



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

May 3 - New Member Recognition,
Birthday Recognition,
Hymn Sing, Special Music

May 10 - Mother's Day, flower sale

May 17 - Appreciation of Chancel Choir and
Education Teachers, Graduation Sunday

May 25 - Memorial Day;
church office is closed

May 31 - 5th Sunday Potluck in Fellowship Hall

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Here is another song on my playlist.

It is titled “Death Without a Funeral.” Being a person who is often involved with funerals, the song’s title made me curious about its message. I have interpreted the song as speaking about the human need for rituals, especially in times of grief. The chorus (“When you see me...”) describes how “there’s no healing without grieving.” I’m reminded me that funerals are vital for those who have lost loved ones; the ritual offers a sense of closure “to rest in peace.”

The lyrics are shared here and you can find the song on YouTube (search for “death without a funeral Jason Gray”; along with song video, there is a “story behind the song” video with the author’s contrasting explanation).

Grace and peace,

Edward

“Death Without a Funeral” by Jason Gray

There's no stone to lay the flowers down beside
No mention in the paper, though something
clearly died No gathering for family and friends to
eulogize. It's a death without a funeral

There's no book to sign for people filing in
No table full of pictures, where they'd say
"Remember when"

No song is sung about how all good things come
to an end. It's a death without a funeral

*When you see me, I'm still breathing
Though a million things have died inside of me
But there's no healing without grieving
No wonder why it's hard to rest in peace*

When there's nothing we can bury in the dirt
No place to lay the memory of all the things that
were No way to feel the closure, no ending to the
hurt. It's a death without a funeral

*When you see me, I'm still breathing
Though a million things have died inside of me
But there's no healing without grieving
No wonder why it's hard to rest in peace*

One apple hadn't fallen with the leaves
As I reached up I remembered how we both
planted that tree. With one bite I was surprised
to find the fruit was still so sweet

MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNING PRESIDENT

Federated family,

As we reflect on this past Easter season together, I’ve been deeply moved by how our congregation has embodied the hope and love of the resurrection in very real, everyday ways. I’ve seen you welcome newcomers with genuine warmth, check in on those who are struggling, and show up for one another in moments of both joy and sorrow. Christ met people where they were—broken, doubting, rejoicing, grieving—and I am convinced that we are called to do the same. My prayer is that we will continue to grow as a church family that accepts and respects every person as a child of God, created in God’s image and worthy of dignity, compassion, and a place among us. May the joy of Easter keep shaping our words, our choices, our actions, and our life together, so that anyone who walks through our doors can experience the love that all people deserve.

Bob Arp,

Governing Council President

MUSIC MINISTRY DIRECTOR

April 19th was the last Sunday our Bells of Joy will be in service until next fall, so I would like to recognize this truly special group in our Music Ministry. Week after week, the members of Bells of Joy show up with dedication, focus, and a spirit of collaboration that is honestly remarkable. Handbells are not an easy instrument; every note matters, every entrance counts, and it takes a great deal of trust and teamwork to make it all come together. This group does it with consistency, grace, and a sense of joy that truly lives up to their name. Our ringers this year were:

Kristen Gausman, Coleen Goertzen, Marcia Grant, Sue Mares, Nila Novotny, Marilyn Petersen, Ashli Porter, Hailey Rathje, and Jennifer Turpen

Each of them plays an important role in the sound and success of this group, and I am so grateful for their commitment this season, and every season.

I also want to extend a sincere thank you to those who stepped in as substitute ringers throughout the year. Their willingness to jump in helped keep this ensemble strong and complete. That kind of flexibility and generosity makes a bigger difference than they may realize. Substitutes this year were:

Bob Arp, Dana Augspurger, Doris Augspurger, Kathy Morris, Lisa Weber, and Jenny Young

Throughout this season, the Bells of Joy have added beauty, depth, and a unique voice to our worship. Their music has helped shape meaningful moments; sometimes reflective, sometimes celebratory, but always thoughtful and intentional. But more than anything, it's the dedication behind the music; the time, the care, and the shared commitment that deserves to be recognized.

So thank you, Bells of Joy; for your hard work, your musicianship, and the spirit you bring to this community. Federated is truly blessed to have you as a part of its Music Ministry!

Summer Special Music will begin May 24th, and I look forward to wonderful music we will get to experience this summer! Members of our Chancel Choir are excited to be singing on July 5th, to help celebrate our Nation's 250th! There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, and you can always talk to Kathy or Antoneea in the office about signing up. In addition, I welcome you to reach out to me personally if you, or someone you know may want to provide special music this summer. I can be reached at 402-910-3964 almost anytime. I would love to help find music and schedule rehearsals, and either of our talented pianists are happy to help make this process easy and enjoyable for everyone involved.

I look forward to the Summer music that will be made, and to working with anyone who wants to make it!

In Christ,

Stuart Gausman
Director of Music Ministry

RECENT EVENTS

EASTER SUNDAY



Thank you to the Christian Ed Committee for hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt. There were lots of eggs, fun and smiles!



SUNDAY FUNDAY



Our youth made mosaic stepping stones at the April Sunday FUNDAY. We have some very artistic youth. A special thanks to Pastor Edward for mixing all the concrete.



CHILDREN & YOUTH 2026

CALENDAR

5/3

HIS Puppet Ministry

Perform during worship

5/10

Mother's Day Flower Sale

5/17

Graduation Sunday

Teacher Recognition

Last Week of Ed Hour

6/1 - 6/5

Vacation Bible School

**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
2026**



JUNE 1 - 5

2710 14TH STREET - COLUMBUS

8:15 - 11:30 AM DAILY

AGE 3 YEARS - 6TH GRADE

\$5 PER CHILD REGISTRATION FEE BY MAY 25TH

\$10 PER CHILD REGISTRATION FEE MAY 26TH - JUNE 1ST

SCAN TO
REGISTER ONLINE



REGISTER IN
PERSON AT A
HOST CHURCH

**FEDERATED CHURCH
ST. LUKE'S UCC - FIRST UNITED METHODIST**



Mother's Day Flower Sale

Show mom some love and support our youth at the Mother's Day Flower Sale. Long stem roses will be available to purchase via free will donation on Sunday, May 10th following worship. Proceeds will support our youth ministries. A great big thank you to Tammy at Accent Floral for donating the roses!

2026 VACATION BIBLE CAMP



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

June 1st - 5th | 8:15 am - 11:30 am | 2710 14th Street, Columbus, NE

Hosted By:

First United Methodist (402)564-8463 | Federated Church (402)564-2812 | St. Luke's UCC (4023)564-8862

Register: <https://forms.gle/NNKdyGddSBR9Zjyz9>

GOVERNING COUNCIL SUMMARY

The Governing Council met on Tuesday, April 28th at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Arp.

Meeting highlights include:

March GC meeting minutes were approved. Several topics were addressed: New Members, Communion servers, Bell refurbishing, garage sale, Columbus Days Parade, Ad-Hoc Safety committee, website completion, Vacation Bible camp coordinator will be Julie Graham, volunteers for VBC are always needed, summer office hours for staff and several other items.

Nila Novotny gave a report on the Membership & Growth committee. They have been very busy with working on community projects, welcoming new people to the church and building our congregation. The cake picnic was a huge success and \$580 was raised. \$500 will be sent to the Nebraska Fire Disaster relief project. Membership & Growth are very dedicated to the growth of Federated Church. Thank you Nila.

The next Governing Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th at 7 p.m.

Kathy Zywiec, Secretary

HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY/UCC LIVING WATERS PRAYERS

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Southern Heights

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Southern Heights 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 Westminster

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Westminster 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: Lyons

We continue to be blessed to have a wonderful partnership with Bethany Lutheran Church, another local congregation. With our combined efforts, we are able to continue serving our community and deepen our relationship with God. Our church is still prayerfully and actively searching for the Pastor whom God has called to lead our congregation. In the meantime, we are thankful for our interim Pastor, and we trust that, in God's perfect timing, He will bring the right leader to guide us into the next chapter of ministry. May we continue to grow in grace and love as we wait upon the Lord.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Nebraska City First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City asks for continuing prayers for our church family and friends. We are joyful that our worship attendance remains constant, and we are grateful for both our members and guests. We are reminded to reach out in the community, working to share the love of Christ with others. We know that whatever happens in our church, community, country and the world... .. GOD is in control... ..and we thank HIM!

UCC Living Waters Association:

- ◆ West Point Trinity UMC/UCC (West Point, NE 68788)
- ◆ Wisner United Methodist UCC (Wisner, NE 68791)
- ◆ Yutan St. Peters UCC (Wisner, NE 68073)
- ◆ Albion Congregational UCC (Albion, NE 68620)

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR APRIL 2026

- ◆ Pray for Tim Rathje as he had heart bypass surgery on April 22nd and is recovering
- ◆ Pray for the family of Margo Zywiec. Margo passed away on Saturday, April 18th. Margo is a sister-in-law to Kathy Zywiec.

APRIL 2026 ATTENDANCE

Ushers/Liturgists & Attendance Report

Ushers: Bill Royer, Georgia Behlen, Stephanie Johnson, Tim Warren

Liturgists: Katie Claus, Alison Wagner, Marilyn Abrego, Jackie Marker

Average Attendance :

In-Person Thursday Service: 24

In-Person Sunday Service : 132

Online Average Weekly Views: 207

CAN BANK

THE CAN BANK IS BACK!

You can now bring your aluminum cans for recycling. Thank you for your patience while it was being repaired. Thank you to all who helped in the rebuild of our can bank. The can bank is located in the Northwest parking lot. This is for **aluminum cans only**.



SUMMER HOURS & SECURITY CHANGES

Starting Monday, May 18th the church office will implement summer hours. We will be open from 8 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm. We will be closed from noon to 1 every day for lunch.

We will also be implementing a new security protocol. All of the outside doors to the church will be locked during office hours. To gain entry you will need to come to the southwest doors and press the doorbell button, under the camera, for the office staff to buzz you in.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

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 Area signs.

SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS

In April, May and June 2026 we are collecting paper towels and toilet paper for the Center for Survivors. 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*

MEMORIAL THANK YOU FOR

MARCH & APRIL 2026

Thank you to all who honored LaDonna Mae Rathje, mother of Tim & Val Rathje and gave a memorial in her name.

Thank you to all who honored Dale Brockhaus, Brianna Brockhaus's uncle.

Thank you to all who honored Dennis Davis, brother-in-law to Doug and Randi Williams and gave a memorial in his name.

ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT

Federated Church has many activities during the year that are sponsored by congregants - planning, setting up, attending, clean up, promoting, speaking, reading, serving, going above and beyond to do something for Federated Church. Each Sunday we have individuals volunteer to be the Liturgist. The Liturgist leads the Call to Worship, the Prayer of Confession, the Words of Forgiveness and the Prayer of Dedication. They also read the Prayer of Illumination, the Scripture.

We are fortunate to have many people volunteer as Liturgist. There are too many names to list them all individually. **THANK YOU** to all have given their time to be a Liturgist at our Sunday morning service.

We would love to have some people who have never been Liturgist sign up. Just stop by the office or call and say "I want to be Liturgist".

If you would like to send your "activity" suggestion to the church to be added to our monthly newsletter, please send to fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org, call the office at 402-564-2812 or just stop in the office and visit.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

For over 75 years, the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS) has been helping Christians bring God's hope and healing to hurting people in the US and around the world. OGHS's mission is to support domestic and international development, fight poverty and its consequences, bring aid and relief to communities torn by war and ravaged by national disaster, provide advocacy and resettlement assistance for refugees and displaced persons, and combat injustice in its many forms. OGHS provides funding and hands-on assistance in collaboration with local and international partners. Each year, OGHS is gathered by several denominations and Church World Service (CWS) under a single theme developed by the ecumenical OGHS Committee. Thank you for supporting OGHS for over 75 years. You continue to embody a love offering to the world. (Learn more at www.ucc.org/oghs)

THANK YOU to all the individuals, as well as the children of Federated who made contributions to the OGHS mission. Your generosity and prayers are so important to many - both near and far.

We have collected \$1,778.24 as of mid-April.

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, 6:00pm
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.

SPECIAL MUSIC - STARTS MAY 24TH

Special music for Sunday service starts on May 24th.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Singing, dancing, playing an instrument, any musical talent
you have would be welcome! If you know of an outside group that would like to share
their time with us on a Sunday morning - that would be great!

GARAGE SALE TIME COMING UP THIS SUMMER

The date for the Garage Sale will be July 18th

You can start collecting your items now and **KEEPING** them at home until June 1 when you can
start dropping off items. Linda Wheatley and Kathy Leischner will be the chairs for the 2026
garage/bake sale. This is a huge activity and many people are needed to make the event a
success. Please help in any way you can. You are appreciated.

Remember there are some items we do NOT accept: televisions of any kind,
computer monitors, mattresses & box springs, air conditioners, dehumidifiers,
refrigerators, freezers, firearms, ammunition and baby car seats.

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

July is still open.

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/>!



Cereal



Copper



Seven



05/01	Donna Augspurger, Dylan Micek	05/18	Carol Bottum
05/03	Fred Bellum	05/20	Brenda Berry
05/05	Kristen Gausman	05/21	Elizabeth Sand
05/06	Joie Taylor	05/23	Georgia Behlen
05/07	Shaylynn Meyer	05/24	Katie Claus, Larry Mares
05/11	Tammi Gotschall	05/25	Neal Peterson
05/12	Jackie Marker	05/28	Herman Lauterbach
05/13	Jace Bender	05/29	Diane Scheffler
05/14	Doug Williams	05/30	Antoneea Kriewald
		05/31	Lee Augustin

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (MARCH 16 - APRIL 15, 2026)

Income	
General Funds (Checking):	\$20,282.44
Total General Fund	\$20,282.44
Memorials:	\$450.00
Landscaping	\$150.00
Media Resources	\$300.00

Designated Funds (Savings):	\$2,575.17
Sale of Books/Youth Mission Fund	\$596.00
Lenten Lunch Money - Operation Education Nairobi	\$148.00
T-shirts/ Church Activity	\$53.50
Easter Flowers	\$483.50
Building Maintenance	\$10.00
OGHS - One Great Hour Sharing	\$1284.17

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders 2026

Bob Arp, *President*
Steve Heinisch, *Vice President*

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Nila Novotny	Terry Norris	Marcia Grant
Max Porter	Linda Wheatley	Antonio Garcia
John Kiser	Marilyn Vrana	Placido Jorge

Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons

Tammi Gotschall	Peg Meyer	Doris Augspurger
Steve McClure	Joe Chin	Lori Rine
Jesse Abrego	Brenda Wardman	Georgia Behlen

Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians

Bill Royer, Head Usher

Expenses	
General Fund Expenses:	\$39,610.34
Homestead Presbytery/Calvin Crest/Disaster Relief	\$938.30
UCC NE Conference/Neighbors in Need, Kamp Kaleo, Ghana	\$887.98
Living Waters Association	\$175.32
Piano Tuning	\$350.00
Denominational Support & Local Benevolences & Missions	\$2,200.00
Office Supplies (postage, phones, copier leasing, equipment, recycling, etc.)	\$1,850.77
Aluminum Can (coating) , Sign	\$540.00
Music, Jazz band, Sanctuary needs, Youth Ministry	\$649.27
Bounce House, Youth ministry	\$622.70
Utilities, maintenance items	\$3,375.70
Bookkeeping (March, April)	\$1,325.00
Café LaFed supplies	\$139.42
Youth Ministry	\$769.63
Helping Hands (Sapp Bros.)	\$60.01
Board of Pensions	\$3,441.47
Staff Salaries	\$22,284.77

Federated Church Clergy and Staff

Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D.	Stuart Gausman
Brenda Sand	Lee Augustin
Kathy Zywiec <i>Co-office Administrator,</i>	Amanda Weeder <i>Accompanist</i>
Antoneea Kriewald	Lay Pastor Antonio
Mark Baumann <i>Custodian</i>	Deb Gaeth Anjel Garcia Lopez

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DECODING THE LITURGICAL COLOR SCHEME

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.

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 & 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.