, NE 68781)

West Point Trinity UMC/UCC (West Point, NE 68788)

Wisner United Methodist UCC (Wisner, NE 68791)

Yutan, St. Peters UCC (Yutan, NE 68073)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2023

The second all Women's work day for Habitat for Humanity is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23. Register by emailing info@hfhcolumbusne.org



The Federated designated day for Habitat for Humanity is Saturday, July 15th. We have been asked to bring food---rolls or cookies for a morning break, and sandwiches, hot dogs, etc., chips and something sweet for lunch. We also will provide water.

THANK YOU

Special Thank you to the hosts who provided hospitality for the Columbus Symphonic Strings Concerts on April 21 and 22. Thanks to Pastor Edward for providing prayers and support from the audio booth. Thanks to Tim Rathje for assisting us in preparing the program, and to so many others who helped move furniture ! We are blessed by all of you! Teresa Carr and Jim Sharpe

BOB ARP RESIGNATION

Bob Arp will be resigning as Chancel Choir Director. He will end his tenure at Federated Church at the end of May. If you would like to send a Love Gift/Appreciation Gift to him through the church, please write 'Bob Arp Gift' in the memo.

MESSAGE FROM BOB ARP

I have been directing choirs of some type since 1972. Ten years ago, I was asked to be 'interim' director of the Federated Church Chancel Choir. After a couple of years, the term interim was removed. My time directing the Federated choir has been amazing. During that time, we have prepared over 230 anthems for our Sunday and special services, and I have cherished every one of them. But it has come at a price. There have been too many weekend family and other special events that I have not been able to enjoy. Therefor I have made the difficult decision to step away from this directorship. I still plan to be a part of the choir, but from the men's section, not standing in front waving my arms around. I can't begin to express my appreciation to Lee Augustin for her many contributions to helping make this such a fulfilling experience. And now we are blessed with the keyboard talents of Amanda Weeder to support the amazing volunteers that share their God given voices week after week. I truly believe that participating in a musical group does amazing things for one's health. So I encourage you to consider becoming a part of our chancel choir, or bell choir, or sharing your gift with our church family during the summer months. Thank you, Federated family, for your support of our choir, week after week and year after year. Bob Arp

H.I.S. PUPPETEERS



HEY, Puppeteers and Puppeteer wanna-bes!!!

Let me know if you are interested.

Please contact the church office for Julie's contact information.

RESCUE MISSION MEALS 2023

Thank you for filling in so many slots for the Rescue Mission meals!

There are only 3 left- October, November, December.

This is always the second Friday of the month.

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.



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!

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

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

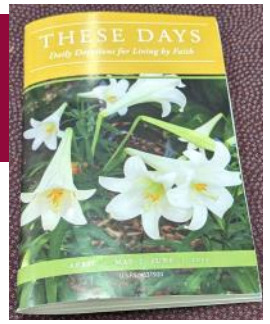
FUNERAL COMMITTEE 1

Co Chairs: Shirley Johnson, Roland & Jeannie Johnson, Bill & Jean Royer, Tim & Chris Warren

Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs

SECOND QUARTER *THESE DAYS* 2023 NOW AVAILABLE

These Days second quarter booklet is now available
in the office and the Narthex



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.



MISSION HEART, INC.

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

Clothing items, Linens, School supplies, Baby items, Sewing supplies, Medical supplies, Over-the-counter medications, Gallon-sized or Quart-sized zipping bags, Travel-sized soaps, shampoos/conditioners & lotions, pill bottles are accepted without labels

For more information, go to: missionheartworld.weebly.com



KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL



Keep Columbus Beautiful is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Their mission is to provide education and programs on litter reduction and recycling for the beautification of our community!

To find out where and what you can recycle, go to <https://kcbne.com>

MEALS ON WHEELS



Make sure to sign up for 2023 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!

OPERATION EDUCATION NAIROBI



Operation Education Nairobi is now a
Local Benevolence and has been added to
the Federated Church Budget for 2023.
Watch bulletins and newsletters for
upcoming fundraisers and events!



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: 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.



FINANCE AT A GLANCE

Contributions - March 2023

General Funds (Checking):	\$29,464.44
2023 Contributions	\$29,464.44
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$2,699.48
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$750.00
Backpack Program	\$25.00
Easter Lilies	\$465.00
Youth Fund - Book Sale	\$393.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$65.00
Music Dept - Chancel Choir	\$500.00
Projects & Missions (Garage Sale/Cookies 'N More)	\$501.48
Memorials:	\$130.00
Undesignated	\$20.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$110.00
Interest Income:	\$573.23
Savings	\$573.23

Expenses - March 2023

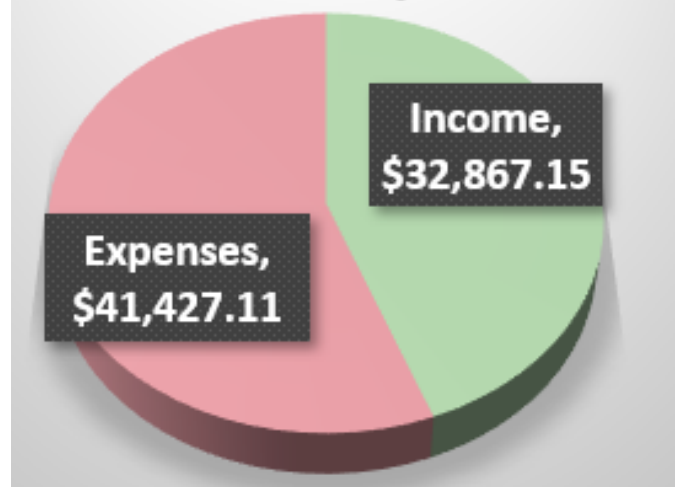
General Fund Expenses:	\$39,644.79
Utilities	\$5,148.59
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$34,496.20
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$1,710.24
Youth Fund - Youth Ski Trip	\$1,297.78
Building Maintenance	\$14.82
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$397.64
Memorial Fund:	\$72.08
Kitchen Supplies	\$72.08

General Fund Savings Transfer to Checking

\$9,133.19

Income	\$32,867.15
Expenses	\$41,427.11
Balance	-\$8,559.96
Transfer	\$9,133.19
Balance	\$573.23

Income v Expenses





Happy Birthday!



Donna Augspurger, Dylan Micek	5/1	Elda Juhnke, Heather (Curry) Rohaus	5/19
Fred Bellum	5/3	Brenda Berry	5/20
Kristen Gausman	5/5	Elizabeth Sand	5/21
Tammy Hempstead, Joie Taylor	5/6	Georgia Behlen	5/23
Shaylynn Meyer	5/7	Katie Claus, Larry Mares	5/24
Tammi Gotschall	5/11	Neal Peterson, Nolan Rine	5/25
Doug Williams	5/14	Herman Lauterbach	5/28
Mark Weeder	5/17	Diane Scheffler	5/29
Carol Bottum	5/18	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.**

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

Thank you to all the people who gave their time on April 26th to clean the kitchen. You are all greatly appreciated.

APRIL USHERS

Ushers: Bill Royer, Steve McClure, John Lohr, Sharyn Beard, Mike Beard.

2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEETING DAYS/TIMES

In the table below you can find the 2023 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.

Committee or Group	Chairperson	Meeting Day/Time
Christian Education Committee	Pat Anderson	1st 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 & Growth Committee	Jesse Abrego	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating Committee	Julie Graham	<i>To be determined</i>
Order of St. Andrew	Peg Meyer	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 Monday of the month, 5:00pm
Stewardship Committee	To Be Determined	4th Thursday of the month, 5:30pm
Worship & Music Committee	John Lohr and Sue McClure	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Youth Ministry Committee	Parker Grant	2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am
Foundation	Doug Williams, President	Quarterly/as Necessary
Governing Council	Julie Graham, President Alison Wagner, 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 2023 NEWSLETTER

DECODING THE LITURGICAL COLOR SCHEME

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 of stole is deemed appropriate based on the season.

Red = Spirit The color red can, traditionally, only be found on one Sunday during the liturgical year: Pentecost, where the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church as tongues of fire. Since the color has so closely come to be associated with the Holy Spirit, red vestments are also appropriate for the celebration of the sacrament of baptism.