

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

FEDERATED NEWS

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Worship Reminder!!!

*There will be no worship
service on Thursday,
August 25th!*

*Ordination and Installation
of Edward Yang as
Associate Pastor at
Federated Church
Sunday, August 28th!!
All are welcome to attend!*

Mark your calendar!

August 24

*Wednesday Youth After School
3 PM (weekly)
Youth Club 7:30 PM (weekly)*

August 25

NO 6 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

August 27

Missionary Fundraiser 2-5 PM

August 28

*Ordination and Installation
of Rev. S. Edward Yang*

September 6

Christian Book Discussion 7 AM (weekly)

September 10

WF Trip to Mossy Pond 8 AM - ?

September 11

*Sunday School resumes 10:30 AM
Adult Bible Education resumes 10:45 AM
Kickoff Sunday BBQ 11:30 AM*

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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Federated Church is a
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WAYA for Teenage Mutant Non-Ninja Turtles

Mutation seems to be a natural part of becoming a teenager. I remember when I was a young child, summer often meant multi-family camping trips. We visited the Grand Canyon in AZ, Bryce and Zion in UT, and Sequoia/Kings Canyon in CA. I enjoyed visiting those places. But when I became a teenager, I decided to no longer join my parents and other families on those summer trips. Something changed (or mutated) within me and I thought I was 'too cool' for family camping. Interestingly, while I can remember the camping trips to the destinations mentioned above, I cannot remember what I did during the times I didn't join. In other words, I missed out on making memorable experiences. And it was only a few years ago that I visited Yosemite National Park for the first time because I was 'too cool' to see it when I was a teenager.

Now as a parent of a teenager, I can see some of the changes from a different perspective. My wife and I realize that our teenage son is more likely to listen to others than to us. Also, our son is less interested in family activities; it takes a lot more pulling to get him involved. In some ways, it is a battle that requires ninja-like stealth and persistence. And I imagine other families have similar challenges with their adolescent children.

In response to the challenging teenage years, our church can make a difference. Along with the essential activities of teaching Bible lessons and forming Christian character, we can provide space for young people to be themselves. They can be glad, sad, mad, serious, and goofy – sometimes all at once!

This is where the Wednesday Afterschool Youth Activities (WAYA) comes in. We would welcome young people (both Federated members and non-members) to our facilities. Middle schoolers (at CMS) can walk a few blocks to our building while high schoolers (and those at Lakeview) might need a ride [Hint: volunteer drivers would be greatly appreciated with personal vehicles and the church van, no CDL needed!!]. After the youth get to our fellowship hall, we'll have study time [Hint: we also need volunteer tutors]. We'll have some time to play and relax. As we approach dinner time, we'll have a meal together. Sometimes, the youth will cook and other times (hint, hint) we'd appreciate volunteer cooks. After dinner, youth can join the puppet ministry practice or other opportunities to serve. We will conclude WAYA with our Youth Club meeting where we'll have a Bible lesson and discussion.

WAYA for Teenage Mutant Non-Ninja Turtles (cont.)

Christian formation is a slow process. Chap Clark, a professor for youth, family and culture, states, "The process of a helping an adolescent develop a consistent faith takes time, patience, and perseverance. Faith is a long, complex journey, and adolescents need someone who will walk alongside them as long as it takes." (from *Hurt: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers*, page 189) Ministry to youth people cannot be done alone. There needs to be numerous adults who the youth can connect with. As mentioned above, there are several ways to help. We need WAYA to be intergenerational to be effective in reaching out to and supporting middle and high schoolers. Please let me know if you have any questions or ideas – and of course, if you're interested in volunteering. Thankfully, we're not dealing with any ninja turtles (although many of the youth enjoy pizza).

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families

Triennium 2016 Report—Emily Grant

After a busy Monday registering for college classes, I headed to Lincoln to begin our trip to Indiana for Triennium. We left for Purdue University around midnight. In total there was about 40 youth in our delegation. After a long bus ride and a stop at IHOP, we arrived at Purdue on Tuesday afternoon.

We checked into our dorm and then split off into smaller groups to trade pins with other delegates. Later that evening, we got to experience our first worship service of the week. Worship began with several energizers and songs. Then we heard our first sermon, which had the theme of 'Go! And See.' Most worship services ended up being close to two hours long, but it definitely did not seem that way! I really enjoyed the sermons because they were very engaging and geared towards youth. Friday night worship service took place at a hillside amphitheater. During this service, we partook in communion, had a glow party, and concluded with a candlelit song. This was my favorite worship service of the week.

Each day, we began with delegation time. Activities during this time varied. Some days we visited booths that were set up: including ones for Presbyterian colleges, organizations, and a book sale. Other days, we had Bible study. On the last day of delegation time, we split up into groups and debriefed about our experiences. We also had small group time each day. I was a part of small group 40-B. In small group, there was no one from my delegation (but our leader, Dave, was also from Nebraska). During small group, we did various activities. The first day, we discussed the parable of the Good Samaritan, and concluded by recreating the story in a Vine. Other days, we broke up into groups of four or five and had insightful discussions about various Bible passages, as well as life in general. Small group allowed us to form great friendships, and I know that our group will stay in touch for many years to come.

In all, Triennium was a great experience for me. Even though we had non air conditioned dorms, we did not spend much time in the dorms. I really enjoyed getting to experience how welcoming everyone was. It was great to meet people from all over the world who shared in Presbyterian faith.

~Emily Grant

Triennium 2016 Report—Regan Gausman

I had so much fun at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium! I met and made so many friends of faith from all over the country. It was such a unique experience compared to mission trips and church camp. There were over 5000 people of my age group worshipping God and having a good time together! We would all cram into the Purdue auditorium for worship every day. The sermons were so awesome and inspiring! They made me want to go out and spread the love of God everywhere, all the time. There were small groups every day where we would talk about that day's theme.

You weren't with anyone from your delegation so you really had to meet and learn about new people from different places. We also had recreation time every night: we would go out and find different activities to join. Everyone there was kind and happy. You could really start a conversation with anyone there and it was the most normal thing in the world. We all had trading pins, and asking if you could exchange pins was a really good conversation starter.

One of my favorite parts was the Prayer Center. We went to this huge room that had over 20 stations of different ways of how and what to pray. Everyone was silent, so it was a very calming in comparison to the crazy day. The campus and non-air-conditioned rooms were very hot but that didn't stop anyone from having an amazing time. I would like to thank Federated Church and the congregation for such a great opportunity to go and experience so much! It had a huge impact on my life and will never leave me. Thank you so much!

Faithfully,
Regan Gausman

Tuesday Christian Book Discussion Group

Join the Tuesday morning "Christian Book Discussion Group" beginning at 7AM on September 13 for a breakfast and a lively discussion of the book, "Israel and Palestine, by Avi Shlaim. In his book, the author outlines the history of the formation of Israel, the new Jewish homeland, it's impact on the Palestinian residents, the regional consequence of this new nation and the prospects for a settlement of the issue. A discussion of the conflicting views will give those attending these breakfast meetings a better understanding of the situation.

While breakfast is served in "Fellowship Hall" by various members of the group, there is no obligation to either eat that breakfast or serve one yourself. Books can be ordered on Amazon.com for approximately \$7.50 (used).

Contact Bob Trautwein at 402 910 4341 or rjtraut@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Take a Look and Enjoy!

Our Library/Bridal/Cry Room is complete! With the efforts of many over the past couple of years all phases of furnishing and decorating this multi-purpose room have been accomplished.

We do need to especially THANK Bob and Gail Mead for their generous memorial donation that has made the latest phase a reality. With this memorial, our old round oak table was refurbished by Larry Pilakowski, who meticulously matched the new stain to coordinate with the six new Amish-made oak chairs that can be used for numerous purposes in the room. Two of the chairs have arms for ease and comfort, whether for library use, small meetings, or general times. Larry also refinished the three end tables donated by Steve and Sue McClure. The Amish-made, durable child-size table and two small wood chairs will satisfy any youngster while their parents need the use of the room as a cry area during any service. One can also find a couple of child activity bags in the extra storage/seat box nearby. Gail wanted the room to look inviting and cozy and accomplished that by providing table greenery, lamps, other décor, and a live snake plant.

The first phase had included the larger blue chair as a glider for a mother's use to comfort small children. The loveseat and chairs, as well as a small metal dress rack and standing mirror will help with bridal preparations. This whole room can now be comfortable for those needing some separation during funerals, while still being a part of the service. It is indeed a beautiful room that will serve many purposes.

Let's give these families and all the others who contributed with memorial monies a hearty round of gratitude!

Please remind your children that the new furniture and accessories will last a long time if we give it the respect it deserves.

Co-ordinated by the Property and Finance Committee



Funeral Committee Information

Committee 1: Co-Chairpersons: David & Paula Lange, Margaret Nyffeler, Gordon & Joan Specht, Bill & Ruth Erwin

Members: Sara Aerni, Arturo & Maria Alarcon, Tammy Baldwin, Brian & Patty Beckner, Pete & Carol Bennett, Lee & Diane Bower, Robyn Bower, Nell Burnham, Brian & Judy Dobbs, Ellen Doughty, Chuck & Phyllis Elliott, Dave & Rita Engquist, Becki Frieze, Clark & Marcia Grant, Karen Hake, Rex & Kathy Hash, Terry & Connie Hickey, Ken & Betty Hledik, David & Vanessa Howe, Kevin & Denise Kallweit, Twila Keener, Steve & Renee Klutman, Kenn & Kathy Leischner, Rick & Karen Marxsen, Clint & Kelli Scheffler, Ruth Schlobohm, Kathy Senior, Bob & Gynette Smith, Daryl Smith & Ron Novak, Joie Taylor, Frank & Sherry Thompson, Rod & Cindee Wachter, David & Linda Walline, Wendy Wells, Kevin & Terri Wolfgram, Marv & Barb Zoucha

Meals on Wheels

Another big THANK YOU to the volunteers from the week of July 18 – 22. Your “favorite” route had a new number and time but was basically the same clients. An extra thank you for adapting to change.

Federated's next week of service will be Sept. 26 – 30. Jean Royer will coordinate 402-564-8012.

Big Kamp Kaleo Rummage Sale

August 26-28, First Christian Church in Lincoln is holding a Rummage Sale to benefit Kamp Kaleo. Please bring usable/sellable items to 430 S. 16th Street from August 20-23. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Receipts for tax deductions are available if requested. For more information, contact **D'Arcy Blosser (402-423-1300) or Gwen Belden (402-430-8399)**

This is a list of items they cannot accept: baby cribs/car seats, clothing, exercise equipment, firearms/weapons, computers or components, encyclopedias & hymnals, non-digital TVs, large furniture (that requires more than two people to carry)

BackPack Program Food Drive

From August 14 to September 30, 2016 Social Concerns and Missions Committee will be having a food drive for the Backpack Program
Donated items requested: Peanut Butter (18 oz. plastic jars), Tuna (5 oz. cans), Fruit Granola Bars (boxes)
Please drop donations in marked container in Narthex

Center For Survivors

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in



August:

Canned Meat, Tuna
Canned Soup, Cereal

September:

Children's Pajamas, Socks,
Diapers and Wipes

Platte County Food Pantry

"Food of the Month" for the Platte County Food Pantry:
We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in

August:

Canned Corn
Canned Green Beans
Canned Vegetables

September:

Velveeta
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Platte Valley Humane Society

The Platte Valley Humane Society is privileged to have a donation receptacle in the northwest entrance of the Federated Church.
Requested items for this month are:



August:

Kitten Milk Replacer
Dog Treats

September:

Puppy Milk Replacer
Dog Toys

Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

8/26/2016 - Kay Castner, Gail Mead, Linda McPhail

9/9/2016 - Tammi Gotschall


9/23/2016 - Steve & Rosie Heinisch, Marilyn Petersen

10/14/2016 - D'Ete Kluck, Kathy Senior

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 06:00 PM-Boy Scouts Roundtable 06:30 PM-Worship Service 07:00 PM-Order of the Arrow	2 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	3
4 09:30 AM-Worship Service 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	5 08:00 AM-Church Office Closed 05:15 PM-Order of St. Andrew 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	6 07:00 AM-Christian Book Discussion	7 10:30 AM-WF Board Meeting 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry 07:30 PM-Youth Club	8 06:30 PM-Worship Service	9 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service 06:00 PM-Wedding Rehearsal	10 08:00 AM-WF Trip 03:00 PM-Barta-Limbach Wedding
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August 2016

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14 08:30 AM-YMAC Meeting 09:30 AM-Worship Service 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	15 12:00 PM-BIG PALS-Little Pals 06:00 PM-Membership & Growth Cmte 06:00 PM-Worship & Music Cmte 06:30 PM-Property & Finance Cmte. 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	16 12:00 PM-Noon All Staff Meeting	17 06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry	18 06:30 PM-Worship Service	19 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	20
21 09:30 AM-Worship Service 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	22 08:00 AM-Carpet Cleaning 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	23 08:00 AM-Carpet Cleaning 10:00 AM-Staff Meeting 07:00 PM-Governing Council Meeting	24 08:00 AM-Carpet Cleaning 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry 07:30 PM-Youth Club	25 08:00 AM-Carpet Cleaning	26 08:00 AM-Carpet Cleaning 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	27 02:00 PM-Missionary Fundraiser
28 09:30 AM-Worship Service 11:00 AM-Rev. Yang Reception 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	29 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	30 10:00 AM-Staff Meeting	31 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 06:30 PM-Puppet Ministry 07:30 PM-Youth Club			<div> More Articles on Next Page  </div>

Women's Fellowship Circles



Circle 1: JoAnn Dowd - 402-564-5017

Circle 2: Cec Bartholomew - 402-564-0264

Circle 4: Marilyn Petersen - 402-563-2751

**Women's Fellowship
Co-Moderators:**

Cec Bartholomew, Rogalyn
Stevens & Charlotte Griffith

Immediate Past Moderator: Joie Taylor

Sept 21: Circle 1: 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Sue McClure
Lesson: Linda McPhail

Sept 21: Circle 2: 1:00 p.m. Hostess: Charlotte Griffith

Sept 21: Circle 4: 7:30 p.m. Hostess: Karen Paben
Co-Hostess: LaRene Busler
Lesson: Louise Moran

Women's Fellowship Dates to Remember

Sept 10: Trip to Mossy Pond (see article pg 12)

Sept 13: Living Waters Fall Gather at St. Luke's (see article pg 11)

Sept 21: Circles Meet

Oct 5: Board Meeting

NO BOARD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

B-I-N-G-O



August 24th: Circles 1 and 2 with
Circle 1 providing prizes.

September 28th: Circles 2 and 4
with Circle 2 providing prizes.

2016-2017 Circle Plans

Circles will be starting up in September, all meet at different times on Wednesday, September 21st. All welcome visitors. All will be beginning a new study recommended by Presbyterian Women, called **"Who is Jesus?"** September's meeting will introduce the series, and be on Jesus, according to Mark. Each subsequent lesson will take a different "according to..." Lessons will include both biblical and contemporary sources. If you think you might be interested in participating in one of these groups, but would like more information about them, go to www.federatedcolumbus.org/wf to see pictures of each circle group, and information about the group including a contact person.

Women's Fellowship Reading Program

Homestead Presbytery publishes a recommended reading list to encourage women to read. Women's Fellowship purchases books on the list each year, and they are placed on the shelves on the northeast side of the library. This year's list contains a great variety of outstanding sounding books. Church members are welcome to check out a book by removing the index card from the book, signing your name on the card, and placing the card in a notebook book provided. 2016-2017 books have a green 2016-2017 sticker on them.

A list of the books with a brief synopsis of what they are about can be found in the library and also on the church website. Click on WF Reading Program on the Women's Fellowship page (www.federatedcolumbus.org/wf) to see the list, and also find information about recognition for reading books if you would like to participate in the recognition piece.

Living Waters Fall Gathering Sept 13th

The Living Waters Fall Gathering luncheon will happen on Tuesday, September 13th at St. Luke's here in Columbus. The meeting will begin at 10 A.M., include a lunch, and end at 3 P.M. Call Rogalyn Stevens by Friday, September 9th to register. Watch the bulletin for more information about the program!

Trip to Mossy Pond Sept. 10

In recent years, Women's Fellowship has sponsored trips to various interesting places in Nebraska and welcomed participation by all church members and their friends. We think we have something pretty special for our next trip on September 10th!

Mossy Pond, just outside of Chapman, NE, on highway 30 between Central City and Grand Island started out as the home and art studio of wildlife artist Julie Crocker. With the help of her sisters, it has now grown to 4 buildings, filled with seasonal items and decorations that are fun to see, and many may also be purchased. The paths that connect the buildings are filled with flowers and landscaped areas that contain interesting hardscape and create a rustic feel. Mossy Pond is open only on certain weekends, but the weekend of September 10 is one of them and "Smokin Mike" will be preparing his special barbecue lunch items!

We plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. that Saturday in the southwest parking lot of the church to begin our journey. There is no entrance fee, and we will order individually from the barbecue menu that includes pulled pork sandwiches and barbecued ribs, plus homemade desserts. While we do not have a copy of the menu, we were told that the cost would be \$10.00 or less. Transportation details are still being worked out and may require a small contribution.

Put September 10th on your calendar, and watch the bulletin for details about this trip and how to reserve a spot!



Many Thanks to All Who Helped with the All Church Garage and Bake Sale!

The All Church Garage and Bake Sale on July 16th was the culmination of the efforts of many! Cec Bartholomew was the overall chair, but each room had co-chairs who were there each day sorting and marking the items that were being brought to their room. Each day volunteers showed up to help them. The rooms and their chairs are as follows:

Housewares: Joie Taylor and Cec Bartholomew

Clothing: Nancy Hegi and Karen Whitney

Holiday: Margaret Nyffeler, Karen Paben, and Donna Shreve.

Toys and Books: Barb Olson and Peg Meyer

Baked Items: Charlotte Griffith and Brenda Wardman

Anita Hahn did advance publicity. Rogalyn Stevens gave out yard signs and picked them up afterwards. Joie Taylor researched items and made price tags. Alison Wagner handled the financial aspects. A group of willing volunteers stayed after church the Sunday before to move tables into the rooms. Many, many, generous people brought items for the sale. The youth helped carry in items, and also sponsored a hot dog stand on the day of the sale. Bakers made items for the bake sale. The church staff handled questions and help as needed. Many volunteers helped during the sale hours. Others packed up items not sold and cleaned up afterwards. To all those who helped in these and other ways, and to all the shoppers who made it a success, we give a hearty THANK YOU! The church was a busy place that week. It was neat to see so many people working together, and enjoying the fellowship of the tasks!

The Garage/Bake Sale was again very successful, bringing in a total over \$5,900.00 of which a little over \$850 came directly from the Bake Sale. About 80% of these earnings along with the earnings from Cookies 'N More in November will be given back to the community through donations to local service groups.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Paula Lange, Andrew McClure, Glynette Smith	8/15
Jon Kiser, Kristi Wolfe	8/17
Dennis Vollbracht	8/19
Ivy Hammans	8/20
Dave Melick, Nicholas Whitney	8/21
Cindy Lisko, Joseph Srb, Libby Williams	8/22
Azucena Alarcon	8/23
Ashli Porter	8/24
Barb Zoucha	8/25
Jeremy Anderson, Riley Lyon	8/26
David Marsh	8/27
Jordan Graham, Alexander McKinney, Joshua Mueller	8/28
Chase Lambert, Payne Lambert	8/29
Wendell Ita	9/1
Deb Curry, David Vollbracht	9/2
Brett Beal, Faith Dill, Elsie Ita	9/3
Fred Wunderlich	9/4
Annette Griffith	9/5
Linda Miller, Rueger Schrier	9/8
Mark Keller, Madeline McClure	9/9
Wyatt Brandl, Reagan Gausman, Miranda Kaspar, Val Rathje, Payton Swierczek	9/10
Calvin Wagner	9/13
Jeannie Will	9/14

Don't see your birthday in our list above? Find an error?
Contact the church office and let us know!

Federated Church Finance-at-a-Glance

Recap of financial transactions for July 2016

The following information is a brief description of transactions for the previously completed month. Complete records are available in the church office upon request.

Income - July 2016

Contributions, Etc.:

General Fund (Checking)	\$25,870.78
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Designated Funds (Savings):

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$130.00
Kamp Kaleo	127.00
Center for Survivors	50.00
Camp Calvin Crest	55.00
Habitat for Humanity	75.00
Youth Fund	211.25
Building Maintenance	50.00
Love Gift	80.00
Helping Hand-Nonmembers	5.00
Rent	300.00
Misc. Income (Christian Ed-Children)	10.00

Expenses - July 2016

General Expenditures:

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$32,186.08
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Designated Funds (Savings):

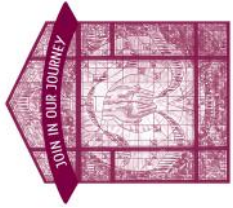
Youth Fund	\$43.45
Vacation Bible School	321.42
Love Gift	580.00
Helping Hands - Non-members	150.00

Checking Balance:	\$30,819.04
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Income:	\$27,008.23
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Expense:	\$33,280.95
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Net Change:	- \$6,272.72
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