



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ Fall Landscaping Clean-up, November 1st
- ♦ Heritage Sunday, November 6th with Potluck after Service
- ♦ Daylight Savings Time Ends, November 6th
- ♦ Scout's Chili Feed @ American Legion, November 15th
 - ♦ Cookies 'N More, November 17th
- ♦ Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ First United Methodist, November 20th, Pastor Edward preaching
 - ♦ Thanksgiving Day, November 24th (office closed November 24 - 25)
- ♦ First Sunday of Advent, November 27th

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. December 2022 Newsletter deadline will be November 20th, 2022.

PASTOR'S REPORT

I have a love-hate relationship with technology. There is great appreciation for gadgets that make life easier. Yet, there are plenty of times when devices do not work as they're supposed to. Some of you may remember the "blue screen of death" on computers; it was when the Windows operating system crashed, and important work might be lost. Despite frustrations, I am thankful for technological advances that make it easier to work and play. It is a lot more enjoyable to write this on a computer word processor than on a typewriter (I still remember using a manual typewriter for my high school papers).

My current love-hate feeling is toward Zoom meetings (which allows video conferencing over internet). I appreciate being able to have face-to-face conversations without spending several hours to drive to a meeting location; I just turn on my computer (or smartphone) and click a link. But I am realizing limitations of Zoom. It does not work well for some meetings.

Recently, I attended a hybrid (both online and in-person format) annual meeting for one of our denominations. While I thought of attending in-person, it was more feasible to join online. So, I had three days of Zoom meetings that were not enjoyable. There were sound problems for several meetings. I realized how physically tiring it gets trying to listen when there is poor audio. The following week, I was supposed to attend a pastors' retreat. Due to low registration, the four days of retreat was changed to two days of workshops on Zoom. Sound was not a problem with this event, but I was "Zoom-ed out" by then.

These recent experiences were good learning lessons. Whether we like it or not, many churches have become much more hybrid. Even before COVID-19 pandemic, our church was using technology to record worship services for local broadcast and online viewing. When we could not gather in-person, we developed our online ministry to include live streaming of Sunday worship services. Now, there are several options for worship participation: come to the sanctuary on Thursday/Sunday, join the online community for live streaming on Facebook/YouTube, or watch recorded services any time on our church website.

Although my personal preference is to see people in-person, I think it is wonderful to have people connect with us online. Apostle Paul writing to the church in Corinth said, "When you meet together in the name of our Lord Jesus, I'll be present in spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus" (1 Corinthians 5:4). While Paul did not have worries of whether there will be a fast internet connection, powerful computers and camera or even consistent electricity, he believed that the Holy Spirit can bring people together. And we are blessed to have technology to connect with one another. Here are a few of our technological resources:

- Our church website has been updated with links to Facebook and YouTube for live streaming along with previously recorded services on Vimeo. If you cannot join us in-person, then please join us online. When you are out of town (or maybe even out of the country), you can still join us. There may be Sundays when you're having a rough morning and don't feel like getting out of your pajamas; you are welcome to join us online. Please let us know if there is anything our staff can do to improve the online worship experience.
- I recently set up a computer for one of our church members to view worship services without home internet. Video files were copied onto the hard drive for on-demand viewing. I am also helping another church member to watch our services via DVD on their home TV. If you are not able to physically attend or view our worship services online, please contact our church office and we will try to find a solution.
- For anyone who has had difficulty hearing in our sanctuary, I am excited to share that we will install a new sound system. There have been numerous comments that it is easier to hear the service at home than in our sanctuary. My hope is that the new sanctuary sound system will sound just as good (if not better) than a home audio system.

Technology is a tool. While it is far from perfect, I am thankful for technology to connect as a congregation (I was delighted to learn that word "congregate" comes from "con-" <together> + "gregare" <a flock>). Hopefully, technology can help us to be a flock together.

Grace and peace,
Edward

OCTOBER 2022 GOVERNING COUNCIL SUMMARY

The October meeting of the Federated Church Governing Council was held on October 25, 2022. Members present were Jesse Abrego, Donna Augspurger, Katie Claus, Julie Graham, John McClure, John McPhail, Renee Norris, Alison Wagner, Mark Weeder, Secretary Louise Moran, Rev. Edward Yang, and President Wayne McCormick. Mimi Ernst was absent.

Mark Weeder gave the Finance and Property Committee report.

The following motions were made and approved:

- To approve the September Governing Council meeting minutes.
- To receive the Finance and Property report.
- To submit the proposed 2023 Budget to the Governing Body at the Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 30.
- To receive the emailed Standing Committee reports.
- To receive Pastor Edward's written report
- To affirm the email vote to approve a 3% salary increase for Pastor Edward Yang.
- To submit the Slate of Officers to the Governing Body at the Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 30.
- To approve a baptism request from Michael and Taylor Irby for Aurora Judith Irby.
- To remove "Interim" from the job title of Amanda Weeder, Choir Accompanist.

Other items discussed:

- Louise Moran is resigning her role as the Federated Church representative to the Platte County Food Pantry Board. This is not an elected position, so does anyone want to volunteer for this position?
- Terry and Andree Hoeman, Church Historians, are making progress on the official records and archives.

Submitted by Wayne McCormick, President

UNUSUAL REQUESTS FROM PASTOR EDWARD?

Have you received an unusual request from Pastor Edward asking for a 'favor'? If you have, do NOT reply to these! These are a scam! Pastor Edward will not text you asking for a cryptic favor. If you have the ability, please block the number or email. Edward's email: edward@federatedcolumbus.org; Edward's phone number: 402-320-2812 If texts/emails come from other sources than these, they are a scam!

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATING PROJECT

This past May the Finance and Property Committee approved the purchase and installation of equipment to improve the sanctuary's sound system. This will include adding some new speakers and amplifiers, eliminating some old speakers, and should greatly improve sound quality.

The installation of this project has hit a slight bump. Installation is scheduled for October 31st & November 1st and 2nd. December's Newsletter will have an update.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Our service project was making tie blankets for the Center for Survivors. Several of our youth met afterschool and prepped the blankets and the children tied them during education hour. As part of the children's sermon, the kids placed their hands on the blankets and prayed for the children who will be receiving them.



CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR

The Children's Bell Choir played and sang "This Little Light of Mine" during worship on October 16th. Thank you, kids, for sharing your musical talents with our congregation!



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Thank you to our confirmation students; Meg Weeder, Tessa Miller and Celine Perrin for serving as liturgists. You all did a wonderful job!

TRUNK OR TREAT



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/6 - HIS Puppet Ministry Performance
 11/13 – Sunday Funday: Christmas Cookie Baking.
 Youth 5th-12th – meet me in the kitchen after worship to bake cookies for the Cookies & More fundraiser. Lunch provided.

Columbus Symphonic Strings 2022 Christmas Concert

Friday, December 2, 7:00 PM & Saturday December 3, 2:00 PM

Federated Church, Columbus, NE

Join us in sharing the joy of Christmas through music!

Our program will include the following:

- Favorite Christmas works played by the orchestra
- Carols which you will sing with orchestra and organ
- Selections from Handel's *Messiah* – yes, you will sing along with orchestra
- A festive Christmas work played on the Federated Church organ
- An opportunity for children to play real sleighbells with orchestra

Hot cider and Christmas cookies will be served following the program!

Free admission – just bring your best smiles!



Teresa Carr, Founder and Artistic Director; James Sharpe, Conductor
Appreciation extended to Federated Church for use of their facilities
Presented by *Columbus Symphonic Strings* (www.CSStrings.org)





15th Annual COOKIES 'N MORE

Thursday, November 17, 5 - 7pm

Lots of homemade cookies and candy

You pack the box!

Free refreshments

CASH ONLY

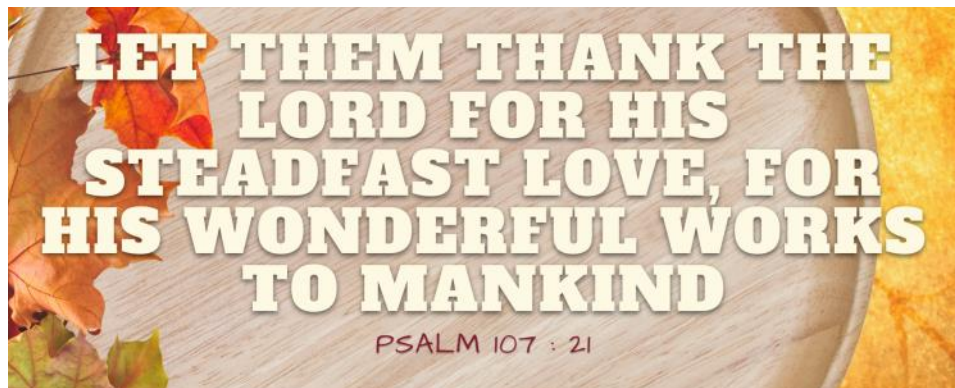
Gloves will be provided

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER CHAIR NEEDED!

*“The Community Christmas Dinner was started in 1974 by Rev. Lee & Barbara Hicks who brought the idea to Columbus. Chris & Laretta Dixson and Charles and Lorena Rogers and their families provided the help for that initial dinner and have been an integral part of it for the past forty years.” **

We are in need of a generous person (or people) to Chair (or Co-Chair) the Community Christmas Dinner. Some of the responsibilities would include procuring and organizing the food donations, organizing and collaborating with volunteers for deliveries, food prep and service of the meal.

**Excerpt from ‘In Ministry Together: Federated Church -- A Centennial History’*



JOYS & CONCERNS FOR OCTOBER 2022

◆ Pray for Jane Critser who is battling multiple myeloma and being treated for an infection.

◆ Pray for Kerry Krings and husband Russ, Kerry is the daughter of Leroy and Brenda Kallweit, Kerry is getting treatment for colon cancer.

◆ Pray for the family of Diane Bower. Diane passed away Monday, October 3rd. Funeral was Friday, October 7th.

◆ Congratulations to Skylar & Caleb Kistner, who welcomed son, Tripp Robert, born Sept. 16, 2022. Grandparents are Terry & Renee Norris, Uncle Mitchell and Aunt Macyn.

◆ Chancel Flowers are given by Brenda Wardman in loving memory of her husband John. Pray for the family of John Wardman. John passed away Monday, October 10th. Funeral services was Friday, October 14th.

◆ Pray for Randa Lehr Hazzard, daughter of Clark & Robin Lehr, who is recovering from surgery and is healing.

◆ Pray for Linda McPhail who has been going through radiation of her brain the past three weeks. Linda had eight small cancer spots found in her brain. She will be resting for the next two months and then receive an MRI. Her doctors believe the cancer will be gone after this rest period. Linda says "Thank you for your prayers for myself, my husband and my family."

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Liberty Mission Creek

Our small congregation has finally decided to conclude its 150 years of ministry. Our older members have gone on to Eternity, fulfilling our commitment to remain active for their sakes. Calming our concerns about demolition or slow decay, we have found a young couple who request the church building as a residence, hoping to move the structure to property a few miles away. We look forward to joining with those in our sister churches, especially singing with greater strength. As painful as closure is, we anticipate God's grace for a new path in worship and fellowship within Trinity Parish.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Eastridge

Lincoln Eastridge continues to strive to be Christ-centered and community-strong as a Matthew 25 church and as a PCUSA Certified Hunger Action Congregation. We now offer in-person and online worship on Sunday morning, with opportunities for Bible studies, a book club, and music and youth activities during the week. Eastridge was excited to have celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Food Pantry last year with dedication of a larger building. Along with partner churches in the area, anyone in need of food may obtain it during weekly distributions. We have seen a large increase in demand for the pantry and are serving hundreds of individuals and families each month. We ask for prayers that Eastridge may continue to serve the community while glorifying God.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln First

First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln would welcome your prayers as our fall programming picks up, and in our current project of working with a consultant to grow our online ministry. We give thanks for the right people who have showed up at the right time to help, and for all the volunteers who give so much time, energy and imagination to God's work through the church.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Fourth

Continued prayers for all at Fourth as we continue to discern and embrace God's will for our congregation as we acknowledge 115 years of ministry in the University Place Neighborhood. We will dedicate a new 12ft cross in our grounds on World Communion Sunday to celebrate this milestone. We are continuing to enhance our Worship and Evangelism efforts through outreach and partnership. We are excited to partner with A Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln through their Streets Alive efforts in bringing over a thousand people to the UPCO area at the end of September. We are also humbled to have served almost 1000 through community use of our building this summer. We are thankful for Presbytery prayers as we discern how God calls us to be good stewards of our resources and are excited for the year ahead!

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Good Shepherd

Lord, we praise You for the many blessings we have received that have come from Your hand. We ask that You give the members of Good Shepherd servant's hearts, give us hearts of generosity and may we wholeheartedly give ourselves to prayer and ministry of the Word. Lord, we lift up the session to You. Help them make wise, bold, decisions out of love for You and neighbor. Let them lead lives of respect and honor as they direct the affairs of our church. We also ask that you bless our deacon board. May they operate out of concern and care for the elderly, the lonely, the sick, and the downcast. We ask your blessing as well on the church foundation board as they navigate investing and supporting ministries and encouraging gifts to the foundation in these challenging times. And lastly, bring us more workers Lord, as You teach "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few".

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Stanton New England Congregational UCC (Stanton, NE 68779)

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Tilden Peace UCC (Tilden, NE 68781)

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** West Point Trinity UMC/ UCC (West Point, NE 68788)

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Wisner United Methodist UCC (Wisner, NE 68791)

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Yutan St. Peters UCC (Yutan, NE 68073)

H.I.S. PUPPETEERS



HEY, Puppeteers and Puppeteer wanna-bes!!!

Look for information soon on practice times and writing our own puppet script this Fall!

Let me know if you are interested.

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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2023



Stewardship Update 10/28/22:

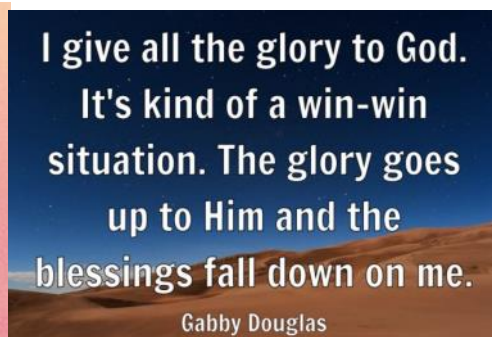
Pledge Cards Sent: 203

Pledge Cards Received: 58

Amount Pledged: \$206,499



Your talent is
God's gift
to you. What
you do with it
is your gift
back to God.
Leo Buscaglia



FUNERAL COMMITTEE 2

Co Chairs: Steve & Marcia Dewald, Larry & Sue Mares, Linda Wheatley, Barb Olson

Members: Dana Augspurger, Diane Barbarglia, Nell Burnham, John & Deb Curry, JoAnn Dowd, Mimi Ernst, Stephen Fecht, Rita Mae Fuhr, Antonio & Trinidad Garcia, Jeff & Tammy Gotschall, Tom & Toni Gumm, Gene & Cola Hahn, Doug Hann, Whit Hanner, Cindy Hoadley, Terry & Andree Hoeman, Mike & Ann Jeffrey, Leroy & Brenda Kallweit, Ron & Charlotte Lambert, Herman & Berlydean Lauterbach, John Lohr, Janet Lyon, John McClure, Kevin & Mary Meyer, Byron & Peg Meyer, Hailey Rathje, Diane Scheffler, Ruth Schlobohm, Donna Shreve, Clark & Lori Smith, Gordon & Joan Specht, Joe & Marilyn Srb, George & Barb Sturgill, Kim Swierczek, Paula & Rebecca Timperley, Margaret Trew, Dave Veach, Riel & Lyle Whitney, Doug & Randi Williams, Drew & Kristi Wolfe, and Gail Wurdeman

RESCUE MISSION MEALS

Each month, on the second Friday, Federated Church provides a meal for the Columbus Rescue Mission. The Mission would like to have meat, potatoes or bread, and a vegetable. Dessert is fine, but not necessary. Presently, the Rescue Mission is housed at 1471 25th Avenue, with no idea yet when they will move to their new facility, the former Mory's Haven.

Meals are served at 5:30 for women and 6:00 for men. The person/people bringing the meal are most welcome to stay and eat with the residents. If you would like to take a meal early, you may take it to the office on the east side of the building with instructions on how to bake it, etc. Otherwise, take the meal about 5:00 so it can be served at 5:30. Please take it to the side door on the east side of the building.

Plan for 20-25 people, and since this is a large number, it is best if two or three folks go together. Some meal suggestions are: pizza, tacos, lasagna, pulled pork or other sandwiches, chicken or beef casseroles, sloppy joes, soup, etc. If you would like to provide dessert, ice cream is always good, as well as brownies, cookies, cake, etc. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.

- Social Concerns and Mission Committee

RESCUE MISSION MEALS 2022

The following list is from the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Remember to sign up for 2023 with Katie Claus.

October 14 - Brian & Heidi Klevemann & Family; November 11 - Mike & Sharyn Beard and Ben & Marilyn Vrana; December 9 - Julie Graham

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.

In September, we helped three families with fuel and purchased gift cards to give to families that request help with food.

Total donations directed to the Helping Hands - Non-Members fund in 2022: \$500.00

Total given to those in need from Jan. 1 through July 31, 2022: \$938.86

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

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men’s Fellowship Group will be meeting
Saturday, October 8th at 8:30am
in the Fellowship Hall.
Men of all ages welcome!

COOKIES ‘N MORE

Many thanks to Katie Claus, Chris Warren and Deb Curry for taking on the Cookies ‘N More event this year! As usual, the event will be taking place in the Fellowship Hall on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, which will be November 17th this year.

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”.

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



Federated Church will be delivering Meals on Wheels November 7 - 11. Please contact Kathy Leischner, 402-276-7415, kathy.leischner@yahoo.com if you can deliver for approximately one hour each day.

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!



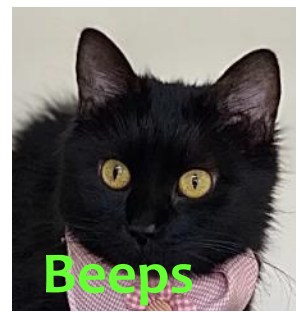
ERNA R. BADSTIEBER PAWS & CLAWS ADOPTION CENTER

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 - September 2022	
General Funds (Checking):	\$13,357.17
Contributions	\$13,114.72
Rent	\$242.45
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$20,074.51
Youth Fund	\$24.51
Building Maintenance	\$20,000.00
Education Hour	\$50.00
Memorials:	\$145.00
Undesignated	\$145.00
Interest Income:	\$124.46
Savings	\$124.46

Expenses - September 2022	
General Fund Expenses:	\$33,850.24
Utilities	\$2,471.64
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$31,362.45
Misc. Expense- Vanco Monthly Fees	\$16.15
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$1,483.84
Family Choice -Sound System Upgrade	\$195.79
Helping Hands- Non-Members	\$360.00
Pastor's Discretion Fund - Pastoral Care to Pastor Adam Lassen	\$400.00
Landscaping Project	\$424.05
Church Van Fund - Fuel for Parade	\$104.00
Memorial Fund:	\$198.51
Undesignated (Kitchen Supplies)	\$15.27
Family Choice (John Curry - Candles)	\$183.24

2022 GARAGE SALE MONIES DISTRIBUTION

Habitat for Heroes \$500
 Holiday Spirit \$250
 I Can Camp \$300
 Helping Hands (M) \$1,500
 Helping Hands (NM) \$1,000
 A Place at the Table \$1,500

Camp Calvin Crest Maintenance \$100
 Flossy Watson Scholarships \$400
 Meal on Wheels \$200
 Youth Triennium \$400
 Church Office Supplies \$320
 Christmas Gifts \$400



Carrie Prokopec, Peg Rupprecht	11/1	Amanda Weeder	11/16
Elizabeth Grisham, Syllas Micek, Donna Shreve	11/3	Gunnar Wolfe	11/17
Mark Dahlberg, Rebecca Timperley, Hunter Yang	11/5	Rylan Carstens	11/19
Josh Winig	11/6	Diana Barbaglia	11/22
Jim Sharpe, Mary Sharpe	11/9	Nell Burnham, Lainey McHugh	11/23
Jim Morris	11/10	Anita Hahn	11/24
Meera Lange	11/11	Dana Augspurger	11/25
Gary Puckett	11/13	Neil Jensen, Toby Sand, Deanna Scheidegger	11/26
Alex Lange	11/14	Rita Mae Fuhr	11/27

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

USHERS - OCTOBER 2022

Ushers: Mark Hegi, Byron Meyer, Kevin Perrin, Bill Royer

Youth Ushers: Emma McHugh, Beckett Oran

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.

Committee or Group	Chairperson	Meeting Day/Time
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	4th Thursday of the month, 5:30pm
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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NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

DECODING THE LITURGICAL COLOR SCHEME

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 times when there is "nothing special" going on in the life of the church (no big festivals or holidays) reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us and into our church.

Purple = Preparation Purple is the color that is used during our seasons of preparation: Advent and Lent. During both of the 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 nod to this as a reason why we use purple during these seasons.