

FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 2 Memorial Service for Virginia Smith
 - October 3 World Communion Sunday
 - October 10 Soup & Soap Fundraiser
 - October 17 Children's Sabbath
 - October 28 Trunk or Treat, 4 8pm
- October 31 Annual Fall Congregational Meeting
 - November 7 Heritage Sunday with Potluck

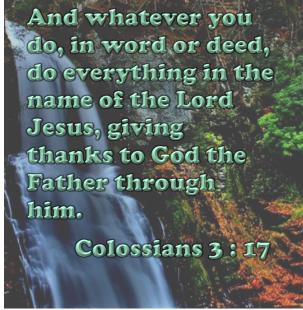


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From the Pastor's Desk

Fall is a fitting season for thanksgiving. Farmers are hard at work gathering their harvest. As gardening comes to an end this year, my wife and I are grateful for this year's bounty - especially for the zucchini seed that produced much more than we could consume.

During the month of October, several of our church committees are hard at work preparing for various events:



- Social Concerns & Missions Committee is collected gently used coats to share with those in need.
- In addition, they are organizing ten buckets full of supplies for disaster relief three of which will be prepared by Women's Circles.
- Stewardship Committee is requesting your financial support. Please prayerfully consider pledging for next year's contributions.
- Membership & Growth Committee is planning to host Trunk or Treat in the southwest parking lot near the end of October. They are looking for people to decorate their car trunk and/or donate candy.

On October 31, we will have our Fall Congregational Meeting. Before then, our Nominating Committee will be asking people to serve a committee / Governing Council / Order of St. Andrew.

There is more information on these various events in this month's newsletter and

upcoming church-wide emails.

Thank you for your support! Edward Yang



EDUCATION HOUR KICK-OFF

Education Hour resumed on Sunday, September 12th with special guests from the Horn T Zoo. Students enjoyed meeting, petting and learning about God's amazing creation. Thank you Horn T Zoo for sharing your animals with us.



TEACHER COMMISSIONING

Thank you to our education hour teachers who answered God's call to serve. Kristi Wolfe, Heidi Klevemann, Nicole Miller, Lisa Perrin, Max Porter, Katie Claus, Mark Weeder, Edward Yang and Brenda Sand were commissioned as teachers for the 2021-2022 academic year.

ACOLYTE COMMISSIONING

Congratulations to the following students who have been commissioned to serves as acolytes. Tessa Miller, Meg Weeder, Celilne & Elyena Perrin, Hunter Yang, Brinlee Klevemann and Alyse Wolfe, thank you for sharing God's light with our congregation.

BIBLES FOR 3 YEAR OLDS

Federated Church presented bibles to our 3 year olds on September 26th. Students receiving bibles this year are Ellie Micek, Violet Graybill, Dominic Oran, Raeya Curtis, Cooper & Hudson Luedtke and Addilyn Ternus.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY FUNDAY

Federated Youth assembled doll houses to be auctioned off at the Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser on October 10th. Special thanks to Kevin and Lisa Perrin and Heidi Klevemann served as construction supervisors. And a great big thank you to Melanie Knoepfle for bringing this project to our group.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 9th

Sunday Funday – Saturday Edition

Roca Berry Farm Pumpkin Patch & Scary Farm Depart from Federated Church at 1 PM

October 17th

Children's Sabbath

During Sunday School children will participate in a service project to benefit children in our community.

Homestead Presbytery Bucket Challenge!

The Homestead Presbytery is challenging all churches in the Presbytery to fill buckets for Disaster Relief for those affected by hurricanes, floods and fires. If our Presbytery churches rises to the challenge, we can fill close to 500 buckets. You can help by picking up an index card each with one item on it and return it to the church the next week. Every week there will be a new card. By November 1st we should have 8 buckets filled. The two remaining buckets will be filled by Circle One and Circle Four. The buckets were purchased by the Social Concerns and Mission Committee.

Introducing... Kathy, Office Assistant!

Kathy Zywiec was born and raised in Columbus, graduating from CHS in 1978. She received her Computer Science degree in Omaha, where she lived on an acreage outside of city limits for 36 years. She raised three amazing children, Will, Nicci and Michael, who are successful, smart, caring people! Her kids are her world, especially now that she has her grandson, Lincoln, a true miracle baby! She is married to her best friend, Chuck (also born and raised in Columbus) and she says it has been the most



amazing eight years! They just recently purchased a new house and are looking forward to downsizing.

In 2013, she started a business called JobsGuide LLC. She is very excited to sell the business and 'slow down', which is why she is ecstatic that she is now working here! "The staff members are great and I am happy for a nice atmosphere to work in and to keep my mind busy with a new job." She will begin working Monday through Friday in Mid-October, so stop in and meet this brilliant, smiling lady!

Homestead Presbytery to Sew School Bags

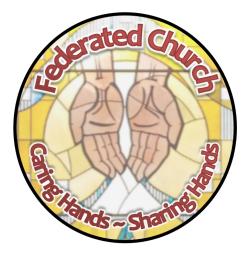
Thank you for your response to the request for kid friendly material. I will be delivering enough to make approximately 75 school bags. Thanks again. ~Anita Hahn

During their Annual Meeting next June, Homestead Presbytery will be sewing School Bags. They are requesting "kid-friendly" fabric, about 1/2 yard per bag. Our very own Anita Hahn offered to gather and deliver the collected fabric to Good Shepherd Presbyterian in Lincoln. Thank you very much, Anita!!

OSA "Caring Hands, Sharing Hands"!

The Order of St. Andrew "Caring Hands, Sharing Hands" members have been busy preparing and freezing casseroles to be shared with church members who may need a comforting meal and visit throughout the year. If you know a member who could benefit, please let the church office know.







Thank you from Lee

For many years, you members of Federated's congregation have been so very supportive... and now, your generosity with loving words and money gifts is truly humbling. As individuals, each of us finds our "comfort zone ways" in which to serve our God... my spot just happened to have volume!!!

Again, my sincere appreciation to each of you. - Lee Augustin

Easy Online Giving Options Available



Give online for a quick and easy way to contribute without leaving the sanctity of your home!

Three options are currently available:

- 1) Online Giving press the "GIVE" button on the website
- 2) Mobile app click the 'here' link underneath the "GIVE" button for instructions
- 3) <u>ACH transfer</u> call Chrissy at the church office for information.

September Joys & Concerns

- ◆ Pray for Rebecca Timperley as "healing seems to be going slow" yet "much more rapidly than expected". She will find out soon if another leg surgery is needed. Pray also for Paula as she takes care of Rebecca.
- Pray for family of Melinda Badura, niece of Wayne & Jill McCormick. Melinda passed away on September 9, 2021.
- Pray for family of Delaney Lopour, grandmother of Lacey Ternus. Delaney passed away on September 9, 2021.
- ◆ Pray for family of Ann Love, mother of Robin & Clark Lehr. Ann passed away on September 10, 2021 and funeral services were on September 16th.
- ◆ Pray for the family of William (Bill) Neater, brother of Joan Specht. Bill passed away on August 11th at his home from natural causes. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11am on Saturday, September 11th at Wunderlich's. Friends and loved ones are invited to attend.
- Congratulations to Mitchell & Brea Griffith who shared their wedding vows at Federated Church on Saturday, September 18th.
- ◆ Pray for Rebecca Timperley as she deals with tremendous amounts of pain. Thankfully there are signs of healing with bone regeneration and physical therapy.
- From Homestead Presbytery: **Gresham**Forgive us, O God, for our arrogance. For too long we have relied on our own efforts, our own morality, our own spirits. We have depended on walking our own paths and wandered in our own valley of spiritual elitism. Show us Your ways, O God. Make clear Your paths; that we might seek, knock, and find. Bless our church. Make it as beautiful inside as it is now on the outside. Give us the ability to share our faith with future

saints in humility and wisdom gained from decades of walking with You. Bring clarity to our vision so that we see only You and Your way forward. In joyful freedom of spirit we pray.

- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: *Falls City* 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.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: Fremont
 Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity
 of the Fremont 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: Fairbury The Fairbury Presbyterian Church is blessed with a caring church family. We are currently without a pastor and have had wonderful pulpit supply each Sunday. We would ask for your prayers as we begin to search for our spiritual leader. In August our deacons hosted the annual Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch for the Fairbury Public Schools, serving 130. As fall approaches we thank God for our team ministries and the support they give to our church family and community. We have teachers in place for our Preschool - Adult classes. In October the deacons will be hosting the annual Harvest Festival. A big community event. Our Worship Team is working on upgrading our technology so we are more visible to our church family and beyond. We give thanks to Sue Babovec and Leanne Masters for their leadership and guidance as we continue to serve in ministry. God is Great!



Federated Church

"We are called to nurture a growing relationship with God by following the example of Jesus Christ."



September 26, 2020

Dear Federated Church Members,

The 2021 stewardship drive is now beginning. "Rooted in Love" is the theme this year, which is based on Psalm 1:3a, "They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield fruit in its season." This theme and supporting materials presented throughout the stewardship drive were compiled by the United Church of Christ (UCC). During the month of October this UCC material will be shared in the church bulletins and newsletters.

Unlike in years past, a commitment card isn't included with this letter. Instead, the commitment card will be included with your third quarter giving statement, or in a separate mailing in late October. The intent of this change is to allow for reflection on the various stewardship-related messages presented throughout the drive which may impact your church support decisions.

Being "Rooted in Love", we have faith that generous giving will "yield the fruit" of supporting God's plan for Federated Church, the local community and beyond.

Thank you for your generosity!

Blessings, The Stewardship Committee Rooted in LOVE

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

Psalm 1:3a

Newsletter Article: "Why Church?"

By Rev. Rachel Bauman, St. John's UCC, Wisconsin Conference



Recently I was asked "why church?" by someone who had grown up without organized religion and wanted to understand why someone would invest their time, talent and treasure within a faith community. My reflexive answer, borrowed from St. Augustine, was "because our hearts are restless until they rest in God."

Raising an eyebrow my friend replied, "Even if that was self-evidently true, it still does not answer the question. Clearly it is possible to encounter the Divine Presence outside of church."

In struggling to explain, I found myself using the needs-based language I've learned through the practice of Non-Violent Communication (NVC). NVC posits that all behavior is an attempt to meet universal human needs. Explicitly naming the needs we are seeking to meet through our actions creates greater understanding between us. So, here is an (abbreviated) list of the needs I told my friend are met for me through participation in Christian community.

Shared Reality: As a community we believe different things, but we share an understanding that there is 'Something More' that gives life meaning beyond our individual identities and experiences. We share a commitment to following in the way of Jesus.

Self-Expression & Contribution: Church was where my leadership skills were first named, noticed and nurtured and where I was encouraged to claim and use my voice.

Effectiveness: Through church I am part of a collective body that has the power, through our actions and advocacy, to bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice a little quicker and more effectively than my individual efforts alone.

Challenge: Church challenges me to align my behavior with my values and beliefs, holding me lovingly accountable to being my most authentic self.

The list goes on: compassion, celebration, belonging, beauty, inspiration, connection . . .

There is no community that will meet all my needs all the time. But during this season of stewardship as I reflect on what value the church has in my life, I am grateful for how many of my needs are met consistently through my engagement with the United Church of Christ. And, equally important, how investing my time, talent and treasure in this community of faith provides the opportunity to contribute to meeting the needs of others.

More Stewardship materials are coming soon. Watch your mailboxes, the website, and social media for updates and more information!

Social Concerns and Missions Committee Donations

The Social Concerns and Missions Committee is asking the congregation to participate in the monthly donations to the following agencies. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect these donations. Thank you for your help!

October-November-December

Mittens, caps, socks to be put on an "Angel Tree" in the Narthex and delivered to the Rescue Mission

Submitted by Katie Claus

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 for 2021

Many thanks to all the volunteers who signed up to provide meals to the Rescue Mission! We have each week filled and accounted for the

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The PNC progress is going steady. They are currently going through a large number of computer matched applicants and contacting them individually to see if there is interest in our church.

It's a SOUP AND SOAP SUNDAY!



Fundraiser for
Operation Education Nairobi
Soup is free will offering
All soaps \$5.00
Sugar Scrubs \$5.00 and \$10.00



Center for Survivors

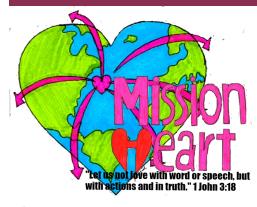
The Center's needs often change due to shortages or surpluses of certain items.

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. For more information, go to: missionheartworld.weebly.com Some donation suggestions include: Clothing items, Linens (bedding, towels, washcloths), School supplies (pencils/pens, notebooks, crayons, etc.), Baby items (furniture, cloth diapers, blankets, toys, clothes, bottles/cups/spoons, Sewing supplies

(batting, bias tape, thread & material - flannel, cotton, polyester, fleece), Medical supplies (walkers/crutches, glasses, hearing aids, braces, slings, blood pressure cuffs, wheelchairs, stethoscopes, thermometers, etc.), O.T.C. medications (chewable vitamins - adult & child, iron pills, Vitamin B6, Pre-natal vitamins, first-aid creams), Gallon-sized or Quart-sized zipping bags, Empty pill bottles, Travel-sized soaps, shampoos/conditioners & lotions

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 Dave, Meow, Diego and Zen.





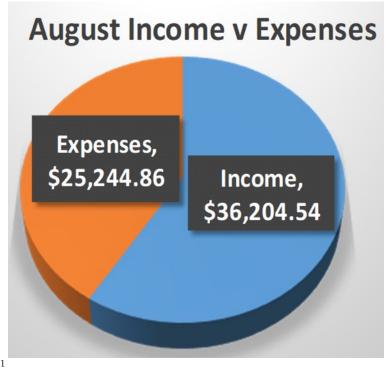




Finance at a Glance

Contributions - August 2021				
General Funds (Checking):	\$35,133.99			
Contributions	\$35,118.99			
Misc. Income	\$15.00			
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$1,011.37			
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$21.62			
Ghana Partnership	\$25.00			
Habitat for Humanity	\$50.00			
Youth Fund (can recycling)	\$129.75			
Church Activity (Car Window Stickers)	\$65.00			
Appreciation Gift (Lee Augustin)	\$25.00			
Haiti Disaster - PC(U.S.A)	\$250.00			
Haiti Disaster - UCC	\$250.00			
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$170.00			
Education Hour	\$25.00			
Memorials	\$45.00			
Undesignated	\$45.00			
Interest Income:	\$14.18			
Savings	\$14.18			

Expenses - August 2021				
General Fund Expenses:	\$24,940.01			
Utilities	\$2,499.50			
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$22,425.04			
Foundation Expense (printing)	\$0.47			
Misc. Expenses	\$15.00			
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$142.25			
Church Van Fund	\$42.25			
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$100.00			
Memorial Fund:	\$162.60			
Undesignated (coffee for Café LaFed)	\$162.60			



Happy Birthday!

Renee Norris	10/1	Linda Wheatley	10/22
Sue McClure, Don Schaufelberger	10/9	Jenna Mares	10/23
Ron Lambert, Steve McClure, Ellie Micek	10/11	Mark Hegi	10/26
Pat Anderson, Alex Garcia	10/12	Ken Schultz	10/27
Steve Dewald, Sharon Kuncl, Tim Rathje	10/18	Roger Hare, Margaret Trew	10/30
Leroy Kallweit, Ruth Lind	10/19	Diana Gartrell, Bill Irby	10/31
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If you see a mistake or missing information on this page, call the church office so we can update our records.

Happy Anniversary

Happy 68th Anniversary to Chris & Lauretta Dixon! ~ October 6th

Congratulations!!

2021 Committee Chairs and Meeting Days/Times

In the table below you can find the 2021 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	Chairperson	Meeting Day/Time	
Christian Education	Renee Norris	2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm	
Endowment	To be determined	To be determined	
Finance & Property	Marv Zoucha	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm	
Membership & Growth	Nila Novotny	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm	
Nominating	Wayne McCormick	To be determined	
Order of St. Andrew	Laura Porter	1st Monday of the month, 5:15pm	
Personnel	John McClure	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm	
Social Concerns & Missions	Katie Claus	2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm	
Stewardship	Roland Augspurger	3rd Thursday of the month, 5:30pm	
Worship & Music	Alison Wagner	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm	
Youth Ministry	Wayne McCormick, VP	2nd Sunday of the month, 11am	
Pastor Nominating Committee	Tim Warren, President	Weekly, if necessary, day and time pending	
Foundation	Larry Mares, President	Quarterly	
Governing Council	Tim Warren, President Wayne McCormick, 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!

OCTOBER 2021

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2	Song of Solomon 5 \square	Song of So	lomon 6 🗆		1 Timothy 5 □	
3	S. of S. 7 🗆 S. of S.	8 Psalm	99 🗌 Psal	m 100 🗆	Psalm 101 □	
4	Isaiah 1 □		Isaiah 2 🗆		1 Timothy 6 □	
5	Isaiah 3 🗆	Isaiah 4 🗆	Isaial	h 5 🗆 📗 🛚	2 Timothy 1 🗆	
6	Isaiah 6 □		Isaiah 7 🗆	2 Timothy 2 🗆		
7	Isaiah 8 🗆	Isaiah 9 🗆		Psalm 102 □		
8	Isaiah 10 □	Isaiah 11 □	Isaiah	12 🗆	2 Timothy 3 🗆	
9	Isaiah 13 □	I:	saiah 14 🗆		2 Timothy 4 🗆	
10	Isaiah 15 □	l:	saiah 16 🗆		Psalm 103 □	
11	Isaiah 17 🗆 🛮 Isaiah 🤇	18 🗆 📗 Isaiah	19 🗌 Isa	iah 20 🗆	Titus 1 🗆	
12	Isaiah 21 □	l:	saiah 22 🗆		Titus 2 🗆	
13	Isaiah 23 🗆	I:	saiah 24 🗆		Titus 3 🗆	
14	Isaiah 25 □	I:	saiah 26 🗆		Psalm 104 □	
15	Isaiah 27 □	I:	saiah 28 🗆		Philemon 🗆	
16	Isaiah 29 □	I:	saiah 30 🗆		Hebrews 1 🗆	
17	Isaiah 31 □	I:	saiah 32 🗆		Psalm 105 □	
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19	Isaiah 35 □	I:	saiah 36 🗆		Hebrews 3 □	
20	Isaiah 37 □	I:	saiah 38 🗆		Hebrews 4 🗆	
21	Isaiah 39 □	I:	saiah 40 🗆		Psalm 106 □	
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23	Isaiah 43 □	I:	saiah 44 🗆		Hebrews 6 □	
24	Isaiah 45 □	I:	saiah 46 🗆		Psalm 107 □	
25	Isaiah 47 □	I:	saiah 48 🗆		Hebrews 7 🗆	
26	Isaiah 49 □	l:	saiah 50 🗆		Hebrews 8 □	
27	Isaiah 51 □	I:	saiah 52 🗆		Hebrews 9 🗆	
28	Isaiah 53 🗆	Isaiah 54 🗆	Psalm 1	L08 🗆	Psalm 109 □	
29	Isaiah 55 🗆	l:	saiah 56 🗆		Hebrews 10 🗆	
30	Isaiah 57 🗆	l:	saiah 58 🗆		Hebrews 11 🗆	
31	Isaiah 59 🗆	Isaiah 60 🗆	Psalm 1	L10 🗆	Psalm 111 🗆	

Federated Church: Year of the Bible

Bible Reading Sharing & Discussion Group will meet on October 25th at 3pm in person and online. Please see our weekly emails and Facebook posts for the Zoom information. If this day and time does not work, please let Pastor Edward know what time works for you.



FEDERATED CHURCH

PLEASE HELP OTHERS KEEP WARM THIS WINTER

Donate new or gently used (washed) coats or jackets of any size to <u>Federated Church</u> to be distributed to people in need of a coat or jacket---men, women, and children.

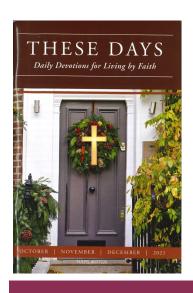
Please bring coats and jackets to Federated Church (2704 15th St) during the hours of 8:00—4:30 weekdays or drop them off at church services. If none of those times are convenient, please contact the church office and we will arrange a time with you.

If you are in need of a coat or jacket, please stop by the north parking lot of Federated Church on Saturday, October 9th and 16th from 10:00—2:00 There is no charge—just warm wishes for a cold winter!

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4th Quarter These Days is now available!

Items for Sale!!!

Church members and family:

We are offering two brown filing cabinets, one is locking & fire-safe, an avocado-green fridge, four bundles of shingles and a stereo to our congregants, friends and family! If you would like pictures or are interested in these items, contact the church office with your best offer!

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. Nov. 2021 Newsletter deadline will be October 20th, 2021.