

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER 2019 REPORT

Federated Church again hosted the Columbus Community Christmas Dinner on December 25, 2019.

This event is free to the public and totally financed by community donations. This year was the 45th anniversary of the event, which has been held every year since 1974, when Reverend 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 community-minded individuals to make this event happen. To this day, Chris and Loretta 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.

I arrive at the church at 7:00am and unlock the doors and make a pot of coffee. The volunteers soon start to arrive. I would estimate that I had over 50 volunteers helping. Some were new, and others have volunteered for many years. This is truly a community dinner.

This year we had 77 home delivered meals and over 300 dinners served to people from all walks of faith, who all share in the joy and celebration of Christ's birthday.

I would like to thank Federated Church for hosting the community tradition and I am looking forward to continuing this tradition with Federated Church.

Chris Dixon