

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

# FEDERATED NEWS

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This coming Sunday, the scripture passage for worship will include Matthew 22: 39 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' In this verse, Jesus is quoting from the book of Leviticus.

The persistent question for Christians is: *who is my neighbor?* We might spend a lot of time trying to discern *who is my neighbor*, but we know from Jesus' life and ministry that what Jesus really means is that *everyone is our neighbor*. This is inconvenient. This is difficult.

Federated Church has as its physical neighbors several businesses, a bank, the courthouse. The Federated Church building has been designated as an emergency evacuation location for the courthouse. We hope that is never needed, but we are glad to be able to be a good neighbor in this way.

One of the many tough things to figure out about how to be a good neighbor is how much of someone's personal "business" we should be privy to. This is something I have been thinking about during the month of October, because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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Thursday Worship  
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship  
at 9:30 AM

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I have invited our neighbor, Lia Grant, to do a dialogue sermon with me. She is the new Executive Director of

Columbus' Center for Survivors of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault.

One hope I have is that Lia can help us understand how to be good neighbors to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. I hope she can also help us to understand how to be good neighbors to perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault. This is especially difficult, but unless we address the shame and guilt felt by both perpetrators and victims, we make little to no progress towards ending the cycle of violence.

As I reflected on *who is my neighbor*, I reached out to Federated's immediate neighbors this week. I sent a letter to the staff of the DA Davidson office, which is across the street to the east of the church. I also sent a letter to the staff of the law offices that are across the street to the south of the church. Here is a portion of the letters:

**Dear DA Davidson and Law Office Staffs –**

You are warmly welcome to join with the Federated Church staff on October 19<sup>th</sup> to wear PURPLE for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The staff of Federated Church will be taking a staff photo of us wearing purple on **October 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon**. We think it would be great to show the Center for Survivors even more support by joining with our neighbors in this photo!

Any DA Davidson and law office staff are welcome to join the Federated Church staff for the photo.

We will tag the photo of everyone wearing purple @CenterforSurvivors on the Federated Church Facebook page.

**Hope to see you at Noon on October 19<sup>th</sup>!**

Sincerely,

Rev. Annika from Federated Church

**Any church members who are available at noon on October 19<sup>th</sup> are also warmly welcome to be in the photo.**

Social media is a major way to communicate with the larger community today. Even if only one person sees that neighbors in downtown Columbus care about preventing domestic violence, perhaps that will make a difference.

Peace, 

## Cookies 'N More

This year's Cookies 'N More will be on Thursday November 16th during the community Downtown Stroll from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cec or Joie will sign up volunteers



for this year's Cookies 'N More. Helpers will be needed to receive cookies and candies, label cookie boxes, welcome guests, distribute boxes and gloves, work in the kitchen serving snacks and replenishing boxes, be cashiers, assist customers, and of course, the inevitable clean-up! There will also be an opportunity to sign up for cookies (6 dozen) or candy (1 batch) and signing up then will greatly reduce the number of

telephone calls we have to make!

Cookies 'N More has been a project that offers fun and fellowship for workers and shoppers alike.

Approximately 80% of the money earned will go to support local missions.



## A Letter from Rev. Roddy Dunkerson

Dear Friends,

As we continue to wonder about all of the folk hit by hurricanes, remember that our fastest and most useful gift is financial.

There will be times in the future when other kinds of help will be called for; for now, a generous gift is very precious indeed.

If you send the Nebraska Conference a check, we will ensure that it moves on to folk who need it very quickly.

And, remember, your gift through the church goes directly to those in need of help. All administrative costs are covered by other giving (OCWM). So, if you give your church funds for hurricane relief, it will all go to those impacted by the storms.

Thanks,  
Roddy



## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT FEDERATED:**

**October 15** - Dialogue Sermon with Rev. Annika and  
Adult Education Hour with Lia Grant, Executive  
Director of the Center for Survivors of Domestic  
Violence and Sexual Assault.

**October 22** - Children's Sabbath  
with Rev. Edward preaching

**October 29** - Congregational Meeting  
& 5th Sunday Potluck (**No Ed Hour**)

**November 5** - Communion Sunday

**November 16** - Cookies N More

**November 19** - Andrew Loudon @ Ed Hour

## **Square Dancing!**

Singles, couples and families (children must be 12 years of age) looking for a fun way to exercise and socialize, come to the VFW on Sunday, October 15th from 4:30 to 5:30pm to see what square dancing is all about. Details on further lessons will be discussed.

## **NEW!! Home Health Care Resource**

A resource has been created to support families who are providing home health care for loved ones. This information includes brochures from local companies as well as a list of individuals certified to provide companion care and/or aid in the home and is available in the church office.  
Order of St. Andrew

## Monday Bible Study

A Monday morning Bible Study of the Book of Acts will begin October 2, 10am. We will meet in room EC8 weekly to view a DVD that is a word for word dramatization of the Book of Acts. All are welcome, even if you can only come occasionally.

Following are the Bible Study Dates with corresponding chapters:

Oct. 9: Acts Chapter 1

Oct. 23: Acts Chapter 2

Nov. 6: Acts Chapter 3&4

Nov. 20: Acts Chapter 5&6

Dec. 4: Acts Chapter 7&8

Dec. 18: Acts Chapter 9&10

Jan. 8: Acts Chapter 11&12

Jan. 22: Acts Chapter 13&14

Feb. 5: Acts Chapter 15&16

Feb. 19: Acts Chapter 17&18

Mar. 5: Acts Chapter 19 & 20

Mar. 19: Acts Chapter 21 & 22

Apr. 2: Acts Chapter 23 & 24

Apr. 16: Acts Chapter 25 & 26

Apr. 30: Acts Chapter 27 & 28

## Funeral Committee Information

**Committee 3: Co-Chairpersons: Cec Bartholomew, Renee & Terry Norris, Rogalyn & Harold Stevens, Nancy & Mark Hegi Members:**

Bernard & Leile Anderson, Donna Augspurger, David & Jean Badje, Wayland & Brenda Berry, Loren & Sondra Burnett, John & Katie Claus, Rita Fuhr, Rae & Dave Fulton, Karen Grabowski, Alison Hast, Tom & Tammy Hempstead, Randy & Anita Kasper, Jon & Claudia Kiser, John & Linda McPhail, Bob & Gail Mead, James & Kathy Morris, Don & Robin Nyffeler, Pastor Irene Dare, Rick & Laura Porter, Tim & Val Rathje, Dave & Lori Rine, Paul & Barb Sanderson, Don & Norma Schaufelberger, Roberta Saalfeld, Mary Sharpe, Mike Slizoski & Melanie Knoepfle, Larry & Shirley Spence, Viola Suchan, Ben & Marilyn Vrana, Chuck & Karen Whitney, Sunnie Yang



## Meals on Wheels

A large **THANK YOU** to Cec Bartholomew and 14 volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels Sept. 11 - 15. Federated Church will have the week of Nov. 20 - 24. Renee Bellum (402) 563-2441 will coordinate drivers.

## Center For Survivors

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in:



**October:** Coffee Makers, Toasters, Spatulas, etc.

**November:** Toys - all ages; Coloring books & Colors; Children's Movies

## 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  
Leashes

**November:**

Postage Stamps, Wal-Mart & Menards Gift Cards



## Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

10/13/2017 - Kathy Senior & D'Ete Kluck

10/27/2017 - Jane Ellefson & Peg Rupprecht

11/10/2017 - Marilyn & Ben Vrana, Mike & Sharyn Beard

11/24/2017 - **No Meal**- Per Social Concerns & Missions Cmte

**October 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
15 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 11:30 AM-YMAC Committee 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship 06:00 PM-Confirmation Class	16 12:00 PM-BIG PALS little pals 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212 07:00 PM-Membership/Growth Meeting	17 07:00 AM-Tues. Morning Book Group 06:00 PM-Consonaires Rehearsal 06:30 PM-Property & Finance Cmte 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 279	18 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 06:30 PM-Worship & Music Committee 06:30 PM-Puppet Practice 06:30 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 07:30 PM-Circle 4 Meeting 07:30 PM-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 07:30 PM-Youth Club	19 06:30 PM-Thursdays Worship Service	20 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	21
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## Women's Fellowship Circles



**Circle 1:** Sue McClure - 402-563-1803

**Circle 2:** Cec Bartholomew - 402-564-0264

**Circle 4:** Louise Moran - 402-564-5745

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

Cec Bartholomew, Rogalyn  
Stevens & Charlotte Griffith

**Immediate Past Moderator:** Joie Taylor

<b>Oct. 18:</b>	Circle 1:	9:30AM	Hostess: Linda McPhail Lesson: Anita Hahn
<b>Nov. 15:</b>	Circle 1:	9:30AM	Hostess: Brenda Wardman Lesson: Sue McClure
<b>Oct 18:</b>	Circle 2:	1:00PM	Hostess: Sherry Miller
<b>Nov. 15:</b>	Circle 2:	1:00PM	Hostess: Laretta Dixon
<b>Oct. 18:</b>	Circle 4:	7:30PM	Co Hostesses: Joie Taylor & Ellen Doughty Lesson: Joie Taylor
<b>Nov. 15:</b>	Circle 4:	7:30PM	Co Hostesses: Karen Hake & Jeannie Johnson Lesson: Ellen Doughty

## Women's Fellowship Dates to Remember

**Nov. 16:** Cookies 'N More

**Nov:** No Board or Fellowship Meetings scheduled  
(unless called)

## B-I-N-G-O



**October 25:** Circles 4 and 1 with  
Circle 4 providing prizes.

**November 22:** Circles 1 and 2  
with Circle 1 providing prizes.

## Reading Opportunities

Have you checked out the church library lately? Everyone is welcome to check out books. There is a good selection for different ages and interests. All borrowed books should be returned within three weeks so others can enjoy them.

Books on the west side shelves are property of the church. In recent years, Federated Women provided the new bookshelves on the east side of the room. Books there are property of Federated Women and contain selections from the suggested reading lists of Presbyterian Women in the Homestead Presbytery. Federated Women participating in the reading program (reading four or more from the current or recent year's suggested list) will be particularly interested in the new books recently added. Because it is the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday for Nebraska statehood, most of the new additions are books by Nebraska authors or of people or settings in Nebraska.

Nebraska Selections include:

More Than Winning – Tom Osborne & John Roberts

A Warrior of the People – Joe Starita

The Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come to Our Town – Mary Pipher

A Lantern in Her Hand – Beth Streeter Aldrich

O Pioneers! – Willa Cather

The Meaning of Names: A Novel – Karen Gettert Shoemaker

The Gypsy in My Soul – Christine Harris

Goodnight Nebraska – Tom McNeal

When checking out a book from the Women's Fellowship section, please remove the card inside the front cover of the book, write your name and date the book is due (3 weeks) and place the card in the red notebook found on a lower shelf on the east side. When returning books, please put the card back inside the envelope on the inside of the book and place the book back to the same location on the bookshelf.

Thank you for helping to keep our books in order and enjoy reading. You will be blessed.

## **Women's Fellowship in Transition**

**Submitted by Linda Wheatley**

Women's Fellowship has been around for a long time. But maybe it's time for that to end. The official "mission" of Women's Fellowship has been to foster and encourage Christian fellowship and spiritual growth among the women of the church, to support the church and to provide outreach to those in need locally and around the world.

So what does that look like? Christian fellowship and spiritual growth happens through small groups (Circles, Needlepoint Ministry) and larger groups events—although those larger groups events—meetings, programs and dinners—aren't very large because attendance has declined in recent years. Providing outreach includes fund raising which is done through the annual all church garage and bake sale, "Cookies 'N More", and circle donations and then distributing the funds raised to local, national and international charities.

Support for the church includes organizing the funeral committees who prepare and serve funeral meals; monitoring the kitchen to keep supplies (such as coffee, paper products, etc.) available and conducting an annual kitchen clean-up day, and maintaining the church library and reading program.

## **Women's Fellowship in Transition**

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Community outreach projects include delivering Meals on Wheels, donating cookies for the Bloodmobile, assisting with Bingo at skilled care centers and helping serve Lenten Lunches.

The problem with Women's Fellowship is finding people to step up and assume leadership roles. The women who have been serving in those leadership roles have done it for a very long time. For various reasons they have indicated they will not continue in 2018.

What would our church look like if all those things described above just disappeared? So, what will happen? The current structure of Women's Fellowship could change. The current leadership board could be reduced in size and function. People who have not been active before could decide to participate. Maybe it's all of those things. Maybe it's none. Maybe it's time for Women's Fellowship to disband. Maybe you have some ideas about that. Share your ideas. Talk to Cec Bartholomew, Sue Mares, Rogalyn Stevens, Sue McClure, Alison Wagner, or me, Linda Wheatley.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Samantha Higgins	10/14
Alicia Purinton	10/16
Steve Dewald, Sharon Kuncil, Tim Rathje	10/18
Leroy Kallweit, Ruth Lind	10/19
Enyssa Arps, Linda Wheatley	10/22
Jenna Mares	10/23
Rex Hash, Chris Rasmussen	10/24
Mark Hegi	10/26
James Dean	10/27
Terry Hickey, Andrew Keener	10/28
Tiffanie Ziola	10/29
Brady Hanks, Roger Hare, Margaret Trew	10/30
Diana Gartrell, Bill Irby	10/31
Debbie Dahlberg, Carrie Prokopec, Peg Rupprecht	11/1
Heather Purinton	11/2
Elizabeth Grisham, Donna Shreve	11/3
Kyle Hadwiger, Hunter Yang	11/5
Mia Purinton, Joshua Winig	11/6
Irene Dare, Emily Forsberg	11/7
Mary Sharpe	11/9
James Morris	11/10
Hanson Elliott, Meera Lange, Mackenzie Slizoski, Mary Thoms	11/11
Benjamin Hickey, Gary Puckett	11/13
Alex Lange	11/14

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 September 2017

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 - September 2017

##### Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$25,453.27
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##### Designated Funds (Savings):

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$500.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$50.00
Back Pack Program	\$20.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$500.00
Building Mntc.	\$500.00
Alumni Mission Trip	\$25.00
Tues. Morn. Book Discussion	\$30.00
Disaster Relief (Hurricane Harvey)	\$2,384.00

##### Interest Income:

Memorial	\$2.16
Checking	\$1.32
Savings	\$11.59

#### Expenses - September 2017

##### General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

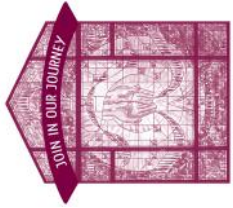
Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$52,417.16
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##### Designated Funds (Savings):

Rent (Wedding-Staff Fee)	\$50.00
Camp Calvin Crest	\$175.00
Church Bus/Van	\$116.91
Building Mntc.	\$8,000.00
Helping Hands-Non-Members	\$30.00

Checking Account Balance Ending August 31, 2017:	\$31,112.07
Savings Account Balance Ending August 31, 2017:	\$76,685.99
Memorial Account Balance Ending August 31, 2017:	\$32,844.95
Checking Account Balance Ending September 30, 2017:	\$8,469.00
Savings Account Balance Ending September 30, 2017:	\$72,041.46
Memorial Account Balance Ending September 30, 2017:	\$32,847.11





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