



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS



- ♦ Labor Day, September 5th, Church Building Closed
- ♦ Pastor Edward Returns from Sabbatical, September 6th
- ♦ September 7th, Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume
- ♦ Education Hour Kick-Off, September 11th

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. October 2022 Newsletter deadline will be September 20th, 2022.

ACTING HEAD OF STAFF REPORT

It has been my pleasure to serve Federated Church as Acting Head of Staff during Pastor Edward's sabbatical. I want to thank you all for your prayers and encouraging words, as well, as your grace and patience as I tackled this role. I have learned a lot over the past three months and would like to share a couple of the things I learned with you.

Pastoring a congregation is not a 9-5 job. (Ok, so I already knew that and I'm sure you did too.) Sunday morning and Thursday evening services and weeknight committee meetings make for an unusual work schedule. Pastors are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Pastoral care is a very integral of ministry for which pastors have great passion. I can only imagine how difficult it must have been for Pastor Edward to be on leave as members of our congregation faced health issues and loss of loved ones. But being on call 24/7 can be physically, mentally, and spiritually draining – even for those who are called to ministry. That is why sabbatical leave is so important for clergy.

While a pastor is a key part of a church, the pastor is not the church. During pastor's absence, the governing council and various church committees carried on the work of the church. The Order of St. Andrew cared for members in our congregation who faced medical issues or experienced loss. Several church members bravely shared their faith from the pulpit. We had a successful garage sale and bake sale. Ushers, liturgists, communion servers, funeral committees, and the sound booth crew continued to serve as usual. Members attended worship and continued to support Federated Church. I want to thank each one of you for your commitment to Federated Church and for helping make Pastor Edward's sabbatical possible.

Pastor Edward will be returning to duty on September 6th! That's only 10 days, 8 hours and 35 minutes from now – but who's counting? We will be celebrating the return of Education Hour with our Sunday School Kick-Off Event on Sunday, September 11th. Education Hour at 9:00 am, Worship at 10:00 am and Lunch and Ice Cream Social at 11:00 am.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Brenda Sand

AUGUST 2022 GOVERNING COUNCIL SUMMARY

The August meeting of the Federated Church Governing Council was held on August 23, 2022. Members present were Donna Augspurger, Katie Claus, Julie Graham, John McClure, John McPhail, Renee Norris, Alison Wagner, Mark Weeder, Acting Head of Staff Brenda Sand, Secretary Louise Moran, and President Wayne McCormick. Absent were Jesse Abrego, Mimi Ernst, and Rev. Edward Yang.

Mark Weeder gave the Finance and Property Committee report. Discussion was held on the sanctuary sound system update and the Organ Update Project.

The following motions were made and approved:

- To approve the June Governing Council meeting minutes.
- To receive the financial reports.
- To receive the Finance and Property report.
- To receive the emailed Standing Committee reports.
- To receive the Acting Head of Staff written report
- To affirm the email vote to approve the membership of Patricia Blocker (transfer back from the Christ Chapel Church of Lake Havasu City, AZ)
- To approve the recommendations of the Social Concerns and Mission committee to add Operation Education Nairobi as a local benevolence and mission of Federated Church.
- To appoint Terry and Andree Hoeman as Co-Historians for Federated Church

Other items discussed:

- Pastor Edward's return on Sept. 6.
- The proposed 2023 budget to be acted upon at the September meeting and to be presented for approval at the Fall Congregational meeting.

Submitted by Wayne McCormick, President

COLUMBUS DAYS 2022

Thank you to all involved in organizing, volunteering and preparing for the Columbus Days activities this year! The Diaper Changing/Nursing Station, the free coffee and the float all went quite smoothly and were all a hit!

Good job everyone, and thank you so much for your time and talents that went into making this year another success!



MANY, MANY THANK YOU'S!

- ~ Thank you to Harold & Rogalyn Stevens for taking the electronics up to Norfolk for recycling!
- ~ Thank you to Andree & Terry Hoeman for continuing to take the Church recycling!
 - ~ Thank you to Andree & Terry Hoeman for taking over the Church Historian position!
- ~ Thank you to all the guest preachers over the last three months:
Rev. Kenn Leishner, Julie Graham, Katie Claus, Doug Williams, Brenda Sand, Bob Arp, Rev. Stephen Earl, Rev. Jane Holtzclaw!
- ~ Thank you to all who volunteered to do special music!
- ~ Thank you to all involved with the Patriotic Concert - July 1st
- ~ Thank you to all the helpers and volunteers who answered the call for:
 - ♦ Vacation Bible Camp - June 13 - 17
 - ♦ Garage & Bake Sale - July 23rd
 - ♦ Missoula Children's Theatre - July 25 - 29
 - ♦ Carpet Cleaning - first week of August
 - ♦ Columbus Days - August 11 - 14
- ~ Thank you, Pastor Adam Lassen, for pastoral care needs throughout the summer!

SOCIAL CONCERNS & MISSIONS COMMITTEE SCHOOL KIT PROJECT

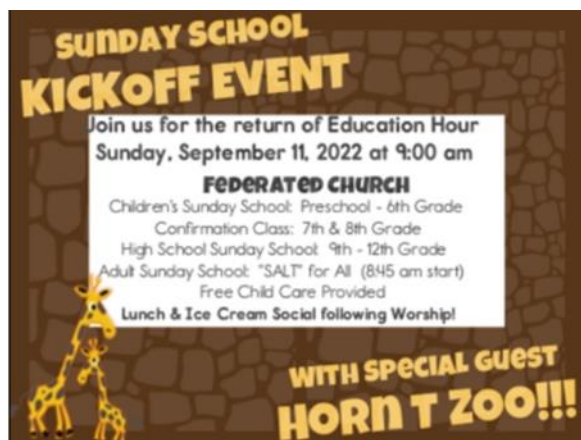


The Social Concerns and Mission Committee thanks Federated members for the success of the School Kit Mission project. Committee Member Paula Lange will deliver 54 school kits in cloth bags as well as another 20 cloth bags to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. They in turn, have a truck that will collect all items, school kits, clean up buckets and

hygiene kits and deliver them to the distribution center near Little Rock, Arkansas. Many thanks to Anita Hahn for organizing this project and for Elsie Ita, Louise Moran and Anita Hahn for sewing the bags.

EDUCATION HOUR RESUMES!

Join us for the return of Sunday School!!!



The beginning of the school year is a great time to invite friends, family, or neighbors to Federated Church. Post card invites are available for pick-up at the church, via email and as a shareable event on Facebook. Help us spread the word!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children preschool – 6th grade will continue with the Whirl Classroom curriculum from Sparkhouse. Kids will learn what it's like to live out their faith with videos of animated characters who face questions and challenges related to the daily bible theme.

Students will earn "Seed Store" points for attendance, memorizing bible verses, participating in class etc. Points can be redeemed for prizes in the Seed Store throughout the year.

Students will also participate in the children's bell choir and perform periodically throughout the year.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation students (7th & 8th graders) will be testing out a new curriculum from the PCUSA, "Big Questions." Confirmation class is held on the second floor – youth area.

Student/Parent/Mentor Informative Meeting

Sunday, September 18th 9:00 am
Confirmation Classroom

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for high school students meets in the youth group room on the second floor. Curriculum for this class will be determined after seeking input from students.

YOUTH GROUP

Federated Church is committed to youth. Youth, grades 5th-12th, are invited to participate in our youth group. The youth group meets once a month for Sunday Fundays, following worship.

Friends are always welcome at Federated Church!
All are welcome!!!

Sunday Funday

September 25, 2022 - Following Worship

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Sunday School Teacher (grade 3rd – 6th)
- Nursery Volunteers (once per month)
- Teacher & Nursery Substitutes
- Youth Group Adult Volunteers

Please contact Brenda Sand if you are interested in learning more.

brenda@federatedcolumbus.org

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

Did you know ways you can use salt:

Pick up a dropped egg. If an egg breaks on the kitchen floor, sprinkle salt on the mess and leave it there for 20 minutes. You'll be able to wipe it right up.

Soothe a bee sting. Wet the sting right away, then cover it with salt.

Eliminate a grease fire. Pour salt on top to smother it.

Clean up oven spills. If food boils over onto the oven floor, sprinkle salt on top to stop smoke and odor from forming. When the oven is cool, it'll be easy to brush away the spot.

Make cream whip more easily and egg whites whip faster and higher. Add a pinch of salt.

If you think that information is interesting, just wait till you come to class! For example: Did you know that “whale” is never mentioned in the book of Jonah? That God is never mentioned in the book of Esther? Did you know that Jesus was not an only child? (He had at least 4 brothers mentioned by name and at least 2 unnamed sisters.) Discussion is a large part of each class. We value your opinion.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! COME JOIN US SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th!

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.

At this point, all the equipment has arrived and is being stored. We believe installation will take place in September. Watch the bulletins for more updates!

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR AUGUST 2022

- ♦ Please pray for Kathy Orr. Kathy would like phone calls and cards, but no food or visitors please. Kathy is at home.
- ♦ Please pray for Beverly Fry who is recovering from a broken hip.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Richard (Dick) Fry. He passed away on August 14th, funeral services pending.
- ♦ Please pray for Toby Sand and family. Toby had hip surgery on Friday, August 12th.
- ♦ Congratulations to Michael & Rachael Griffith, who welcome daughter Helena Rae, born July 10th. Grandparents are Bob & Annette Griffith.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Carol Kaspar. Carol passed away on Thursday, August 25th. Funeral arrangements are pending.
- ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Dunbar**
Dunbar Presbyterian Celebrated 150 years in November of 2021. Please continue to pray for our little church and its members! We are all like family in our small church!
- ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Fairbury**
- ♦ God has abundantly blessed our church. Our church family is loving and active in the mission God has called us to. We do have a number of members who are experiencing difficulties and medical concerns. Please pray for their comfort and healing. We are busy planning for our upcoming Sunday School and Confirmation Class. We are so very blessed to have such wonderful teachers who guide our children and teach them about our faith. We are planning for some special events including lunch for our community's teachers, Harvest Festival, and a few others. It is our prayer that by engaging with our community, we can meet people where they are and lead them to Christ. We would like to thank all of our church leaders. Our Elders, Deacons, Christian Education, and Worship Teams, among many others, guide us in our faith and worship in a wonderful way. We appreciate them all. Please pray for our church and our mission as we work to shine the light of Christ in this dark world.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Fremont**
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.
- ♦ **UCC Living Waters Association:**
Newcastle Congregation UCC (Newcastle, NE 68757)
- ♦ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Norfolk First Congregation UCC (Norfolk, NE 68701)
- ♦ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Omaha Countryside Community Church UCC (Omaha, NE 68114)

Our Destiny: Assured

Saturday, November 5th, 7:00 pm, Federated Church, Columbus, NE

Join us in singing contemplative music affirming our ultimate destiny

We Will Sing this Music with String Quintet, Harp and Organ

- John Rutter – The Lord is my Shepherd
- Gabriel Fauré – Requiem (Sung in English)

We Will Be Accompanied by the Columbus Symphonic Strings

- Teresa Carr, Founder and Artistic Director
- James Sharpe, Conductor and Organist
- Timothy Matas, Rehearsal Assistant; Robert Arp, Diction Coach



Rehearsal Schedule

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| • Mondays | Sep 12 th – Oct 24 th | 7:00 – 8:30 PM | Federated Church |
| • Saturday | Oct 29 th | 9:30 – 11:30 AM | First United Methodist Church |
| • Friday | Nov 4 th | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | Federated Church |
| • Saturday | Nov 5 th | 5:30 – 6:30 PM | Federated Church |

Music Will Be Provided at Rehearsals - Let Us Know You Are Coming – JASharpe@UMich.edu

RECIPES: KATHY'S CHOICE

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN TACO SOUP

Julie Graham

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| 1 onion, chopped | 2 - 10 oz cans Diced Tomatoes with Green Chilies, undrained |
| 1 - 16 oz can Chili beans | 1 - 1.25 oz pkg. Taco Seasoning |
| 1 - 15 oz can Black beans, drained & rinsed | 3 whole skinless, boneless chicken breasts |
| 1 - 15 oz can Whole Kernel corn drained | Optional: shredded Cheddar cheese, sour cream, crushed tortilla chips |
| 1 - 8 oz can Tomato Sauce | |
| 1 - 12 oz can beer | |

Place the onion, beans, corn, tomato sauce, beer and diced tomatoes in a slow cooker. Add taco seasoning & stir to blend. Lay chicken breast on top of the mixture, press down lightly till just covered. Cook on low 5 hours. Remove chicken & shred and add back to pot. Cook on low 2 more hours. Serve with optional toppings.

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.

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

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 July, we helped three families with fuel.

Total donations from Jan. 1 through July 31, 2022: \$500.00

Total given to those in need from Jan. 1 through July 31, 2022: \$859.97

¹Excerpt 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, September 10th 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

MEALS ON WHEELS



Thank you to Cec Bartholomew and the crew of volunteers that delivered Meals on Wheels the week of July 27. Our next week of service is Sept. 5-9 with no meals delivered on Sept. 5, Labor Day. Coordinator will be Renee Bellum 402-563-2441 or 402-276-2454.

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.



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>

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.



Issac



Kiwi



Dixie



Angel

FINANCE AT A GLANCE

Contributions - July 2022	
General Funds (Checking):	\$27,180.17
Contributions (2022)	\$26,863.17
Misc. Income (Flossy Watson Scholarship)	\$317.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$1,555.00
Neighbors in Need	\$25.00
Building Maintenance	\$1,340.00
Operation Education Nairobi	\$40.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$150.00
Memorials:	\$750.00
Undesignated	\$630.00
Family Choice	\$95.00
Youth	\$25.00
Interest Income:	\$49.50
Savings	\$49.50

Total Income: \$29,534.67

Total Expenses: \$34,954.86

Balance: -\$8,420.19

Expenses - July 2022	
General Fund Expenses:	\$27,104.19
Utilities	\$1,945.96
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$24,831.23
Misc. Expense (Flossy Watson Scholarship)	\$317.00
Rent (Opening/Closing for Special Election)	\$10.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$7,562.87
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,424.81
Youth Fund	\$127.00
Landscaping	\$577.69
Disaster Relief	\$1,175.00
Family Choice (Sound System Upgrade)	\$3,831.12
Operation Education Nairobi	\$140.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$60.00
General Savings (Pulpit Supply)	\$200.00
General Savings (Landscaping)	\$27.25
Memorial Fund:	\$287.80
Undesignated (Kitchen Supplies)	\$62.80
Landscaping	\$225.00



Deb Curry	9/2	Carl Dries	9/16
Elsie Ita	9/3	Matt Miller, Roland Augspurger	9/17
Fred Wunderlich	9/4	Rachel Grisham	9/22
Annette Griffith	9/5	Renee Bellum, Sunnie Yang	9/24
Reagan Gausman, Violet Graybill, Miranda Micek, John Petersen, Val Rathje, Payton Swierczek	9/10	Lloyd Castner	9/26
Paula Timerperley	9/11	Dave Fulton, Brinlee Klevemann	9/28
Marian Staroscik, Calvin Wagner	9/13		

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

Happy Anniversary!

Clark & Marcia Grant, 30 years, September 19th
Mitchell & Brea Griffith, 1 year, September 18th
Drew & Kristi Wolfe, 20 years, September 28th



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	<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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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.