



# FEDERATED NEWSLETTER



Education Hour  
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**Horn T Zoo**  
and *Barbeque*  
was a  
**WILD**  
success!



If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in this newsletter, please call the Church Office at 564-2812 or email us: [fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org)  
The deadline for submitting information for the November 2019 Newsletter is **Oct. 25th.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**October 3, 6**  
World Communion Sunday

**October 13, 17**  
Marjie Heier Preaching



**October 20**  
Children's Sabbath

**October 27**  
Fall Congregational Meeting  
Reformation Sunday  
Trunk or Treat



**November 3**  
Daylight Savings Ends

**November 24**  
Ecumenical Thanksgiving

**November 28**  
No Thursday Service  
Church Office Closed





# HELP WANTED

*If your committee or group needs volunteers, workers or helpers, contact Chrissy at the Church office to put in an 'ad'!*

**Greeters Wanted!**  
Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex provided by the Membership & Growth Committee!  
Thank you!

**CHANCEL CHOIR WANTS YOU**  
Autumn is in the air. The Chancel Choir has resumed its singing. Please consider joining the choir. They meet Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 and provide special music for Sunday morning services. The third Sunday of each month is generally reserved for the Bell Choir. You can join the choir at any time. The only requirement is a sincere desire to share God's word in song.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
Is looking for volunteers for the next two weeks of service, October 21 - 25 and December 23, 26, 27. If interested in delivering meals to the homebound, contact Renee Bellum  
402-563-2411

## MOPS Meetings This Fall

Federated MOPS 2019-20 year starts this September the 13th. We are looking for Mommas with young kids who are looking for building relationships with an uplifting group of women. Motherhood is complicated, let us be there for you!

Contact Lynsey Kime- [ljkime@gmail.com](mailto:ljkime@gmail.com)

We are also looking for volunteers to watch the young kids during the meetings. We meet once a month on a Friday morning. The meetings run from 8:30-11:00am. Please consider helping us support our community moms by providing reliable childcare during our meetings.

Contact: Melissa Kroenke-[mkroenke16@gmail.com](mailto:mkroenke16@gmail.com)

Erin Settles- [erin\\_lynn@hotmail.com](mailto:erin_lynn@hotmail.com)



## Pastor's Report

As continuation of sharing my experience from Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), here's my third reflection:

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IMPACT – “What difference can I make? Maybe if I was a doctor or nurse, I can do something.” This was a statement made by the sister of a patient who has been in Critical Care (CC) for the past three weeks. When she first said these words, I had a flash back to the first weeks of CPE. What she said resonated with how I felt before visiting patients: “What can I do as a chaplain intern?”



But my response to Sandra (CC patient's younger sister) was to keep her from feeling helpless. I told her that if we think of a person as simply a physical being, then yes the only people who can help her brother were those in the medical team. However, human beings are more than just physical. We are also spiritual and emotional beings. As such, we can make a difference in other peoples' lives through our words and actions. I encouraged Sandra to consider the impact she can continue to make in her family: to her mother who comes to the hospital everyday,

to her older sister, and to her brother who has been in CC for the past three weeks. The words I shared with Sandra were the words I needed to continually remind myself. Although there are times when I wonder what difference I can make as a chaplain intern, God reminds me that we are more than what we can see. We have a spiritual body that needs care just as our physical body needs food, air, and rest.

Moreover, my impact – whether positive or negative – is often not something that I can immediately see. While meeting with the social worker for one of my assigned units, I shared about the difficulties of trying to figure out my role in that part of the hospital. Sometimes, it felt like a chaplain does not fit in the Emergency Room (ER). The social worker pointed out that some of the ER nurses view a chaplain as someone needed in specific situations, such as inevitable death or consolation to a grieving family. When I shared about changing my approach to asking nurses about seeing patients, the social worker kindly encouraged me to continue in getting the nurses' consent before seeing ER patients since there may be important precautions to be aware of. As she shared this, a thought came to me: my actions will impact others. My actions will impact how the medical team views chaplains. Thus my approach with the nurses ought make it clear that I am there to help them with their work with patients. It might even be that my actions will impact the experience of the next chaplain intern assigned to the Emergency Room.



Another learning experience related to impact was the realization that I am not alone. Hearing the social worker share her difficulties with adjusting to her

recent assignment in the Emergency Room was helpful; I'm not the only one who experiences difficulty with fitting in. I also learned that the challenges that I have faced could help other people. There was an eight-year-old girl who was in the ER due to seizures. I thought about the times when my first son had seizures and wondered if I could offer any encouragement to the girl's mother. I was able to meet with the mother and her relatives. I shared about my experiences as a parent of an epileptic child – who has outgrown the seizures, thank God. The girl's mother shared her fears and concerns. I told her, "I pray that God gives you wisdom for all the decisions you will need to make." She told me that she was glad to know to someone else can relate to what she is going through, that she was not alone.

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Here are some questions for your own reflection:

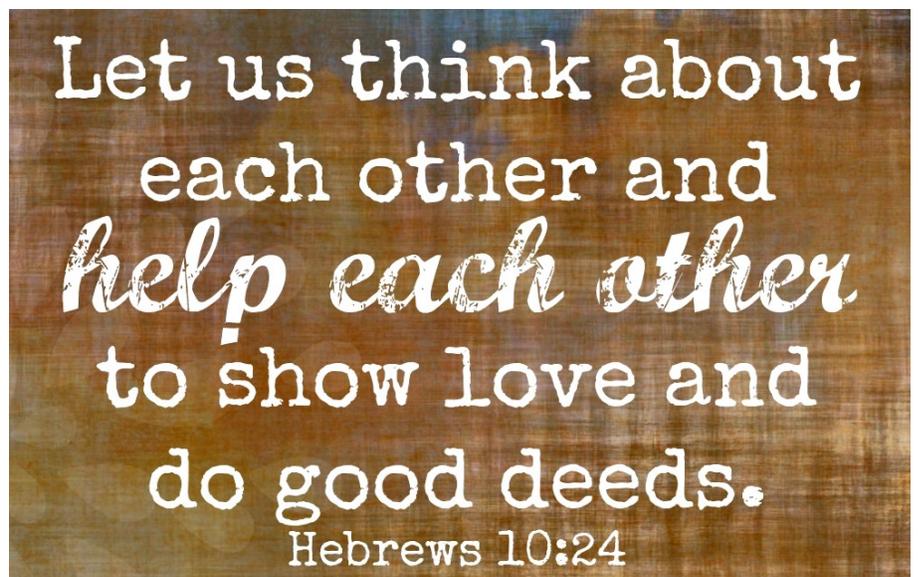
How would you describe your impact on others?

How you feel like when you meet someone who has gone through similar experiences?

Are there challenges you have experienced that can be helpful for others to know that they are not alone? If so, would you be willing to share about those challenges?

Please feel free to share your thoughts and/or questions with me, via email/text/call/in-person.

Grace and peace,  
Edward



## Temporary Christian Education Director, Brenda Sand

As Temporary Christian Education Director, Brenda will collaborate with the children and youth Sunday school teachers, prepare supplies, coordinate the children's moment, lead weekly youth club, plan youth activities and communicate with parents regarding activities. Brenda will work with pastor(s), teachers, committee members and parents to ensure all children know they are loved and valued by God and our congregation. And that Federated Church is a place where they can learn, have fun and make memories.



Brenda first started attending Federated Church at the age of three when her parents, Harold and Rogalyn Stevens, moved to Columbus. Brenda was confirmed at Federated and was active in children and youth activities. After high school, Brenda attended UNL and graduated with a degree in psychology. Brenda and her husband, Mike were married at Federated Church. They have three children who are all active in children/youth programs at Federated; Jessica (freshman @ Doane), Elizabeth (junior at Lakeview) and Toby (6<sup>th</sup> grader at Shell Creek). Brenda has spent the past 18 years working as a stay-at-home mom which allowed her time to volunteer with MOPS, the Lakeview Baseball/Softball Assoc., various school activities, serving as a Sunday school teacher, funeral committee co-chair and various committees within Federated.

"I have so many great memories from growing up at Federated Church – playing with the toy kitchen set that is still in our nursery, children's moments with Jane Hopp, and hanging out at the youth center. I love that my children are growing up at Federated. I hope that the experiences they have at Federated and the memories they make here, will lead to church being a priority in their adult lives and in their children's lives."

## Small Groups, Sign Up Today!

Do you enjoy small group activities with people who like the same things as you? We want to build up our congregation by gathering people with similar interests. There are a wide range of groups already set up, and more can be added, if you have an idea.

Do you like to go out to eat after Sunday worship? Join one of the Sunday Lunch Brunches!

Would you like to share your enthusiasm for the arts? The Arts Connoisseurs Group may just be for you!

Or are you one of those who has their nose in a book all the time? Bookworms Club!

There are so many to choose from, so, don't be left out! Join one of the groups today and start enjoying time well spent with your Federated Family!

Go to our website, [www.federatedcolumbus.org](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org) and you can find a link to the 2019 Small Groups document for more information.

## It's time! Time to update our pictorial directory!

Lifetouch will be photographing families at Federated Church on October 22 - 26. (Additional dates will be added if necessary) Our goal is to have 100% participation -our directory won't be complete without you! Each family participating will receive a free 8 x 10, a free printed directory and a free electronic directory. Families will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Sign up for a photo session online at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b1c3gdk2/> or sign up in person after worship services in the month of September. Props, pets (within reason) and extended family are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Sand @ 402.276.2080 or [brendajsand@gmail.com](mailto:brendajsand@gmail.com).

## Tuesday Morning Book Discussion - NEW BOOK!

The book, "The Triumph of Christianity, How a Forbidden Religion Swept the World" by Bart Ehrman, will be the next book to be reviewed at the Tuesday morning Christian Book Discussion. The author examines how a tiny band of mostly illiterate outsiders converted the proud Roman Empire in just three centuries. Copies of this book are available at Amazon.com. Mark your calendars to meet with us at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, September 3rd for a light breakfast and a stimulating discussion in Fellowship Hall. In preparation, read the introduction and first chapter of the book.

## Monthly Open Prayer Time

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](mailto:fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org) or Barb Sanderson – 402-910-3586 Email - [bjs.sanderson@gmail.com](mailto:bjs.sanderson@gmail.com)

## Lectionary Bible Study

Interested in learning more about the Bible in a group setting? Pastor Edward is leading weekly Bible studies in Education Center Room 8. Afternoon Bible Study is on Tuesdays at 1pm. The Evening Bible Study is Wednesdays at 4:30pm. Keep an eye on the bulletin announcements for any cancellations or reschedules. All are welcome to join any meeting.

## Funeral Committee 5 Information

**Funeral Committee 5:** Co-Chairpersons: Elsie and Wendell Ita, Sherry Miller, Judy Temme, Judy and Bob Tupper

**Members:** Jesse & Marilyn Abrego, Pat Anderson, LaRene Busler, Doris Busse, Jan Curry, Sid & Debbie Gaeth, Stuart & Kristen Gausman, Annette Griffith, Rodger & Elizabeth Grisham, Roger & Cathy Hare, Reuben & Denise Hughes, Jerry & Cyndi Jarecke, Mike & Ann Jeffrey, Brian & Heidi Klevemann, Jeanne Miller, Barb Olson, Kathy Orr, Max & Ashli Porter, Dwayne & Virginia Smith, George & Barbara Sturgill, Margaret Trew, David Veach

## Meals on Wheels

Thank you to Jean Royer and the volunteers who delivered "Meals" August 12 - 16. Our next week of service is Oct. 21 - 25. Charlotte Lambert will coordinate 402-564-5834.



We're still looking for new volunteers. It takes about one hour, one to five day commitment.

## Center for Survivors



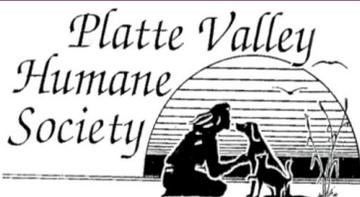
We are reaching out to our amazing community and asking for donations of NEW simple clothing for children in crisis situations. Following is a list of what we need: Boys and Girls new clothing: plain t-shirts, plain sweatshirts, leggings/sweatpants, shorts, underwear; sizes for both boys and girls will include: 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T, 6T, 7, 8, 9, 10-12

## Platte County Food Pantry

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in the following items: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, All Soups, Spaghetti Sauce, Jell-O, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Pancake Mixes, Bar Soap, Applesauce, Canned Pasta, Diced Tomatoes, Dry Pasta, Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Pudding, Saltine Crackers, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pancake Syrup, Toilet Paper



## 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 are:

**October:** Collars and leashes

## B-I-N-G-O

**Ladies:** We are seeking names of who would like to be called IF and WHEN additional help is needed on 4th Wednesdays (2:00 - 3:00) Bingo. It would not be an every month call, but a 'just in case'. Prizes are always provided by the circles. The sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary. *Thanks for your help, PW Women*

# Highlights of the August 16-17, 2019 Meeting of Homestead Presbytery at Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center



Presbytery met at Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center on Friday evening and Saturday, August 16-17, 2019, as a joint meeting with the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley. Cindy Kohlman, co-moderator of the 223rd General Assembly was the guest speaker. She shared some of the initiatives of the General Assembly, including Hands and Feet, Matthew 25, and Vision 2020. The co-moderators chose the book *Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission* for the One Book One Church book study for Presbyterian churches. Kohlmann said the book focuses on the initiatives that both the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly have lifted up as essential to Presbyterians.



Presbytery will create a new standing committee to respond to issues of disasters and related concerns, including the development of preparedness plans for the Presbytery and congregations. Sue Babovec and Gary Haller, who have been leading our efforts for disaster assistance following last spring's floods, have been hard at work, will lead this effort.



The work of the Day of Discernment has been completed. The information gathered will be handed to the Council, as they work on a strategy for the future of the presbytery. The council will also be working to establish a "centralized" Presbytery office at First Presbyterian Church Lincoln, to serve the needs of the Presbytery and the congregations. This will be brought to the November 2019 presbytery meeting for action.



The New Worshipping Community (NWC), U-Kirk, Lincoln is now on "pause" due to leadership transition. It was reported that the NWC, Contemplate, did receive a 1001 New Worshipping Communities seed grant from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

One of Homestead's candidates, Christy Dempsey, under the care of Homestead Presbytery, accepted a call to the Church of the Cross, Omaha, and was ordained on August 25, 2019.



The 2020 budget and per capita were approved. The per capita for 2020 will be \$45.10. This is a ten cent increase over 2019 as the synod increased their per capita by a dime. Presbytery and GA per capita remain the same. The next meeting of Homestead Presbytery will be November 21, 2019 at the United Presbyterian Church, Laurel.



Josh Howe, Renee Norris	10/1	Steve Dewald, Sharon Kuncel, Tim Rathje	10/18
Bryton Hanks	10/3	Leroy Kallweit, Ruth Lind	10/19
Anna Speicher	10/4	Linda Wheatley	10/22
Carolyn Bosn	10/5	Jenna Mares	10/23
Sue McClure, Don Schaufelberger	10/9	Rex Hash, Chris Rasmussen	10/24
Ron Lambert, Steve McClure	10/11	Klyn Lopour	10/25
Pat Anderson, Alex Garcia, Allie Gotschall	10/12	Mark Hegi	10/26
Judy Temme	10/13	Terry Hickey, Andrew Keener	10/28
Samantha Higgins	10/14	Brady Hanks, Roger Hare, Margaret Trew	10/30
Alicia Purinton	10/16	Diana Gartrell, Bill Irby	10/31



If you would like your Anniversary published,  
please let Chrissy know and the date.

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion 1:00pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	<b>2</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Lectionary Evening Bible Study 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Rehearsal 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 6:15pm Scouts Roundtable 6:15pm Order of the Arrow 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	<b>4</b> 9:00am MOPS Steering Meeting 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 1:30pm Thou Shalt Not Covet Thy Neighbor's WiFi Group	<b>7</b> 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scouts Troop 277 Meeting	<b>8</b> 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion 11:30am Open Prayer Time 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279	<b>9</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 5:15pm Cookies 'N More Meeting 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	<b>11</b> 8:30am MOPS Meeting 1:30pm Membership Review Sub-Committee Meeting 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	<b>12</b> 9:00am Living Waters Association Fall Gathering
<b>13</b> 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>14</b> 5:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting 6:45pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Scouts Troop 277 Meeting	<b>15</b> 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion 1:00pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 7:30pm Adult Education Steering Meeting	<b>16</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Lectionary Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Circle 4	<b>17</b> 5:15pm Cookies 'N More Meeting 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	<b>19</b>
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# CHILDREN'S SABBATH



October 20, 2019



*For other events and dates, see page 2!*

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