

FEDERATED CHURCH



Into Our New Century in the Spirit of Christ



Sunday, November 17 & Thursday, November 21, 2019



Welcome to Worship at Federated!

If you are new to Federated, please tell us on a “Visitors Card” & in a red Friendship Folder.

Children are welcome in worship at Federated. Children’s Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. The Library/“Cry Room” is child friendly. Child care is available Sundays in the Nursery.

Ushers are here to help you — please ask them if you need hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals — ushering this week are Rick Porter (Thurs.), Georgia Behlen, Rod Behlen and Brian Klevemann.

We are called Federated because on July 2, 1914, Columbus’ Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined to serve as one congregation.

Prayer requests can be shared on **Prayers Cards** in the pew pockets or **Prayer Chain** requests to the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call the Order of St. Andrew. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org for videos of worship and bulletins, and on TV at Noon on Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays and Sunday at 8pm.

In case of an emergency, the pastor’s cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2019 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Bill Royer, President (402-564-8012) Marcia Grant, Vice President Louise Moran, Secretary			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Jim Rains Office Manager jrains@federatedcolumbus.org
<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	Brenda Sand Temp. Christian Education Director brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	Chrissy Ford Bookkeeper & Publications Coord. cford@federatedcolumbus.org
Julie Graham	Linda Wheatley	Gene Hahn		
Kathy Leischner	Doug Williams	Judy Temme		
Gail Wurdeman	Steve McClure	Marv Zoucha	Lee Augustin, Organist	Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director
Financial Administrators:	Donna Augspurger Terry Millard	Robin Lehr Terry Norris	Stuart Gausman Bell Choir Director	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ♦ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office staff/pastor.
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery: "Falls City asks for prayers for our lay pastor Rick Martin. Rick had recent surgery and we hope he recovers quickly and is back in our pulpit soon... We especially ask for prayers as we study our future role in our community."
- ♦ Congratulations to Elizabeth Boettcher, who has been presented the Sertoma "Service to Mankind Award".
- ♦ Kayli King and Logan Fast exchanged wedding vows, Saturday, November 9th at Missouri Valley, Iowa. Kayli is the granddaughter of John and Anita Hahn and niece of Gene and Cola Hahn.
- ♦ Please pray for Rod Behlen's sister, Sharon Caley, who is in hospice care at Meridian Gardens.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, November 17

- 9:00am Education Hour, EC, Upper Rooms
- 9:00am Youth Trip to Omaha
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, November 18

- 12:00pm BIG PALS ~ LITTLE PALS, EC 8
- 6:45pm Membership & Growth Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 19

- 7:00am Tues. Morning Book Group, Fellow. Hall
- 8:00am Cookies N' More Bake Day, Fellow. Hall
- 1:00pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study, EC 8
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 20

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 4:30pm Lectionary Evening Bible Study, AD 2
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, November 21

- 5:00pm Cookies N' More, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, November 22

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, November 23

Sunday, November 24

- 9:00am Education Hour, EC, Upper Rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary
- 4:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Luke's

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Reminder — Sunday Education Hour

At 9:00 a.m.

Children go directly to their Education Center rooms
Youth to the Upstairs Rooms

Adult Education in Education Center Room 4/5

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, a time of prayer that is open to all, is held in our **sanctuary** from **11:30AM -12:30PM**. Whether you are new to prayer or have practiced for years, you are welcome here. If you have questions or prayer requests please contact: Church office – 402-564-2812

Email - fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org or

Barb Sanderson – 402-910-3586

Email - bjs.sanderson@gmail.com

TODAY! SPAGHETTI FEED - To support the Medical Mission Trip to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua in January 2020 will be held **Sunday, November 17, 2019 from 11:30am - 1:30pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 2720 28th Street, Columbus**. Cost is a Free Will Donation. Sponsored by Global Passion Ministries of Nebraska. Team members include: Tamra Boettcher, Scott Boettcher and Jody Dreifurst.

NEEDED: Story Tellers for Children's Sermon

The Christian Education Committee is asking for volunteers for the Children's Sermons to help Pastor Edward with the church service when he is preaching on Sundays. Please talk with Brenda Sand.

New book for the Christian Book Discussion Group

The book, "The Zealot: the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth" by Reza Aslan, will be the next book to be reviewed at the Tuesday morning Christian Book Discussion. Copies of this book are available at Amazon.com. Mark your calendars to meet with us at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, November 12th for a light breakfast and a stimulating discussion in Fellowship Hall. In preparation, read the introduction and first chapter of the book.

GREAT NEWS! OPERATION EDUCATION NAIROBI is now a non-profit organization. Please make donations out to "Operation Education Nairobi". Your contribution is tax-deductible. THANK YOU!

We recently had a **LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY** event. If you elected to have your complimentary 8x10 sent back to our organization for pick up, the photographs are now located in the Narthex (during service times) or the Church Office. If your portrait is not in the current shipment, it means it will be coming in a future shipment and we will notify you of when that occurs.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.

PRELUDE

*The Mountains Shall Sing
O, for a Heart to Praise My God
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano*

DALE WOOD
AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **(Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.)**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of Gods: We come to worship today to hear your good news,

All: to hear of faith, hope, and love ringing out from your kingdom.

One: We know that doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the strongest.

**All: Shape us into faithful hopeful people, fill us with your love that passes all understanding.
We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

* OPENING HYMN NO. 191

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of love: We confess we are sometimes impatient, and often unkind. We are quick to envy and find subtle ways to boast. There are times we are rude, and lift ourselves up as we put others down.

All: Loving God teach us to love.

One: God of love: We confess that we are quickly angered. We are quick to record how often we've been wronged. There are times we celebrate the misfortune of others.

All: Loving God teach us to love.

One: God of love: We confess that we put ourselves first. We're reluctant to give, and we are slow to sacrifice. There are times we hesitate to protect

All: Loving God teach us to love.

One: When we are tempted to judge, to assume the worst,

All: may love remind us to trust.

One: When we are tempted to despair, to assume all is lost,

All: may love remind us to hope.

One: When we are tempted to give up, to assume it will never happen,

All: may love remind us to persevere. Loving God teach us to love, Amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

One: Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

BELLS OF JOY ANTHEM (SUN.)

*Song of Thanks and Praise
Stuart Gausman, Director*

ARR. ROGERS

* PASSING THE PEACE

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. Let us share that peace with one another.

All: The peace of Christ be with you.

One: And also with you. Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

** As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.*

*** SING THE FAITH # 2036 (SUN.)**

Give Thanks

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

All children are invited to come forward for a special message.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alison Wagner, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 46

PEW BIBLE OLD TESTAMENT PAGE 517-518

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGE 175

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"The Things We Do Not Know"

Stephen Earl, Interim Executive Presbyter

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN No. 335**

Though I May Speak

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill Royer, Church President

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God's Grace

STEPHENSON

*** DOXOLOGY †**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We celebrate the victory of Christ's life, death, resurrection and ascension to rule at your side. By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty and establish Christ's reign of peace in every land and in every heart. Accept the offering of our lives in the service of Christ's kingdom. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN No. 260**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Recessional in G Major

HANDEL

All are welcome to Sunday fellowship, at Café LaFed, hosted by the Personnel Committee.

The Rev. Stephen G Earl is the Interim Executive Presbyter for Homestead Presbytery. He has served in ministry in the PCUSA for almost 40 years as: a missionary in Brazil; a pastor in small and large congregations in Washington State, Virginia, and South Carolina; 12 years as the Coordinator for International Volunteers and Mission Personnel for the General Assembly; and six years as the Associate Executive Presbyter for Ministry in the Presbytery of the Peaks (Central & Southwest Virginia). His passions in ministry include mentoring, coaching, and supporting pastors; working with congregations in transition; and cross-cultural service. He is a graduate of the University of Washington, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, and did his doctoral work at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Steve was born and raised in Port Townsend, WA, about two hours from the Pacific Ocean and the northwestern most point of the contiguous United States. He is a lover of theater, good books, all kinds of music, movies, and the arts. Hiking, cycling, walking, and traveling are some of his favorite things to do in his free time.

*** As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.**

† tune on page 592 of hymnal

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Let God Lead

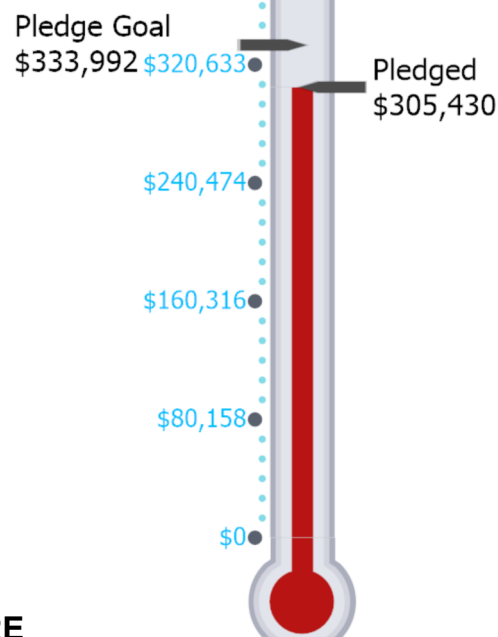
As You Gather and Give



You shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name

-Deuteronomy 26:2

2020 - Let God Lead Pledge Goal: \$333,992
Pledges Toward Goal from 01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020



COOKIES 'N MORE

NOVEMBER 21st INFORMATION

Yard Signs – November 15, 2019

If you have kindly agreed to put out a yard sign, they may be picked up at church on Sunday, November 10, before and after church. You will need to wait until Friday, November 15, to put out the sign. The yard signs will be picked up one or two days after the event.

Bake Day – November 19, 2019

If you would like to help on bake day, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Delivering Your Cookies, Candy, etc. to the Church

Wednesday, November 20th – 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 21st – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

We will be receiving cookies, bars, and candy in the Fellowship Hall. A receiving table will be set up, so please do not place boxes in the kitchen. Please have your cookies boxes and trays covered with foil and labeled with your name and the name of the cookies on top. Bars and candy should not be cut, but labeled with your name and the name of the bar or candy. If you want your container back, you will find it on the northeast kitchen counter after the event.

Purchasing Cookies, Bars, and Candy

Federated will be hosting the Cookies 'N More project for the community on November 21, 2019, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Cookies, bars, and candies will be for sale at the time for the community, Federated workers, and Federated congregation. Please support this project by encouraging your friends and neighbors to attend this sweet event and purchase delicious baked cookies and candies.

If you would like to show your support with a monetary donation, please submit your cash or check to Women's Fellowship and include the notation Cookies 'N More on the envelope or check. This can be sent to the church or given to Alison Wagner or Paula Lange. Thank you for your generosity!!

Advent and Christmas POINSETTIAS

Please **order poinsettias** by November 25th.

Poinsettias are given to God's glory, and may also be designated as a memorial and/or given in honor of special persons.

PLANTS REMAINING AFTER THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

	Quantity (\$9.00 ea.)	Total
No Color Preference		\$
Red		\$
White		\$
Pink		\$
Grand Total - due to church office by Nov. 25th		\$

Donor Name(s) _____

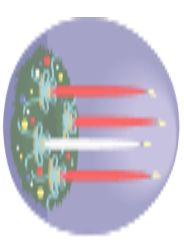
To God's glory and in memory of _____

*Please return this form
and payment to church office
in offering plates or in the white mailbox by the
church office door by November 25. Thank you!*

Make checks payable to Federated Church.
Please note 'Poinsettia' on the memo line.

*Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome.
Please label it with your name if you wish to*

*Add something special
to your holiday season . . .*



The lighting of the Advent candles brings the deep meaning of God's love for us to life. We light the Advent candles in each of our services during the Advent season, accompanied by a brief reading and a prayer.

If you, your family, and/or friends would like to participate in this beautiful tradition, please sign up within the next week by placing this form in the offering plate, or giving it to the church office.

Please include your name, phone number and, if you have one, your email address for the service in which you would be most interested in serving (also please indicate a second or third choice).

<u>Thurs. Night 6:30 PM</u>		<u>Sunday 10:00 AM</u>							
		December 1							
December 5		December 8							
December 12	Blue Christmas Ecumenical Clergy	December 15							
December 19		December 22							
December 24	<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 PM</u>							
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