



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 3: Heritage Sunday with Potluck;
Hymn Sing
- ◆ Nov. 5: Election Day
- ◆ Nov. 10: Veterans Recognition Service
- ◆ Nov. 11: Veterans Day
- ◆ Nov. 21: Cookies 'N More
- ◆ Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
- ◆ Nov. 29: Office Closed
- ◆ Dec. 5 & 8: Communion with Wholeness
and Healing Service

PASTOR'S REPORT

We are entering the last couple months of 2024. It is hard to believe it will be 2025 soon (quarter of the way through this century). As we approach the end of this year, we have numerous reasons to give thanks to God.

On November 3rd, we will celebrate Heritage Sunday as we recognize our 50 years plus members. This year we have a significant number of new heritage members, which can be linked to the start of Rev. Lee Hicks' pastorate at Federated Church in 1974. Along with a time of recognition for heritage members, we will have a potluck luncheon after worship service (please stay and join in the fellowship and food). I would like to thank Membership & Growth Committee for preparing for this event, Tim Rathje for making recognition gifts, heritage members for their long-term commitment and Rev. Lee Hicks for his fruitful ministry at Federated Church.

On November 10th, we will be recognizing veterans in worship as we observe Veterans' Day (on Nov. 11th). I am thankful for all who served our country with military service, including my father who served in the U.S. Army. Order of St. Andrew is compiling list of veterans for the time of recognition. If you have not shared, please let the church office know. Photograph in military uniform would be appreciated.

On November 19th, the Caregiver Support Group will be meeting in the church library at 2:30pm. If you are providing care for your loved one, please join us for a time of sharing, equipping and encouragement. This will be a monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday.

On November 24th, we will have an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service at St. John's Lutheran Church, Shell Creek at 4:00pm. Please join in this service of giving thanks to God with our ecumenical partners at First United Methodist Church, Grace Episcopal, St. Luke's UCC and St. John's ELCA.

Here are a few other important dates: November 3rd is end of Daylight Savings Time (which means turn back clocks an hour the night before), November 5th is Election Day (if you have not done so already, go and vote), and November 28th is Thanksgiving Day (Thursday worship service is cancelled and office will be closed Thursday and Friday).

With thanksgivings,
Edward

Fed @ Fed

Our high school students and friends met in the church kitchen on 10/6 for the first Fed @ Fed of the year. We prepared and shared a meal of pancakes, eggs, bacon, and hashbrowns. All high schoolers and friends are invited to join us in November for chicken enchiladas!

*Sunday Funday*

The October Sunday Funday featured a trip to the pumpkin patch at Roca Berry Farms. Brenda made a wrong turn on the way to the farm (something that happens on every youth outing 😊) and we were unable to have a campfire due to the extremely dry conditions, but that didn't stop us from having a fun day! Some of us even braved the "haunted" attractions that take place after sundown. All youth and friends are invited to join us for our November Sunday Funday where we will be baking Christmas Cookies for Cookies-n-More.

*Children's Sabbath*

Federated celebrated Children's Sabbath in October. During Ed hour the children assembled activity bags for the Center for Survivors and our youth assembled activity bags for Youth and Families for Christ. During worship our youth served as liturgists and performed a skit. The Children's Bell Choir and H.I.S. Puppeteers also performed during worship. We are so grateful to God for all the precious children and youth God has entrusted to our care!

*Nursery Kitchenette*

Thank you to all who were involved in the renovation of the toy kitchenette in our church nursery: Rogalyn Stevens for hiring a painter, Tim Warren for repairing and replacing broken parts, Wilma Arp for replacing the tile backsplash and Kathy Zywiec for the making the curtain. This kitchenette has been a staple in the church nursery since the mid 1970's. The kitchenette was gifted to Jane Hopp, the Christian Education Director at the time, by Howard and Rogene Brown, owners of C-K Planning Mill. It is said that the kitchenette was on display in the company's showroom prior to coming to Federated.





Thank you to all who came to our Trunk-or-Treat! It was a beautiful evening, and we had 665 people pass through our parking lot (approximately 30% were adults and the rest were children)! It was so much fun to see all the kids in their Halloween costumes. An extra big thank you to all who provided trunks and candy for this fun community event!



Calendar of Events

11/3
Fed @ Fed
(9th – 12th Grade)
4 pm – Fellowship Hall

11/17
Sunday Funday
(5th – 12th Grade)
Cookie Baking
11:15 am – Fellowship Hall

12/1
Fed @ Fed
(9th – 12th Grade)
4 pm – Fellowship Hall

12/14
Christmas Pageant Practice
10 am – Sanctuary

12/15
Christmas Pageant
9 am Practice during Ed Hour
10 am Performance during Worship

12/15
Sunday Funday
Christmas Party
11:15 am – Fellowship Hall



GOVERNING COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

Governing Council met Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Highlights include:

September, financials were presented and received.

September GC meeting minutes and October Committee Reports were received.

Vacation time of October 15th and 16th for Rev. Edward Yang was approved.

Approval of Amendment to Children & Youth Protection Policy.

Approval of Youth Ministries Fundraisers for 2025.

Approval of Youth Ministries Super Bowl of Caring 2025.

November 3rd - Heritage Sunday and Potluck Dinner.

November 10th - Veterans Recognition Day.

Governing Council's next meeting will be November, 26 at 7:00 P.M. in EC 8.

Alison Wagner, Church President and Barb Sanderson, Secretary

FUNERAL COMMITTEE 1

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

Committee Members will be contacted by the Co-Chairs.

USHERS/LITURGISTS & ATTENDANCE REPORT OCTOBER 2024

Ushers: Georgia Behlen, Mark Hegi, Bill Royer

Youth Ushers: Hudson Luedtke, Cara Porter, Anna Young

Liturgists: Alison Wagner, Anjel Garcia Lopez, Julie Graham, Tessa Miller, Celine Perrin, & Paul Sanderson

Average Attendance:

Thursday Service: 19

Sunday Service: 108

Online: 167

Weekly Attendance: 97

ELECTRONIC ORGAN UPDATE (FROM FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING)

Marv Zoucha, from the Finance & Property Committee, gave an update on the proposals for purchase of an electronic organ. The Governing Council will be voting on those proposals at the Nov. 26th meeting. Members with questions or comments, are encouraged to speak with representatives of the Governing Council or the Finance & Property Committee.

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR OCTOBER 2024

- ♦ Congratulations to Lily Pickrel and Dustin Jelinek. The couple was married on September, 28, 2024, Lily is the granddaughter of Jan Pickrel.
- ♦ Chancel flowers were given by Chris Dixon “for my lovely wife, Laretta, who has put up with me for 71 years! Happy Anniversary!”
- ♦ Pray for Mike Sand who will be having surgery on Monday, October 28th.

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Panama**
Panama Presbyterian Church craves your prayers, brothers and sisters in Christ! We thank God for the grace we have received as a congregation of Jesus Christ. Prayers for a continued love for mission and serving others beyond our walls; prayers for more energy, imagination, and love; prayers that we may find even more creative ways to bear witness to the awesome presence of the Spirit through our congregation's words and deeds! In return, we offer prayers for every church in Homestead Presbytery to find Jesus in new ways and places in our world.

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Pawnee City**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Pawnee 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.

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Primrose**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Primrose 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: Schuyler**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Schuyler 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. Peters UCC, Yutan, NE 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: Education Center Room 4

Fun facts about salt:

* Salt was once used as currency. During the Roman Empire and the Middle Ages, salt was a valuable commodity because it could preserve food. People would use salt as a method of trade and currency and would lick salt blocks to make sure they were real.

* Pouring salt into shoes and letting it sit overnight can help absorb excess moisture and odors.

* Sleep: Salt is a natural hypnotic that can help regulate sleep

If you think that information is interesting, just wait till you come to class!

Our structure is: one week we show an interesting video followed by discussion; the next week we discuss current news events (no political discussion, though!) and how these events relate to the Bible.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! COME JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY!

Meet in the EC4.

Coffee and goodies provided.



COLUMBUS RESCUE MISSION (EXCERPT FROM OCT. '24 NEWSLETTER)

The Columbus Rescue Mission is located at the old Mory's Haven building. Federated has provided meals once a month to the mission for a long time, the second Friday of the month.

Eighty percent of the meals are brought in by churches and other organizations. I asked if there were any foods that were preferred, and Chaplain Porter said that anything is welcome. I also asked if they often had dessert, and he said 80% of the time they do. Volunteers often bring in milk, and coffee is always welcome. The folks in the NEW LIFE program help prepare the food and clean up.

The Rescue mission does not give up on people. Chaplain Dave Porter said that their programs allow people to see there is a different way, with the grace of God. Federated Church is a part of this important ministry.

Katie Claus, Chair of Social Concerns & Missions Committee

SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTIONS & EVENTS

In October, November and December we are collecting NEW mittens, scarves, gloves, socks and hats for the Angel Tree. 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*

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.

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!

For the year of 2024, we have received donations equaling \$1,890.00!

As of September 30th, we have helped sixteen people with fuel, one member with food, one person with rental assistance, one member with an anxiety vest, and donated \$350 to the Brian Marker Benefit that was held in January, for a total of \$828.92.

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



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.



CHRISTMAS MEAL 2024

****The Community Christmas Dinner was started (in 1974) by the Rev. Lee & Barbara Hicks... Chris & Laretta Dixon, and Charles & Lorena Rogers and their families provided the help for that initial dinner...***

The church has been hosting this meal for the last 50 years. This meal feeds around two hundred every year! This year we need help finding a person or persons to chair this essential event. We will also need people to help shop, gather donations, cook, box, serve, and deliver the meals to the members of the community. Please contact the church office if you want to help with this significant annual event!

Thank you in advance for helping our community!

**excerpt from In Ministry Together the Federated Church history book
produced for the church's Centennial celebration in 2014*

CHRISSY'S RESIGNATION

Chrissy Ford will be resigning as the Office Administrator. She will end her tenure at Federated Church on November 11th. If you would like to send a Love Gift/ Appreciation Gift to her through the church, please write "Chrissy Ford Gift" on the envelope or in the memo line on your check.

FROM CHRISSY

Dear Federated Church Family and Friends,

With a heavy heart I write to inform you of my decision to resign as Office Administrator. After much deliberation and consideration, I have come to the realization that it is time to move onto the next chapter of my career. I truly wish the best for each and everyone of you and would like to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the opportunity to work with such a friendly, warm and loving congregation. Thank you all.

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 2025 Meals on Wheels Schedule! We have volunteers for the remainder of 2024. Thank you.

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!>



November Birthdays

Carrie Prokopec, Peg Rupprecht	11/1	Amanda Weeder	11/16
Elizabeth Grisham, Sylas 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
Alex Lange	11/14	Toby Sand, Deanna Scheidegger	11/26

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

CARD SHOWER FOR NELL BURNHAM

The family and friends of Nell are holding a card shower for her birthday in November. If you do not have her updated address, please contact the church office.



Cookies 'N More

NEW THIS YEAR!

Homemade pies!

Cash Only!

Thursday

November 21

**Christmas cookies,
candy, too!**

Federated Church

You fill your box

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Gloves will be provided

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service	2
3 8:45am SALT - Adult Sunday Class 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Sunday Worship Service - Heritage Sunday 3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services 4:00pm Fed @ Fed	4 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 4:30pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting 7:00pm Scout troop 212 meeting	5 1:30pm Cries of the Spirit 5:30pm Consonaires 5:30pm Girl Scout Theater Club 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:15pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	6 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Puppets 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group 6:30pm Worship Service	8 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service	9 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
10 8:45am SALT - Adult Sunday Class 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Sunday Worship Service 11:15am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting 3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services	11 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 4:00pm Diamond Dancers 5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee Meeting 6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scout troop 212 meeting	12 5:30pm Girl Scout Theater Club 5:30pm Consonaires	13 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study 6:30pm Puppets 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	14 6:30pm Worship Service	15 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service	16 8:00am Cookies 'N More Prep
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Income - September 2024		Expenses - September 2024	
General Funds (Checking):	\$27,436.16	General Fund Expenses:	\$30,145.92
Contributions	\$27,086.16	Utilities	\$2,228.16
Rent	\$350.00	Other Budgeted Expenses	\$27,917.76
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$28,581.93	Designated Funds (Savings):	\$2,163.10
Interest Earned	\$611.93	Building Maintenance	\$1,137.23
Projects & Missions (Garage Sale)	\$20.00	Landscaping	\$259.95
Building Maintenance	\$200.00	Multimedia (Sanctuary TVs)	\$104.97
Landscaping	\$50.00	Music Dept.	\$580.58
Future Year/2025 Pre-pledge	\$2,500.00	Helping Hands	\$80.37
Operation Education Nairobi	\$100.00	Memorial Fund:	\$77.95
Helping Hands	\$75.00	Kitchen (Cups)	\$77.95
General Savings	\$25,000.00		
Education Hour	\$25.00		
Vacation Bible Camp - Refund on CC	\$133.81		
Memorials:	\$575.00		
Undesignated	\$575.00		

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 2024 Newsletter deadline will be November 20th, 2024.

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	3rd 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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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 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.

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.