

## **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER REPORT**

Federated Church again hosted the Columbus Community Christmas Dinner on December 25, 2017.

This event is free to the public and totally financed by community donations. This year was the 44th anniversary of the event, which has been held every year since 1974, when Rev. Lee Hicks brought the idea of a community dinner with him when he moved from Valentine, Nebraska to Columbus to become the Senior Pastor at Federated Church.

It was then that he asked two community-minded individuals, to make this event happen. To this day, Chris and Laretta Dixon, Charles and Leona Rogers, and their families continue to make this event part of their family Christmas tradition, along with so many other families over the years to experience the joy of sharing with others.

When Rev. Hicks left Columbus in the mid-1980s, he asked Paul Canaday to take his place in organizing the event with the Dixon and Rogers families.

The dinner feeds more than 250 people annually from all walks of faith, who all share in the joy and celebration of Christ's birthday.

The committee thanks Federated Church for hosting this community tradition. The committee looks forward to continuing this tradition with Federated Church.

Chris Dixon, Co-Chairman