



# FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

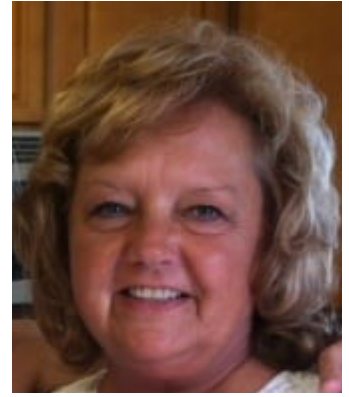
- ♦ November 7 - Heritage Sunday Celebration;  
Daylight Savings Ends
- ♦ November 19 - 2022 Pledge Commitment Cards Due
- ♦ November 21 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service,  
4pm at St. Luke's
- ♦ November 25 - Thanksgiving - No Service,  
Building Closed
- ♦ November 26 - Office Closed



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## Introducing... Kathy, Office Assistant!

Kathy Zywiec was born and raised in Columbus, graduating from CHS in 1978. She received her Computer Science degree in Omaha, where she lived on an acreage outside of city limits for 36 years. She raised three amazing children, Will, Nicci and Michael, who are successful, smart, caring people! Her kids are her world, especially now that she has her grandson, Lincoln, a true miracle baby!



She is married to her best friend, Chuck (also born and raised in Columbus) and she says it has been the most amazing eight years! They just recently purchased a new house and are looking forward to downsizing.

In 2013, she started a business called JobsGuide LLC. She is very excited to sell the business and 'slow down', which is why she is ecstatic that she is now working here! "The staff members are great and I am happy for a nice atmosphere to work in and to keep my mind busy with a new job."

## James Sharpe, Organist/Accompanist



Recently relocated from Evanston, IL, Jim is excited about the opportunity to serve Federated Church as organist and accompanist. He studied music at Hastings College and the University of Michigan and played his first service at Federated. He enjoys organ and piano equally and is an enthusiastic accompanist and collaborator.

Deeply committed to outreach, Jim studied ministry at San Francisco Theological Seminary (PCUSA) in San Anselmo, CA, and earned an M.Div. degree. In addition to church music, Jim has worked as a computer consultant for businesses and nonprofits and continues assisting West Coast clients remotely.

Jim met his life partner, Beth, in California, and they have been married since 1998. She shares Jim's love for music and is participating in our Bell Choir. Beth's daughter Megan is married to George Dean, and they live in Oakland, CA, with their two young sons. Jim's twin sister, Mary, also lives in Columbus; his brother Dave and his wife Peg, live in Des Moines, IA.

## From the Pastor's Desk

### How Do You Connect with God?

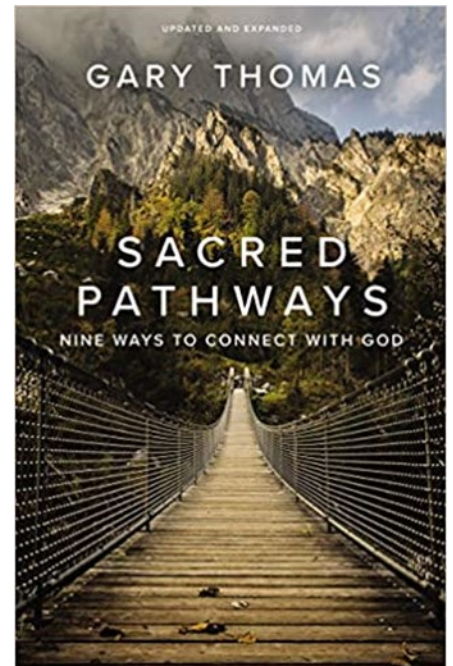
That was the take-away question from a workshop led by Rev. Dr. Candace Adams at this year's Pastoral Leadership Revitalization (PLR) pastors' retreat sponsored by the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation.

We tend to think that there are just a few ways in which we connect with God; whether it reading the Bible or closing our eyes to pray. Yet, as Rev. Adams pointed out, that would be a narrow understanding of spirituality. She compared it to a doctor who prescribes penicillin as a cure-all of their patient rather than utilizing a more specialized treatment.

In her work as a spiritual wellness practitioner, Candace helps people to find their God-given way of connecting with the Divine. To our group of about 20 pastors (from Homestead and Missouri River Valley Presbyteries), she presented eleven distinct ways in which people connect with God. The first nine are from Gary Thomas' book, *Sacred Pathways*.

Here are summaries of Thomas' nine spiritual pathways from his website, <https://garythomas.com/2020/09/02/nine-ways-to-connect-with-god/>:

**Naturalists** are those believers whose hearts best soar toward God when they get outside and are surrounded by all that He has made. There's something about being surrounded by God's creation, the beauty of nature, that bends them toward worship and adoration... If you find that you can't sit still at your desk without falling asleep; or that you're bored by trying to comb through devotional books while lying on your bed, consider getting outside and using nature to awaken your heart.





**Sensate:** The best avenues for some believers to commune with God are the five senses: taste, touch, hearing, seeing, and even smelling... sensates become spiritually attuned when their senses are brought into play. Majestic music, symbolic architecture, outstanding art, or the sensory experience of communion are dear friends and powerful spiritual aids.

**Traditionalist:** These believers appreciate the role of ritual, which builds on the power of reinforced behavior. There is something profound to them in worshipping God according to set patterns—their own, or history's. They may organize their life around scheduled times of prayer and may even choose to carefully observe the Christian calendar, aligning themselves with centuries of faith... for the traditionalist, familiar patterns of worship can function like a high-powered battery ushering them into a delightful sense of God's presence.

**Ascetic:** When you think of an ascetic, think of a monk or nun. Ascetics meet God internally... they prefer to shut out the world and meet God in solitude and austerity. For them, the best environment for personal worship is silence, without any noisy or colorful stimulants. Accordingly, ascetics usually need to get alone on a regular basis. They may prefer solitary retreats, or at least a quiet place with a rather orderly environment.

**Activists** love to meet God in the vortex of confrontation. They want to fight God's battles... They may take a political bent or adopt an evangelistic emphasis, but what marks them as an activist is that they feel most alive spiritually when they are in the midst of God's active (often confrontational) work. That's when God seems most real, most immanent, and most exciting.

**Caregivers** love God by loving others. Providing care and meeting needs in Jesus' name spiritually energizes them and draws them ever closer to the Lord... Caregiving extends beyond nursing sick people; it could include fixing a widow's car, serving as a volunteer firefighter, or researching a cure for a disease... To a caregiver, God seems nearest when they are looking at him through the eyes of a sick child or hurting friend.



**Enthusiast** loves the excitement and celebration of their faith... Enthusiasts don't want to just know Scriptural concepts, they want to experience and be moved by them. Their exuberance tends to lead them to embrace things like dancing, music, drawing, singing, and other creative forms of worship. Whereas the traditionalist is comforted by routine, the enthusiast wakes up hoping that God will move in a fresh way that they've never seen Him move in before.

**Contemplatives** are marked by an emotional attachment and even abandonment to God... Contemplatives enjoy doing the things that couples like to do: demonstrating their love for God through secret acts of devotion, giving gifts to God like the gift of a poem, or an anonymous act of charity. They often favor the discipline of journal writing, where they can explore their heart's devotion.

**Intellectual:** In this context, "intellectual" doesn't necessarily mean "smart," but rather, a heart that is most often awakened when they understand new concepts about God. Their minds are very active, and new intellectual understanding literally births affection; it creates respect for the creator, which leads to worship... The more they understand about truth and God's universe, the more in awe of God—and therefore in love with Him—they become.

Candace Adams offered two additional pathways: Relationalists (who connect with God by connecting with other people) and Creativists (who connect with God by making art). As part of her workshop, participants fill out a questionnaire to see which is our primary pathway. Interestingly, there were three spiritual pathways that I scored high on. Can you figure out which? More importantly, how do you connect with God?

If you would like to learn more, I encourage you to read Thomas' Sacred Pathways and/or have a conversation with me.

Grace and peace,  
Edward

# Children & Youth Ministry

## CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children's Sabbath unites faith communities of every religious tradition across the nation to: Raise awareness of problems facing children and families in our nation.

Federated's children celebrated Children's Sabbath by assembling activity bags. The activity bags were donated to the Center for Survivors to be used by children at the center.



Federated's youth assembled a dollhouse which was auctioned at Taste of Columbus. Taste of Columbus raises funds for Habitat for Humanity.



## YOUTH SUNDAY FUNDAY

Federated youth and friends enjoyed a beautiful fall day at the Roca Berry Farms Pumpkin Patch. Traditional pumpkin patch activities were enjoyed in the afternoon and hot dogs and s'mores were roasted around a campfire after dark. A good time was had by all – even though *someone forgot the chocolate for the s'mores!*



## Calendar of Events

### November 7th Sunday Funday

Cookie Baking  
Middle School and High School youth are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall following worship to bake cookies for Cookies & More. Lunch will be provided!

## Cookies 'N More

Cookies 'N More will be held this year on Thurs. Nov. 18th from 5-7pm. Please sign up to volunteer on the sign up sheets in the Narthex. Please bring your cookies to the church Weds., Nov. 17th from 3:30 - 7pm or Thurs., Nov. 18th from 8 - 10am.

Someone will be there to receive your cookies.

Please put your name and the name of your cookies/candy on your box/tray. Let's all work together to make this a fun and successful event! Any questions call Katie Claus (402-910-4479) or Chris Warren (402-910-0223)

## October Joys & Concerns

♦ Pray for Rebecca Timperley as she recovers from serious injury during motorcycle-car accident. Pain has been very challenging. Please lift Rebecca and Paula up in your prayers.

♦ Please pray for the family of Jim Ehmen, nephew of Daryl Smith. Jim passed away on September 26th, services were held September 30th in Syracuse, NE.

♦ Homestead Presbytery: **Hebron**  
Being a very small and elderly congregation we constantly pray for the health and well-being of all members. Our greatest joy is that we are a happy and contented group of Christians who all enjoy each other and are devoted to our small Church. We are very thankful to Rev. Gail and Sylvia Cross, Rev. John Duling, Jim Fitzgibbon and Peggy Meerse who all fill the pulpit on Sunday a month.

♦ Congratulations to Ricky Rohaus and Heather Curry, who were married on October 2nd in Odessa, Missouri. Heather is the daughter of John and Debbie Curry.

♦ From Homestead Presbytery: **Humboldt**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Humboldt congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

♦ Congratulations to Tim & Kelli Osterloo, who welcomed a daughter, Etta Anne Osterloo, born October 11, 2021. Grandparents are Roland & Doris Augspurger, Great-Grandmother is Donna Augspurger.

♦ Pray for Beryldean Lauterbach as she recently had part of her colon removed and is waiting for a pathology report. Pray also for Herman as he takes care of Beryldean

♦ From Homestead Presbytery: **Laurel**  
Prayer are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Laurel congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.



# Newsletter Article: “Why Care About OCWM?”

By Mayflower UCC,  
Minnesota Conference



*Rooted in Love*

They are like trees planted by  
streams of water, which yield their  
fruit in its season.

Psalm 1:3a

“What is OCWM?” could well be a question in a United Church of Christ trivia contest, a question many of us at Federated might not be able to answer correctly. Acronyms aside, OCWM (Our Church’s Wider Mission) is an important part of the covenant which binds individual members, congregations, Conferences, and the National setting together to form the United Church of Christ.

OCWM is the annual contribution congregations make to the UCC, through our local Minnesota Conference, to fund all the ways we strive together to make a more just world for all. OCWM dollars fund the wide range of resources and services that undergird the ministry we do together at Federated from providing the foundation for the search and call process that brings us our clergy leaders to nourishing and eventually authorizing our members preparing for ordained ministry, from developing and making available a wide variety of resources for justice work and faith formation to providing training and support for those using the resources, from raising up prophetic voices on the state and national level to facilitating structures and alliances that amplify the justice work of Federated’s members.

As a congregation rich in resources, both financial and human, Federated could find it easy to minimize its relation to the wider church and be a beacon on our own little hill, but by maintaining a strong commitment to the UCC, both by strong support of OCWM and by the efforts of individual Federated members actively engaged in wider church ministries, Federated honors its covenant. With the assistance of OCWM, members of the UCC gave scholarships to 32 theological and medical students in China and Africa, offered 87 mission trips within the USA (attended by 3,354 volunteers), developed the White Privilege: Lets Talk curriculum that was downloaded 3,475 times from the UCC website, endorsed and credentialed 55 military chaplains, provided micro-loans in Africa that assisted 350 families and so much more. OCWM reflects the wisdom that “In isolation, no single UCC congregation can be the church the world needs today. To be that world-changing church, we work together through Our Church’s Wider Mission to support and inspire each other.”

Other special offerings (Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, The Christmas Fund) provide opportunities for individual members to contribute to the work of the wider UCC and its ecumenical partners, OCWM is the vehicle for Federated as a congregation to live out its covenantal promise of support. So when you see OCWM as a line item in Federated’s budget, rejoice both because you know what OCWM is and, more importantly, because you belong, through Federated, to a much larger and more world-changing church, the United Church of Christ.

2022 Pledge Drive Commitment Cards are requested back to the Church Office  
by November 19th. Thank you to all who have already returned theirs!

## Social Concerns and Missions Committee Donations

The Social Concerns and Missions Committee is asking the congregation to participate in the monthly donations to the following agencies. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect these donations. Thank you for your help!

### October-November-December

Mittens, gloves, caps, hats, and scarves to be put on an "Angel Tree" in the Narthex and delivered to the Rescue Mission



Submitted by Katie Claus

Columbus **RESCUE** Mission

## Platte County Food Pantry

The Platte County Food Pantry, located at 3020 18th Street in Suite 13 (Old Hospital).

If you are in need of assistance, you can call at 402-563-4544. Some donation suggestions are: canned and boxed foods: soup, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta and pasta sauce, veggies and fruits; staple food items: peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, crackers, tuna, rice, flour, sugar.

This is not an all inclusive list, any non-perishable food items are needed.



## Rescue Mission Meals for 2021

Many thanks to all the volunteers who signed up to provide meals to the Rescue Mission! We have each week filled and accounted for the remainder of the year!

Columbus **RESCUE** Mission

## Meals on Wheels



Thank you to Jean Royer and the group of drivers/deliverers for giving time and concern to the many recipients of meals Sept. 20-24.

Federated's next week of service is Nov. 29 - Dec. 3.  
Renee Bellum will coordinate, 402-563-2441 or 402-276-2454

## Center for Survivors

The Center's needs often change due to shortages or surpluses of certain items.

Please call ahead if you have questions regarding needs, 402-564-2155.



At this time, the Center is in need and accepting donations for the following NEW personal hygiene products: shampoo, conditioner, liquid body wash, deodorant, makeup removing wipes, facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels and men's deodorant.

## Mission Heart, Inc.



Mission Heart, Inc. is located at 412 "G" Street in Central City. For more information, go to: [missionheartworld.weebly.com](http://missionheartworld.weebly.com)

Some donation suggestions include:

Clothing items, Linens (bedding, towels, washcloths), School supplies (pencils/pens, notebooks, crayons, etc.), Baby items (furniture, cloth diapers, blankets, toys, clothes, bottles/cups/spoons, Sewing supplies (batting, bias tape, thread & material - flannel, cotton, polyester, fleece), Medical supplies (walkers/crutches, glasses, hearing aids, braces, slings, blood pressure cuffs, wheelchairs, stethoscopes, thermometers, etc.), O.T.C. medications (chewable vitamins - adult & child, iron pills, Vitamin B6, Pre-natal vitamins, first-aid creams), Gallon-sized or Quart-sized zipping bags, Empty pill bottles, Travel-sized soaps, shampoos/conditioners & lotions

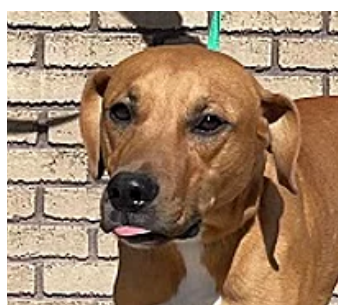
## Paws & Claws Adoption Center



Paws & Claws Adoption Center (The Platte Valley Humane Society) is located at 2124 13th Street. The hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 4:30pm, and Saturdays Noon to 3:30pm.

You can call 402-562-5683 to meet your future pet! Regular needs include: Clumping Cat Litter, Clorox, Pine Sol, Paper Towels, Old Linens, Stamps, Copy Paper, Dog & Cat Toys, Collars & Leashes, Wet Cat & Dog Food, Kitten Food and Milk Replacer, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores.

They have a number of animals available, including Max, Kitty, Austyn and CJ.



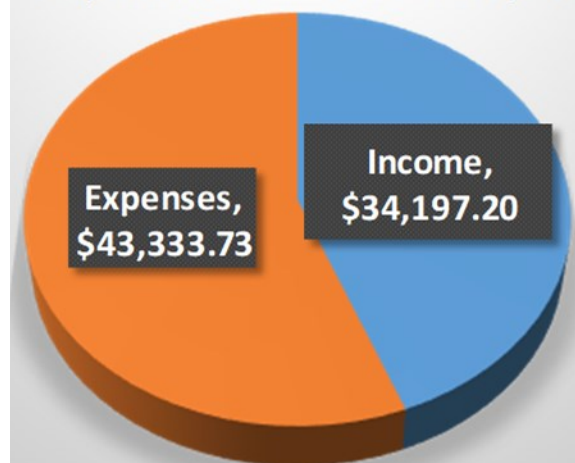


## Finance at a Glance

Contributions - September 2021	
<b>General Funds (Checking):</b>	<b>\$26,420.17</b>
Contributions	\$24,670.17
Misc. Income	\$1,550.00
Rent	\$200.00
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$7,725.94</b>
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$20.00
Ghana Partnership	\$47.00
Neighbors in Need	\$45.00
Triennium	\$400.00
Building Maintenance	\$100.00
Church Activity (Car Window Stickers)	\$20.00
Appreciation/Love Gift	\$1,640.00
Haiti Disaster - UCC	\$1,000.00
Haiti Disaster - PC(U.S.A.)	\$2,000.00
General Savings (Temme Memorial)	\$403.94
Education Hour	\$50.00
Helping Hands - Members	\$1,500.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$500.00
<b>Memorials</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
Undesignated	\$10.00
Landscaping	\$25.00
<b>Interest Income:</b>	<b>\$16.09</b>
Savings	\$16.09

Expenses - September 2021	
<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$31,608.73</b>
Utilities	\$2,292.37
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$27,446.36
Misc. Expenses	\$1,550.00
Rent	\$300.00
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$11,725.00</b>
Building Mntc-Awning Project	\$5,000.00
Appreciation/Love Gift)	\$1,665.00
Haiti Relief - UCC	\$1,250.00
Haiti Relief - PC(U.S.A.)	\$2,250.00
Helping Hands - Members	\$1,500.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$60.00
<b>Memorial Fund:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**September Income v Expenses**





Carrie Prokopec,	11/1	Amanda Weeder	11/16
Elizabeth Grisham, Donna Shreve	11/3	Gunnar Wolfe	11/17
Rebecca Timperley, Hunter Yang	11/5	Rylan Carstens	11/19
Josh Winig	11/6	Diana Barbaglia	11/22
Irene Dare	11/7	Nell Burnham	11/23
Mary Sharpe, James Sharpe	11/9	Anita Hahn	11/24
Jim Morris	11/10	Dana Augspurger	11/25
Meera Lange, Syllas Micek	11/11	Neil Jensen, Toby Sand, Deanna Scheidegger	11/26
Gary Puckett	11/13	Rita Mae Fuhr	11/27
Alex Lange	11/14		

If you see a mistake or missing information on this page,  
call the church office so we can update our records.

## 2021 Committee Chairs and Meeting Days/Times

In the table below you can find the 2021 Chairperson and meeting days and times for each committee. If you belong to a committee and have not heard from your chair, please contact them for information. If you do not have any contact information for them, you can call the office for assistance.

<b><i>Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Chairperson</i></b>	<b><i>Meeting Day/Time</i></b>
Christian Education	Renee Norris	2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Endowment	<b><i>To be determined</i></b>	<b><i>To be determined</i></b>
Finance & Property	Marv Zoucha	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Membership & Growth	Nila Novotny	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating	Wayne McCormick	As Needed
Order of St. Andrew	Laura Porter	1st Monday of the month, 5:15pm
Personnel	John McClure	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm
Social Concerns & Missions	Katie Claus	2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Stewardship	Roland Augspurger	3rd Thursday of the month, 5:30pm
Worship & Music	Alison Wagner	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm
Youth Ministry	Wayne McCormick, VP	2nd Sunday of the month, 11am
Pastor Nominating Committee	Tim Warren, President	Weekly, if necessary, day and time pending
Governing Council	Tim Warren, President Wayne McCormick, VP	4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm

**Reminder to all Chairpersons:** If, for any reason, your meeting has been postponed, rescheduled, cancelled or changed to a different day of the month or time, please contact the office staff regarding the new schedule. Thank you!



# NOVEMBER 2021

1	Isaiah 61 ☐	Isaiah 62 ☐	Hebrews 12 ☐
2	Isaiah 63 ☐	Isaiah 64 ☐	Hebrews 13 ☐
3	Isaiah 65 ☐	Isaiah 66 ☐	John 1 ☐
4	Jeremiah 1 ☐	Jeremiah 2 ☐	Psalm 112 ☐
5	Jeremiah 3 ☐	Jeremiah 4 ☐	John 2 ☐
6	Jeremiah 5 ☐	Jeremiah 6 ☐	John 3 ☐
7	Jeremiah 7 ☐	Jeremiah 8 ☐	Psalm 114 ☐
8	Jeremiah 9 ☐	Jeremiah 10 ☐	John 4 ☐
9	Jeremiah 11 ☐	Jeremiah 12 ☐	John 5 ☐
10	Jeremiah 13 ☐	Jeremiah 14 ☐	John 6 ☐
11	Jeremiah 15 ☐	Jeremiah 16 ☐	Psalm 116 ☐
12	Jeremiah 17 ☐	Jeremiah 18 ☐	John 7 ☐
13	Jeremiah 19 ☐	Jeremiah 20 ☐	John 8 ☐
14	Jeremiah 21 ☐	Jeremiah 22 ☐	Psalm 117 ☐
15	Jeremiah 23 ☐	Jeremiah 24 ☐	John 9 ☐
16	Jeremiah 25 ☐	Jeremiah 26 ☐	John 10 ☐
17	Jeremiah 27 ☐	Jeremiah 28 ☐	John 11 ☐
18	Jeremiah 29 ☐	Jeremiah 30 ☐	Jeremiah 31 ☐
19	Jeremiah 32 ☐	Jeremiah 33 ☐	John 12 ☐
20	Jeremiah 34 ☐	Jeremiah 35 ☐	John 13 ☐
21	Jeremiah 36 ☐	Jeremiah 37 ☐	Psalm 119:25-48 ☐
22	Jeremiah 38 ☐	Jeremiah 39 ☐	John 14 ☐
23	Jeremiah 40 ☐	Jeremiah 41 ☐	John 15 ☐
24	Jeremiah 42 ☐	Jeremiah 43 ☐	John 16 ☐
25	Jeremiah 44 ☐	Jeremiah 45 ☐	Jeremiah 46 ☐
26	Jeremiah 47 ☐	Jeremiah 48 ☐	John 17 ☐
27	Jeremiah 49 ☐	Jeremiah 50 ☐	John 18 ☐
28	Jeremiah 51 ☐	Jeremiah 52 ☐	Psalm 119:73-96 ☐
29	Lamentations 1 ☐	Lamentations 2 ☐	John 19 ☐
30	Lamentations 3 ☐	Lamentations 4 ☐	Lamentations 5 ☐

**Bible Reading Sharing & Discussion Group will meet  
on November 22nd at 3pm in person and online.**

**Please see our weekly emails and Facebook posts for the Zoom information.  
If this day and time does not work,**

# 14th Annual **COOKIES 'N MORE**

**Thursday, November 18**

**5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Federated Church 2704 15th Street**

**Lots of homemade cookies and candy**

**You pack the box!**

**Free refreshments**

**Cash Only**

**Please wear a mask; gloves will be provided**



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## November 2021 Newsletter

### Homestead Presbytery Bucket Challenge!

The Homestead Presbytery was challenging all churches in the Presbytery to fill buckets for Disaster Relief for those affected by hurricanes, floods and fires. If all our Presbytery churches rises to the challenge, we could have filled 500 buckets. By November 1st we had a total of eleven buckets filled. Three of the buckets were filled by Women's Circle, one by John & Linda McPhail and seven by the rest of the congregation!

### Items for Sale!!!

#### **Church members and family:**

We are offering a filling cabinet, an avocado-green fridge, four squares of shingles and a stereo to our congregants, friends and family! If you would like pictures or are interested in these items, contact the church office with your best offer! We will be selling these items online if there are no takers.

If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in the newsletter, you can email it to [fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org). The deadline for submitting information for Newsletters is the 20th of the prior month, e.g. *Jan. 2022 Newsletter deadline will be December 20th, 2021.*