

Annual Report 2017  
Order of St. Andrew

The mission of Order of St. Andrew is to be supportive caregivers to the Federated Church family. We achieve this mission through the following means:

**Visitation:** We connect with families who have experienced hospitalization or loss. Regularly scheduled visitations are made with people who are unable to attend church services. Many visits include small gifts of food, baked goods, or flowers.

**Prayer Chain:** Prayer is a powerful practice as we extend support to the Federated Church family. This year we added prayer request cards in the pew racks.

**Card Ministry:** Pastor Edward worked with the youth to create note cards for our continuing card ministry. We also send thank you notes to people who make a memorial contribution to the Federated Church.

**Spiritual Growth:** The Order provides several publications to support the spiritual lives of our church family. They include: [These Days](#); [CareNotes](#); [I'm OK](#); [Holiday Grief](#); and HomeTouch Ministry devotions and activity sheets.

**Flower Power:** We deliver plants to homebound members and nursing homes following the Christmas and Easter services. We participate in the annual Necrology Service by reciting the names of those who have died in the past year and honoring their memory with a white rose.

**Blue Christmas Service:** This was our second year to host a chili supper before the Blue Christmas Service.

**New This Year:** A resource has been created listing local in home assistance for those providing care for loved ones. Brochures listing senior living options in Columbus are also available.

Members of the OSA extend Christian love and support in far more ways than reported here. This is often done in private. With God's help, we strive to share our blessings and serve with humility.

Respectfully submitted,  
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