



# FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ World Communion Sunday, October 2nd
- ♦ Children's Sabbath, October 16th
- ♦ Annual Fall Congregational Meeting, October 30th  
(no 5th Sunday Potluck)
- ♦ Heritage Sunday, November 6th with  
Potluck after Service

If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in the newsletter, you can email it to [fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org). The deadline for submitting information for Newsletters is the 20th of the prior month, e.g. November 2022 Newsletter deadline will be October 20th, 2022.

## PASTOR'S REPORT

I would like to begin by saying “THANK YOU!” for your support of my sabbatical during the summer months. It was a restful time with several family trips and opportunity to focus on being a ‘child of God’ (as opposed to doing pastoral ministry).

Here are some highlights from my sabbatical:

- \* Pastoral Leadership Revitalization family retreat (with Sunnie and kids) at Mahoney State Park: we had a wonderful time reconnecting with several other pastor families in early June.
- \* Family Road Trip to East Coast (two weeks in June): we drove through Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, (tiny section of) West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island to visit friends in Boston, Massachusetts. On the way back, we travelled through upstate New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa. We visited several state capitols (Indianapolis, IN; Columbus, OH; Harrisburg, PA; Trenton, NJ; Providence, RI; Boston, MA; & Albany, NY), ate yummy food (including Philly cheesesteaks in Philadelphia, New York pizza in NYC, clam chowder and lobster rolls in Boston, and Buffalo wings in Buffalo), and saw some amazing sights (including Independence Hall & Liberty Bell, 9/11 Memorial, Freedom Trail, Niagara Falls, and Chicago river tour).
- \* Family Trip to South Korea: situation worked out for our oldest son to (somewhat abruptly) join us in visiting relatives in Korea. Thankfully, we were able to get an inexpensive airline ticket for him and we did not have to spend two weeks in quarantine after arriving in Korea. We got to spend about a month with Sunnie’s parents who live in Gimcheon (located halfway between Seoul and Busan; kind of like Columbus being halfway between New York City and Los Angeles). When we visited other relatives in Seoul, it used to feel like a long distance away. However, having driven for several days to get to the U.S. East Coast made the three-hour drive to South Korea’s capital a breeze.
- \* Trip to Kansas City: as a last trip before kids went back to school (in mid-August), we spent a weekend in KC. Big reason for this trip was to see the Los Angeles Dodgers play baseball against the Kansas City Royals. It seemed like there were more Dodger fans in the stadium than Royals: hard to tell since both teams have same colors but there were more cheers for Dodgers who won the game easily.
- \* Various Church Worship Services: during my sabbatical, my family and I attended a different church service nearly every Sunday. It was enjoyable worshipping with congregations where we knew the pastor as well as churches where we did not know anyone. There is something to learn from the diversity of worship practices.

How was your summer? Are there highlights you would be interested in sharing? Please send me an email or we can have a conversation.

Grace and peace,  
Edward

## SEPTEMBER 2022 GOVERNING COUNCIL SUMMARY

The Governing Council met Tuesday September 27, 2022. The following action was taken:

1. Property and Finance gave an update about the landscaping; water sensors have been installed; sound system update on installation scheduled for Oct 31st;
2. Property and Financials were accepted and approved
3. Motion to hire a part time custodian position (30hrs per week at \$20.00 per hr) was approved
4. Motion to form an Organ Task force was approved to make a recommendation for the organ/repair/replacement
5. Committee reports were accepted and approved
6. The new Children and Youth Protection Policy was presented and will be voted upon at the next Governing Council meeting
7. Pastor Yang's request for Continuing Education Leave was approved for Oct 17th through Oct 23rd to attend the Pastoral Leadership Revitalization retreat.
8. Pastor Yang's Pastor's report was accepted and approved
9. The 2023 Budget will be presented at the October meeting
10. Next Governing Council meeting will be Oct 25, 2022, at 7:00PM

Submitted by Julie Graham, Vice President

## HISTORIAN UPDATE

The church historian committee has brought the official register book up to date by entering the past five years of baptisms, marriages, new members and confirmations, and deaths. We are in the process of sorting and shredding the financial records that do not need to be saved prior to 2015. We could probably start scanning records and history in the next month or two. It would be good for someone who is familiar with the records/documents of the new building project (such as someone who served on the committee back then) to come in and sort through and organize those files before they are scanned.

Co-Historians: Andree & Terry Hoeman

## 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 will be postponed to the end of October.



## CHILDREN'S SABBATH

October 16th is Children's Sabbath. Each year the children at Federated Church celebrate Children's Sabbath with a service project geared toward helping children in our community. This year our students will be making tie blankets which will be donated to the children utilizing the Center for Survivors.

## CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR



Children (preschool – 6th grade) who attend Education Hour participate in our children's bell choir. Children will practice during Education Hour on October 2, 9, 16. Their first performance for the year will take place on October 16th during worship.

## YOUTH SUNDAY FUNDAY 5TH GRADE – 12TH GRADE

The October Youth Sunday Funday will feature a trip to a pumpkin patch. Parents, please check your email for dates/location details.



## EDUCATION HOUR KICK-OFF

Thank you to the Christian Education & Youth Ministry Committees and the Governing Council for providing the entertainment, food, and ice cream for this event. Our students loved holding and petting the Horn T Zoo animals.





## ED HOUR KICK-OFF - HORN T ZOO





# **The 31st Annual National Observance of Children's Sabbath Raising Democracy by Resurrecting Hope**

**We are a part of the movement! We will be participating in an annual, nationwide multifaith National Observance of Children's Sabbaths.**

**Every year places of worship across the nation and from every religious tradition, join together in common concern for the struggles children, youths, and families face. The Sabbath is our expression of *shared commitment* to listening deeply to the voices of children and youths. This will mark a spiritual to our *united voice* responding with care, action, and advocacy for our children. This intergenerational partnership will launch this weekend and continue in the year that follows.**

## **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 & Laurretta Dixon 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 SEPTEMBER 2022

- ◆ Congratulations to Brian & Shelby Alther, along with big brother Holden, who welcome son/brother Case Joseph, born August 17th. Grandparents are Reuben & Denise Hughes. Great Grandmother is Donna Engquist.
- ◆ Congratulations to Michael & Rachael Griffith, who welcome daughter Helena Rae, born July 10th to Michael and Rachael Griffith. Grandparents are Bob & Annette Griffith.
- ◆ Congratulations to Skylar & Caleb Kistner, who welcomed son, Tripp Robert, born Sept. 16, 2022. Grandparents are Terry & Renee Norris, Uncle Mitchell and Aunt Macyn.
- ◆ Pray for a speedy recovery for Bobbie Saalfeld who recently fell.
- ◆ Pray for Ruth Lind who is recovering from a recent fall.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Carol Kaspar. Carol passed away on Thursday, August 25th. Carol is the mother of Randy & Anita Kaspar and grandmother to Dylan & Miranda Micek.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Ruth Elwood, 98, long time member of Federated. Ruth passed away on August 14, 2022 in Jackson, Wyoming.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Dick Fry. Graveside services were held at Columbus Cemetery on Monday, September 19, 2022. (The service will be held in the back of cemetery.)
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Hebron**  
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Falls 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: Hickman**  
Please pray for Hickman Presbyterian Church as we continue to chart a course through these challenging times for all of us. We are working with some leadership transitions and trying to find a part-time children and youth director. We are also continuing to try to find new ways to serve the community and the world at large, including helping Afghan refugees in Lincoln, supporting a program for differently abled persons in Cameroon, and collecting school supplies for Zambia, among many others. Please pray that God would send us the people and resources we need to continue our work!
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Humboldt**  
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Humboldt 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: Laurel**  
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Laurel 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: Ralston UCC** (Ralston, NE 68127)
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Plainview** First Congregational UCC (Plainview, NE 68796)
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Pierce UCC** (Pierce, NE 68767)
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Scribner** First Congregational UCC (Scribner, NE 68057)

## 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.

[juliegraham@frontier.com](mailto:juliegraham@frontier.com) 531-218-4374

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2023



The Stewardship letter and pledge cards will be mailed out with the 3rd quarter statements the first part of October. Please return the pledge cards to the church or complete your pledge online by November 18! We look forward to another successful pledge campaign!

Stewardship Committee

## FUNERAL COMMITTEE 1

Co Chairs: Tim & Chris Warren, Bill & Jean Royer, Shirley Johnson, Roland & Jeannie Johnson

Members: Jesse & Marilyn Abrego, Don & Connie Anderson, Bob & Wilma Arp, Roland & Doris Augspurger, Lee Augustin, Carol Bottum, Robyn Bower, Ruth Erwin, Bev Fry, Marc & Megan Graybill, John & Anita Hahn, Mary Hull, Elsie Ita, Bill Irby, Dorsie & Pat Ivy, Gary & Sue Jacobs, Neil & Janice Jensen, Cliff & Jeannie Jensen, Mark Lambert, Clark & Robin Lehr, Dylan & Miranda Micek, Terry & Beth Millard, Louise Moran, Mary Norton, John & Nila Novotny, John & Marilyn Petersen, Neal Peterson, Aaron & Carrie Prokopec, Gary Puckett, Gary & Ann Robertson, Peg Rupprecht, Clint & Kelli Scheffler, Deanna Scheidegger, Pat Scheuneman, Kathy Senior, Marian Staroscik, Bob & Judy Tupper, Calvin & Alison Wagner, John & Brenda Wardman, Fred & Cindy Wunderlich, Ardell & Marcene 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

Many thanks to Clete Arasmith and his students at St. Ed school for selecting the Platte County Food Pantry to receive the amazing quantity of food the students raised and gathered!

Thank you so much for your continued support!

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...”*<sup>1</sup>

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 August, we helped a Veteran with a night’s stay at a local motel while he was travelling through Columbus!

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

<sup>1</sup> Excerpt from ‘In Ministry Together; Federated Church -- A Centennial History; July 2, 1014 - 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](http://missionheartworld.weebly.com)

## 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!



## 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



THANK YOU to the September Meals on Wheels volunteers. Twenty-even generous individuals filled 8 routes for 4 days. Each route took approximately an hour, and we were greeted with smiling faces and big thank you's at each home.

We want to thank the following long-time members who will no longer be serving: Dave & Rae Fulton (since 2007), Peg & Paul Rupprecht (2014), Ben & Marilyn Vrana (2008). Another group has been active since at least 1990 but we could not trace records back farther.

Thank you to Renee Bellum for many years of serving as lead Meals on Wheels Coordinator for Federated. She has faithfully and efficiently coordinated this program with the help of other dedicated scheduling coordinators. Renee will be stepping down and Kathy Leischner will assume this position. Please continue to give Kathy and other coordinators your generous support.

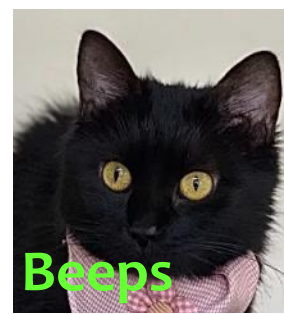
Also, please consider volunteering for this rewarding ministry. We deliver every 10 weeks, you are not committed to serving every time and every day, the hours are minimal, and the satisfaction you receive is immeasurable. Call or text Kathy (402-276-7415) if you can join us.

## 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 - August 2022	
<b>General Funds (Checking):</b>	<b>\$31,486.89</b>
Contributions	\$31,123.89
Rent	\$340.00
Misc. Income-School Bag Project	\$23.00
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$2,173.55</b>
Youth Fund	\$49.04
Building Maintenance	\$24.51
2023 Pledge	\$2,000.00
Helping Hands-Non-Members	\$100.00
<b>Memorials:</b>	<b>\$2,045.00</b>
Undesignated	\$1,970.00
Landscaping	\$75.00
<b>Interest Income:</b>	<b>\$121.45</b>
Savings	\$121.45

Expenses - August 2022	
<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$33,228.71</b>
Utilities	\$1,986.51
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$31,203.90
Misc. Expense-School Bag Project	\$23.00
Misc. Expense-Vanco Monthly Fees	\$15.30
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$6,239.10</b>
Family Choice-Sound System Upgrade	\$3,378.71
Helping Hands-Non-Members	\$78.89
General Savings - Pulpit Supply	\$1,217.50
Installation Ceremony	\$1,564.00
<b>Memorial Fund:</b>	<b>\$257.99</b>
Undesignated (Kitchen Supplies)	\$12.99
Family Choice (Reese Gausman)	\$245.00



# Happy Birthday

Renee Norris	10/1	Leroy Kallweit	10/19
Sue McClure	10/9	Linda Wheatley	10/22
Ron Lambert, Steve McClure, Ellie Micek	10/11	Jenna Mares	10/23
Pat Anderson, Alex Garcia Lopez	10/12	Mark Hegi	10/26
Steve Dewald, Sharon Kunch, Tim Rathje	10/18	Margaret Trew	10/30
		Diana Gartrell, Bill Irby	10/31

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

## SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTIONS 2022

As you may have noticed, Social Concerns & Missions Committee have been holding quarterly drives for local benevolences. During the first quarter (Jan. - March), they collected peanut butter for the Backpack Program. Second quarter (Apr. - June), found us gathering paper goods for Center for Survivors.

From July to September (3rd Qtr.), Paws & Claws, the local humane society, received cleaning supplies. This quarter, from October to December, they will be collecting new scarves, hats, socks and mittens for those in need this winter. Let's do our best to finish this year strong and gather as many of these items as possible to keep others warm during this cold season!



## 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.

<b>Committee or Group</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Meeting Day/Time</b>
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	<i>To be determined</i>
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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## OCTOBER 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.