



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 5: Confirmation Sunday
- ◆ May 12: Mother's Day Flower Sale (Youth Fundraiser);
Vocal Choir Appreciation
 - ◆ May 19: **Pentecost (wear red)**; Graduation Sunday;
Bell Choir Appreciation; Ed Hour Teacher's Appreciation
- ◆ May 26: Trinity Sunday; No Education Hour until Fall
 - ◆ May 27: Memorial Day; 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. June 2024 Newsletter deadline will be May 20th, 2024.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

Governing Council met Tuesday April 23, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.

Meeting Highlights include:

- * Prior to our meeting GC members interviewed the confirmands and shared a meal with them.
- * Confirmation Sunday is May 5, 2024, and the approval of confirmands was adopted.
- * Vacation time of May 20-26 for Rev. Edward Yang was approved.
- * Monies received from the Lenten Lunches will go to the Youth Mission Trip.
- * John McPhail, Personnel Chairman, gave a report on the Annual Staff reviews and the process of updating job descriptions has begun.
- * Finance and Property Committee projects include: Restroom Enhancement, Ed Center Renovation; Water infiltration on South side of Office; Lawn Sprinkler repairs; The Organ Project; Education Door and Card Reader, HVAC System Controls and the Electronic Signage.
- * March financials were presented and received.
- * March GC meeting minutes and April Committee Reports were received.

Governing Council's next meeting will be May 28 at 7:00 P.M.

Alison Wagner, Church President and Barb Sanderson, Council Secretary

EDUCATION CENTER REMODEL UPDATE

What progress we have made! Thank you to all the volunteers that have been helping with the whole process! We appreciate your dedication!

At this time, the cleaning of the rooms is progressing well. We have only a few rooms left to clean and prepare for classes and meetings.

The next step in the remodel will be replacing the carpets and attaching the trim. These will be done in July or August, after the Garage Sale (June 29).

The whole remodel will be done in time for our Education Hour Kick-Off!

Rescue Mission Meal

THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS PREPARED A MEAL OF BEEF ENCHILADAS FOR THE COLUMBUS RESCUE MISSION IN APRIL.



Pizza Fundraiser

THE YOUTH WERE BACK IN THE KITCHEN ON APRIL 20TH. THIS TIME THEIR MISSION WAS TO RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP. WITH THE EXPERT GUIDANCE OF COLA HAHN, THE YOUTH PREPARED 40 PIZZAS WHICH WERE SOLD TO THE CONGREGATION FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY. THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER! WE COLLECTED \$845!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/5

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

9:00 AM PICTURES IN SANCTUARY
10:00 AM CONFIRMATION DURING WORSHIP

FED AT FED

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MEAL
4:30 PM – FEDERATED KITCHEN

5/12

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

5/19

GRADUATION SUNDAY

9:00 AM BREAKFAST
10:00 AM GRADUATES HONORED
11:00 AM CAKE RECEPTION @ CAFÉ-LA-FED

6/3 – 6/7

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

METHODIST CHURCH

8:15 AM – 11:30 AM

AGES 3 YEARS – 6TH GRADE

\$5 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION | \$10 AT THE DOOR

REGISTER IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

OR ONLINE AT

<https://forms.gle/mXrqcrK45EWYDYYcA>





A colorful rainbow logo with the text "Children's SUNDAY" in a playful, multi-colored font. The word "SUNDAY" is in larger, bold letters.





JOYS & CONCERNS FOR APRIL 2024

◆ Pray for Doug Johnson, Stephanie Johnson's father who was hospitalized with heart issues.

◆ Pray for the family of Rod Behlen. Rod passed away on Thursday, March 28th. Funeral was April 3rd at Federated Church.

◆ Pray for Jeannie Kiser Jensen as she deals with difficulties after surgery.

◆ Pray for the family of Harold Palmer, brother of Laretta & Chris Dixon. Harold passed away on March 22nd and funeral services were held on March 27th in Lyons, NE.

◆ Pray for the family of Brian Gumm, brother of Tom & Toni Gumm. Brian passed away on April 13, 2024. A Celebration of Brian's Life was Saturday, April 20th.

◆ Pray for the family of Barbara Hicks. Barbara passed away on March 3, 2024. Her funeral services were April 19th at the First Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho.

◆ Pray for the family of Gary Puckett. Gary passed away on Saturday, April 20th. Funeral services were held at Federated Church on April 27th.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Cedar Bluffs**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Clarkson 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: Clarkson New Zion**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Clarkson 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: Columbus Federated**
We are blessed with a very caring and supportive congregation, and a Pastor who faithfully shepherds us. Actively, we reach out to the community with a helping hand, giving our support through mission work and providing our facility for use, when needed. Please pray for continued connectedness among our members, as we proceed with our Ed Center renovation, possible music ministry updates, and continued community mission work. Pray that we live knowing we are called to nurture growing relationships with God by following the example of Jesus Christ.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Craig**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Craig congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:**

- **Tilden Peace UCC, 68781**
- **West Point Trinity UMC/UCC, 68788**
- **Wisner United Methodist UCC, 68791**
- **Yutan St. Peter's UCC, 68073**

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!

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!



USHERS/LITURGISTS & ATTENDANCE REPORT APRIL 2024

Ushers : Brian Klevemann, Bill Royer

Youth Ushers: Annabelle Bender, Meredith Gaeth, Anna Young

Liturgists : Doug Williams, Kristen Gausman, Alison Wagner, Confirmands

Average Attendance :

Thursday Service - 20

Sunday Service - 106

Online - 95

Weekly Attendance - 220

FUNERAL COMMITTEE 1

Co-Chairs: Jesse & Marilyn Abrego, Roland & Doris Augspurger, Carol Bottum,
John & Anita Hahn, Tim & Chris Warren

Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs

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 ,

& pill bottles are accepted without labels

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

CENTER FOR SURVIVORS

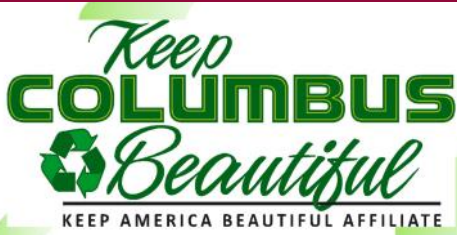
The Center's needs often change due to shortages or surpluses of certain items.

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, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores.

They have a number of animals available, go to <https://www.pawsandclawsne.org!>



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAY

This year, the Habitat for Humanity build day will be June 8th.

We are requesting volunteers to help with the lunch for the workers. Suggestions include sandwiches, hot dogs, pizzas, sloppy joes, cookies, chips, etc. We are also needing cases of water (24 - 36 packs). Sign up is in the Narthex on the green easel by the right entrance into the sanctuary.



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Can you play an instrument? Sing? Hum? Whistle? Or even play the accordion?? If you would like to share your talent with your Federated Family, sign up today for "Federated's Got Talent!" There is a catch though... there is no judging! You won't get first or second place, no ribbon, award or golden ticket. You will, however, get a "Great job!" "Thank you for sharing!" or a firm handshake and a pat on the back. Sign up today in the Narthex!



M & G 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.



Happy Birthday!



Donna Augspurger, Dylan Micek	5/1	Elda Juhnke	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
Jackie Marker	5/12	Herman Lauterbach	5/28
Doug Williams	5/14	Diane Scheffler	5/29
Mark Weeder	5/17	Lee Augustin	5/31
Carol Bottum	5/18		

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

Happy Anniversary!



Roger & Connie Spohn, 40 years
May 19th

Tim & Val Rathje, 35 years
May 27th

Mike Slizoski & Melanie Knoepfle, 20 years
May 1st

SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTIONS & EVENTS

In April, May, and June we are collecting paper towels and toilet paper for the Center for Survivors, There is a box for these items in the north entry off the parking lot. 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*

RESCUE MISSION MEALS FOR 2024

Columbus **RESCUE** Mission

Federated Church has a long history of providing meals for the Rescue Mission, now located at 1112 15th Street, the old "Mory's Haven." This year we have quite a few dates that need to be filled: June 14, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13 (always the second Friday.) With the price of groceries rising, we would suggest that two or three people go together to provide a meal. Please help with this important ministry. Sign up is in the Narthex.

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.

It is noted that the shopping cart for the Food Pantry has been empty for the past few weeks. This, too, is an important part of Federated's outreach.

Especially needed are canned fruits and vegetables.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING



2024 Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering was held at the Fremont Presbyterian Church on April 6th. This year's theme was based on 1 Corinthians 16 : 14 "Do Everything in Love".

Pictured above, from left to right: Rogalyn Stevens, Anita Hahn, Alison Wagner, Louise Moran

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 worshipping 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.

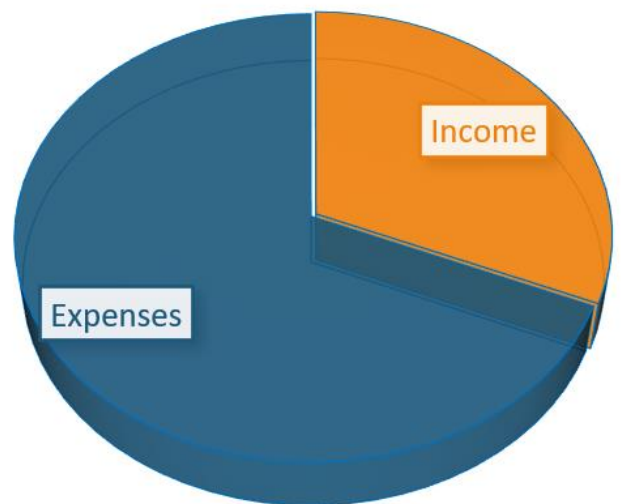
Red = Spirit The color red can, traditionally, only be found on one Sunday during the liturgical year: Pentecost, where the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church as tongues of fire. Since the color has so closely come to be associated with the Holy Spirit, red vestments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

Green = Presence During the majority of the church year, which is commonly called "ordinary time", the color that you will find is green. Because the color green is so often associated with life, the use of green during the seasons and the time where there is "nothing special" going on in the life of the church (no big festivals or holiday) reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us and into our church.

MARCH 2023 FINANCIALS

Income - March 2024		Expenses - March 2024	
General Funds (Checking):	\$18,908.84	General Fund Expenses:	\$37,717.35
Contributions	\$18,817.84	Utilities	\$3,227.43
Rent	\$91.00	Other Budgeted Expenses	\$34,489.92
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$2,553.54	Designated Funds (Savings):	\$9,452.38
Interest Earned	692.97	Youth Fund (Youth Funday)	\$570.67
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$382.00	Building Maintenance (Ed Center Remodel)	\$7,996.05
Back Pack Program	\$10.00	Landscaping Expense (Iron & fertilizer)	\$78.97
Youth Mission Trip	\$207.00	Men's Fellowship Brkfst	\$36.36
Easter Lilies	\$515.00	Pastor's Discretion Fund	\$85.35
Youth Fund (Cans Recycled)	\$246.57	Projects & Missions (Garage Sale Funds - Garage Shelves)	\$684.98
Landscaping Fund	\$500.00	Memorial Fund:	\$60.95
Memorials:	\$425.00	Kitchen/Funeral Supplies	\$60.95
Undesignated	\$185.00		
Landscaping	\$240.00		

Income	\$21,887.38
Expenses	-\$47,230.68
Total	-\$25,343.30



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

In the event of dangerous weather during a church service, you will be instructed where to go for shelter at that time. If you are attending an event at the church outside of worship, please go to the Fellowship Hall to the storage area, or the restrooms right off the Narthex. These areas are marked as Severe Weather Shelter Areas.

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

We are still collecting pill bottles - please take off labels (Goo Gone or Dawn Dishwashing soap work well.) Containers should be rinsed out, also. Thank you for your donations to this worthy project.

These pill bottles are used as packing materials to send items to Africa and, once there, they will be sanitized and used for prescriptions.