



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 2: Landscaping Cleanup Date
- ◆ Nov. 5: Heritage Sunday with Potluck
(Daylight Savings Time Ends)
 - ◆ Nov. 16: Cookies 'N More
- ◆ Nov. 19: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service,
St. John's (Shell Creek), 4pm
 - ◆ Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day
(office closed Nov. 23 & 24)

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 2023 Newsletter deadline will be November 20th, 2023.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK - NOVEMBER 2023

It definitely feels like winter is upon us. Wind chill made this morning's temperature 19 degrees, and we have several days ahead of freezing weather. With that in mind, may God continue to provide what is needed and may the month of Thanksgiving warm your hearts.

We have several events to feature for the month of November:

- **November 5:** We will be celebrating Heritage Sunday as we recognize our 50 plus year members. It is wonderful to see the many names and faces of those who have been part of our congregation for over half a century. Along with mentioning our heritage members in worship, we will have a potluck meal following the service. I also want to remind you that Daylight Savings Time ends early that morning (automatic clocks should change from 2:00am to 1:00am; but manual clocks can be changed before you go to sleep). If you forget to change your change and get to church an hour early, you are welcome to join the adult education class in fellowship hall.
- **November 16, 5 - 7pm:** Cookies 'N More fundraiser will be happening in the fellowship hall. It is wonderful to see church members working together for this event, so please help in any way that you can. You're also welcome to purchase a box of cookies and/or candy.
- **November 19, 4pm:** With our ecumenical partners (First United Methodist Church, Grace Episcopal, St. John's (Shell Creek) Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and St. Luke's United Church of Christ), there will be a joint Thanksgiving Service on Sunday afternoon at St. John's ELCA (close to Shell Creek Elementary School). It is a wonderful time of gathering with fellow Christians as we give thanks to God.
- **November 23:** Happy Thanksgiving! Have a wonderful and safe holiday. Reminder, our Thursday evening service is cancelled for that day.
- **November 26:** In the liturgical calendar, it is Christ the King (also known as the Reign of Christ) Sunday. It is the last day of Year A in the church calendar; Advent is the beginning of the new church year. This year, we have a special treat with pulpit supply by a familiar person who will be preaching for the first time our sanctuary. I should also mention that this person has a seminary degree. Hope you are curious and will participate in our Sunday worship during the long weekend.

May the month of November be filled with gratitude for all of God's goodness.

Grace and peace,
Edward

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

What an exciting time of year for us at Federated Church! Election of new church leaders and committee members, new member recognitions, Heritage member recognition, renovations to the Education Center, and the promise of Advent approaching. We are very Blessed.

The Governing Council met October 24. Here are the highlights:

1. Summary of Federated Church Constitution revision was prepared by the task force to be made available for 2023 Fall Congregational Meeting. If you would like a copy of either the whole Constitution or the condensed highlighted revisions, please contact the church office.
2. Procedures and agenda for the Fall 2023 Congregational Meeting were reviewed.
3. Finance and Property reviewed the budget and renovation projects going on within the church. Door locks have been rekeyed. Contact the Church Office if you need a key.
4. Finance and Property Committee received a recommendation from the Pipe Organ Task Force. Property and Finance Committee asked the Task Force for some additional information which will be coming in the following weeks. This information is needed before a recommendation can be made to Governing Council. The Governing Council was provided with all the information that has been made available to the Property and Finance Committee from the Pipe Organ Task Force to date.
5. The Council approved 3 days of vacation leave for Pastor Yang for week of Nov 20-26th, this includes holiday leave.
6. Reminder that there will be no Thursday evening service on Thanksgiving- Nov 23. Pulpit supply will be used for the service on Sunday Nov. 26th.
7. Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be at St. John's ELCA (Shell Creek) on November 19th, at 4:00 pm.
8. The Governing Council is exploring the need/desire for a Social Media Coordinator, and what the job duties would involve.
9. Pastor Yang and Brenda Sand are exploring some ideas for youth and adult activities one Sunday per month.
10. Brenda Sand presented an overview of the Order of St. Andrew. What a great group of dedicated and thoughtful members who take time to answer God's call to show compassion, love, and support for our members. Please pray this month for the Order of St. Andrew- the work they do and for the committee members: Brenda Sand, Peg Meyer, Laura Porter, Ruth Erwin, Jean Royer, Sharon Kuncel, Kathy Leischner, Barb Olson and Lori Rine.

Thank you to all Governing Council Members and Committee Members for your dedication, hard work, insight, and spiritual leadership. The work of the Lord is done through many hands, hearts, and prayers. Rejoice all things old and new. May your Blessings be more than your doubts.

Children's Sabbath

FEDERATED'S CHILDREN CELEBRATED CHILDREN'S SABBATH BY DECORATING AND ASSEMBLING ACTIVITY BAGS FOR KIDS RECEIVING SERVICES AT THE CENTER FOR SURVIVORS. THE YOUTH MADE FLEECE SCARVES FOR CHILDREN WHICH WILL BE DONATED TO THE ANGEL TREE PROJECT.

Youth Sunday Funday

ON OCTOBER 22ND FEDERATED'S YOUTH AND FRIENDS MADE A TRIP TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH AT ROCA BERRY FARMS. SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY INCLUDED A HAYRACK RIDE, BOUNCY PILLOWS, AND COOKING S'MORES OVER A CAMPFIRE.



Trunk-O-Treat

TRUNK-OR-TREAT WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 26TH IN THE SOUTH PARKING LOT. THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT.



Upcoming Events

11/12

YOUTH SUNDAY FUNDAY-COOKIE BAKING
COOKIES DONATED TO COOKIES-N-MORE

LUNCH PROVIDED



COOKIES 'N MORE

Mark your calendars!

This year's Cookies 'N More fundraiser will be Thursday,
November 16th, from 5 to 7pm.

As always, there will be LOTS of homemade cookies and candies!

Free refreshments will be served!

You pack the box! (Gloves will be provided.)

CASH ONLY!



SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTIONS & EVENTS



In October, November, December we will be collecting new items -
gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for the Angel Tree.

"The Son of Man did **not** come to be served, but to serve," Matthew 20 : 28
Social Concerns and Missions Committee

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!

USHERS/ LITURGISTS & ATTENDANCE REPORT OCTOBER 2023

Ushers : Anita Hahn, John Hahn, Mark Hegi, Bill Royer

Youth Ushers: Hadley McHugh, Anna Young

Liturgists : Doug Williams, Marilyn Abrego, Beth Sharpe, Bob Arp, Brenda Sand

Average Attendance :

Thursday Service - 18

Sunday Service - 97

Online - 88

Weekly Attendance - 210

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR OCTOBER 2023

♦ Happy 70th Anniversary to Chris & Lauretta Dixon. Join the Celebration on October 8th from 2pm to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. No gifts, no cards, just your presence.

♦ Prayers for Ben & Marilyn Vrana as their health continues to improve and for Ben to get settled in a new facility this weekend.

♦ Prayers for Shelley Atwell, daughter of John & Katie Claus, who is battling Crohn's Disease and COVID.

♦ Pray for the family of Earl Widhalm, father of Shirley Johnson. Earl passed away on October 21, 2023.

♦ Pray for Gary Puckett, who has been placed on hospice.

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Korean**

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

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: 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**

Westminster Presbyterian invites prayers of thanksgiving for the new '23-'24 year of opportunities for faith and growth as individuals and a church family. We continue to embrace our "Vision 2026" call to "expand our lives in faith, connect people deeply, and make a difference through service."

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Lyons**

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

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Nebraska City**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Nebraska City 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:

- **Stanton New England Congregational UCC, 68779**
- **Tilden Peace UCC , 68781**
- **West Point Trinity UMC/UCC, 68788**
- **Wisner United Methodist UCC, 68791**
- **Yutan St. Peters UCC, 68073**

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.

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 2023, Federated has assisted 7 people with rent,
29 families with fuel, 20 families with food
and a bus ticket for a veteran who wanted to be with his family.

This assistance has totaled \$1,837.78.

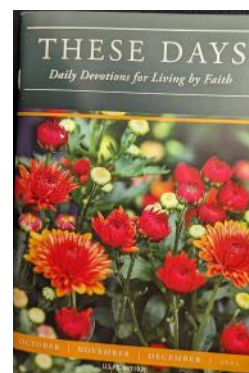
We have received donations totaling \$3,550.00.

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

FUNERAL COMMITTEE 2

Co Chairs: Steve & Marcia Dewald, Larry & Sue Mares,
Linda & Guy Wheatley, Barb Olson
Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs

Fourth Quarter
"These Days"
is now available



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, including the ones pictured below.



Pablo



David



Lilith



Coco

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!

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.



RESCUE MISSION MEALS 2023

Thank you for filling in all the 2023 slots for the Rescue Mission meals!
Rescue Mission Meals take place on the second Friday of the month.



The move of the Columbus Rescue Mission from 1471 25th Avenue to its current
location of 1112 15th Street has been completed. We are still in need of financial
donations to complete the work that must be done to finish painting, cleaning, etc.
at the new facility as we will be opening the women's rooms and the family rooms in
the very near future. If God puts it on your heart to make a donation or to volunteer
with the cleaning or painting, please contact the mission at 402-563-1096
and ask for Karen or Nathan.

Happy Birthday!

Carrie Prokopec, Peg Rupprecht	11/1	Amanda Weeder	11/16
Elizabeth Grisham, Syllas Micek	11/3	Gunnar Wolfe	11/17
Rebecca Williams, 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	Toby Sand, Deanna Scheidegger	11/26
Alex Lange	11/14		

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



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	Georgia Behlen, Alison Wagner	Will meet as necessary
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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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.

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 stole is deemed appropriate based on the season.