

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

# FEDERATED NEWS

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**2017  
ECUMENICAL  
THANKSGIVING  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Sunday  
November 19th  
4:00 p.m.  
at ST. LUKE'S UCC  
1072 21st Ave., Columbus**

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Thursday Worship  
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship  
at 9:30 AM

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Federated Church is a  
congregation of the Presbyterian  
Church (USA) and the United  
Church of Christ

## Blue Christmas

Worship Service

**December 14 at**

**6:30 PM**

**Pastor Adam Lassen  
preaching at  
Federated Church**

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

In one short verse, which reads as much like a poem as anything, the prophet Isaiah spans a lifetime:

*For a child has been born for us,  
A son given to us;  
Authority rests upon his shoulders;  
And he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Christians read this verse and of course think of Jesus. For the Hebrew people of Isaiah's time, they were talking about someone in their time. One of the beauties of scripture is its impact on people throughout time.

Every generation hopes for leaders who are wonderful counselors and who bring peace. We reach out to God when we feel we can't do anymore, looking to God to be mighty. We know we are mortal — God is everlasting.

Advent and Christmas are the times when we most often read this verse from Isaiah, but it is a powerful verse all of the time.

For all of these reasons and more, we will use [Names for the Messiah](#) by Walter Brueggemann for our Adult Education Advent Bible Study.

Like people in Isaiah and Jesus' time, we are all particularly frustrated with leadership (or a lack thereof). Like people in Isaiah and Jesus' time, there is a severe distance between the "haves" and the "have-nots."

Isaiah and Jesus called the people of their time to action — faith in God that did not instigate faithful action was a frustration of both Isaiah and Jesus.

One of the beauties of scripture is its impact on people throughout time. I encourage you to participate in the Adult Education Advent Bible Study and to look for ways it can inspire you to faithful action.

In Advent Hope —



# Federated CYF

## Children, Youth & Families

By Edward Yang, Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth & Families



### Review of Fall 2017

Our church school for children and youth kicked-off on Sept 10th. One thing new for this year is the addition of a middle school (7th & 8th grade) class on Sunday mornings, since we moved Confirmation classes to Sunday evenings. Our new middle school teachers are Brenda Sand and Lisa Perrin. 😊

We also restarted our Wednesday After-School and Youth Club meetings on Sept. 6th. Our after-school youth have been learning to bake (photo above) with the help of volunteers: Cec Bartholomew, Rogalyn Stevens, Sue McClure, Sharon Kunch and Chris Dixon (thank you!). Youth Club has been going through "Echo the Story" Bible lessons.

Our Children's Ministry continues to learn the Bible through Holy Moly (for preschoolers - 4th graders) and Connect (for 5th & 6th graders). One Oct. 22nd, we had Seed Store for children to exchange seeds for prizes (photo below left).

As mentioned above, Confirmation classes have moved to Sunday evenings. Along with having more quality time to cover lessons, our 7th grade confirmands (Annie Lange, Macyn Norris & Riley Gausman) have been involved with service projects including putting up signs for Cookies 'N More (photo below right) and recycling cans. 🍪



### Upcoming Events

*December 17th  
(Sun) 9:30am*

**Christmas  
Pageant** during  
morning  
worship

*December 17th  
(Sun)*

*11:30am-3pm*

**Family  
Christmas  
Caroling** - We  
will stop by  
McD's for lunch  
and then visit  
senior centers  
& homebound  
members to  
share Christmas  
joy! All are  
invited.

**Children's Christmas Pageant and  
Program**

**December 17th during 9:30 AM**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**Family Christmas Caroling**

**December 17th from**

**11:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Blue Christmas Service**

**December 14th**

**6:30 PM**

**Soup Supper and Sing-a-long**



The Worship and Music Committee will be hosting a soup supper and Carol Sing, in the Fellowship Hall, on Thursday, December 21st, at 6:30 PM.



Families are invited to come and have soup and sing, in place of the Thursday evening service. Please put this event on your calendar!

**Christmas Eve Services**

**December 24th**

**9:30 AM, 5 PM and 7 PM**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**November 16 - Cookies N' More**

**November 19 - John Novotny in Adult Ed  
Volunteering with  
the Red Cross in FL and CA**

**November 19 @ 4:00 PM - Ecumenical Thanksgiving  
at St. Luke's with Rev. Cyndi preaching**

**November 20 - Poinsettia Orders due**

**November 23 - Thanksgiving - No Service,  
Church Office Closed**

**December 1 - Annual Reports for Committees due**

**December 14 @ 6:30 PM - Blue Christmas  
at Federated Church with Pastor Adam preaching**

**December 17 - Christmas Pageant during 9:30 AM  
Worship Service**

**December 17 - Family Christmas Caroling  
from 11:30 AM - 3 PM**

**December 21 - Carol Sing & Soup Supper in  
Fellowship Hall**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Service times at  
9:30 AM, 5 PM and 7 PM**

**December 25 - Christmas Day - No Services,  
Church Office Closed**

**December 31 - Worship Service at 9:30 AM**

## Tuesday Morning Book Discussion

"The Age of the Spirit" by Phyllis Tickle is the next book for the Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group. You are encouraged to join us at 7:00 AM for a light breakfast and a thought-provoking discussion in the Fellowship Hall. The book can be ordered online from Amazon.com for \$11.75. Contact Bob Trautwein (402 910 4341) for more information.

## 2018 All Church Book Read

2018 All Church Book Read has TWO options this year! One option is: 100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation by Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Wondering what you missed those many years ago in confirmation class? This accessible and thorough book can help! Another option is the book Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving. This book may challenge you, but it is worth it. Read one book or both — it's up to you. Both books will be on sale in December. Contact Rev. Annika if you have questions.

## Annual Report Due Date

Committee Chairs, please remember reports for your committee are due in the Church office by Dec. 1st, unless other arrangements have already been made with the office staff. Thank you!!

## 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, no delivery on Thanksgiving Day or Friday. Renee Bellum (402) 563-2441 will coordinate drivers.

## Center For Survivors

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



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

**December:** Mittens/Gloves, Hats, Boots, Coats

## 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:

**November:**

Postage Stamps, Wal-Mart & Menards Gift Cards

**December:**

Kodak #30 Ink Cartridges  
Black & Color, Copy Paper



## Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

11/24/2017 - **No Meal**- Per Social Concerns & Missions Cmte  
12/8/2017 - Confirmants & Pastor Edward  
12/22/2017 - Gail Wurdeman & Nila Novotny

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>12</b> 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 11:30 AM-YMC Committee 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship 06:00 PM-Confirmation Class	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM-Support Group 05:15 PM-Special Olympics 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	<b>14</b> 07:00 AM-Tues. Morning Book Group 04:00 PM-Emerson Tutoring 06:00 PM-Consonantes Rehearsal 07:00 PM-Cub Scouts Troop 279 07:30 PM-Christian Ed. Meeting	<b>15</b> 08:30 AM-Cookies N More Setup 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 06:30 PM-Worship & Music Committee 06:30 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 07:30 PM-Circle 4 Meeting 07:30 PM-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 07:30 PM-Youth Club	<b>16</b> 05:00 PM-Cookies N More 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service	<b>17</b> 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM-Monday Morn. Bible Study 12:00 PM-BIG PALS little pals 05:15 PM-Special Olympics 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212 07:00 PM-Membership/Growth Meeting	<b>21</b> 07:00 AM-Tues. Morning Book Group 04:00 PM-Emerson Tutoring 06:00 PM-Consonantes Rehearsal 06:30 PM-Property & Finance Cnte 07:00 PM-Cub Scouts Troop 279	<b>22</b> 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 06:30 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 06:30 PM-Puppet Practice 07:30 PM-Youth Club	<b>23</b> 08:00 AM-Church Office Closed	<b>24</b> 08:00 AM-Church Office Closed 06:00 PM-Latino Prayer Service	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 09:30 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School 10:45 AM-Adult Bible Education 03:00 PM-El Buen Pastor Worship 06:00 PM-Confirmation Class	<b>27</b> 05:15 PM-Special Olympics 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts Troop 212	<b>28</b> 07:00 AM-Tues. Morning Book Group 04:00 PM-Emerson Tutoring 06:00 PM-Consonantes Rehearsal 07:00 PM-Governing Council Meeting 07:00 PM-Cub Scouts Troop 279	<b>29</b> 03:00 PM-Wed. Youth After School 06:30 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 07:30 PM-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 07:30 PM-Youth Club	<b>30</b> 06:30 PM-Thursday Worship Service		



# December 2017

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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

**Nov. 15:** Circle 1: 9:30AM Hostess: Brenda Wardman

Lesson: Sue McClure

**Nov. 15:** Circle 2: 1:00PM Hostess: Laretta Dixon

**Nov. 15:** Circle 4: 7:30PM Co Hostesses: Karen Hake  
& Jeannie Johnson

Lesson: Ellen Doughty

**Dec. 13:** Circle 1: 9:30AM Hostess: Anita Hahn  
at Traditions

**Dec. 20:** Circle 2: 1:00PM No Hostess Luncheon

**Dec. 2:** Circle 4: 7:30PM ***Holiday Celebration!***

## Women's Fellowship Dates to Remember

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

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

**Dec. 6:** Board Meeting 10:30 a.m.

**Dec. 6:** End of Year Women's Fellowship gathering

## B-I-N-G-O



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

## **Final Women's Fellowship Gathering 2017**

The Federated Women's Fellowship final gathering of the year will be at 12 noon on December 6th. The catered meal will start with a presentation by "The Consonaires". Please make reservations with your circle leader or directly to Cec Bartholomew at 402-564-0264. Remember... all women of the church are invited to this very special event!

## **American Heart Association Project**

The Needlecraft Prayer Ministry is supporting the American Heart Association by knitting or crocheting red baby hats to give to babies born during American Heart Month in February. Congenital heart defects is the most common type of birth defect in the country.

If you would like to help us in this project, please contact Louise Moran for further information. Help must be completed by December 31st.

## **Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Nebraska!**

It's a good time to read about our state. We have several new books by Nebraska authors or Nebraska settings in the Women's Fellowship section of the church library on the east side of the room.

When checking out books from the Women's Fellowship bookcase please remove the card inside the front cover of the book, write your name and the date the book is due back (in 3 weeks) and place the card inside the red notebook.

When returning the book, please replace the card into the front cover of the book and reshel the book where it was located. For ladies participating in the Presbyterian Women's reading program, check the list of suggested reading for 2017-2018 inside the red notebook in that bookshelf.

The public library will have some of the books available that may not be in our church library. Those reading for credit in the reading program, reading 4 or more of the books, please turn your reading reports in to Marilyn Vrana by December 31.

We all owe a big thanks to Joie Taylor who spent many hours and did a great job organizing the church library.

Marilyn Vrana, Federated Women's book chairperson.

## **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

## **Centennial T-shirt Request**

Donna Augspurger is looking for any shirts from Federated's 2014 Centennial. She would like to use them for an upcoming project. If you have one/some, please contact her at 402-564-8413 or [raughspurgen001@neb.rr.com](mailto:raughspurgen001@neb.rr.com). Any size will work!

## **Cent7er Volunteer**

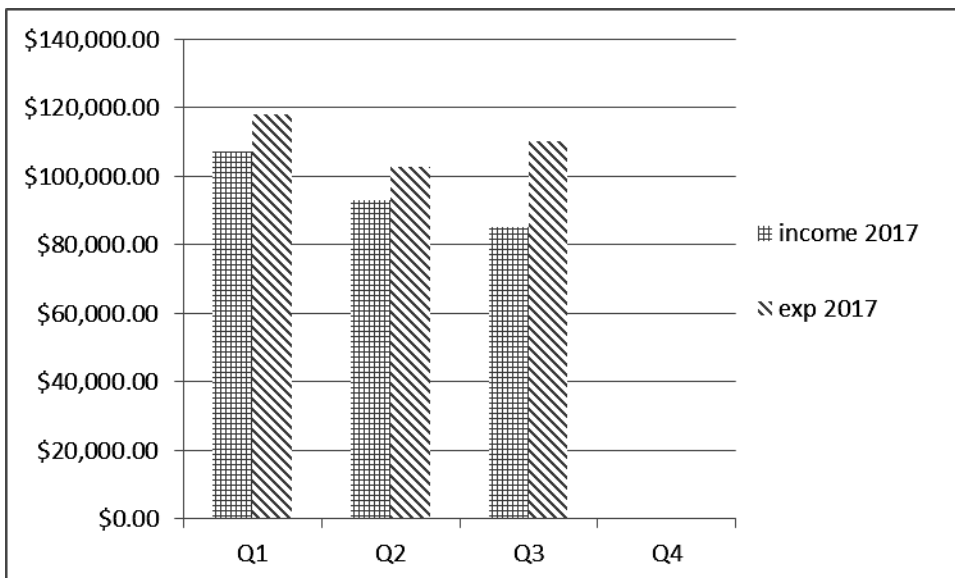
This school year, we have the pleasure of having Miss April Trube, as our volunteer from Cent7er. She is a Sophomore from St. Edward. She is an avid reader and is mostly interested in realistic-paranormal novels. Some of her favorite authors include James Patterson, Zach Bagans and, sometimes, a little R. L. Stein. She lives at home with her parents and older brother and enjoys helping with her nieces. At the church she attends in St. Edward, she likes to spend time in the Nursery with the little ones, playing and organizing the toys. This year, she is at Cent7er on Tuesdays (volunteering here at Federated) and Thursdays where she helps the aestheticians clean at Valencia salon.

## Fall Congregational Meeting Summary

- written by 2017 President of GC, Rick Porter

The following is a summary of the message I delivered at the Fall Congregational meeting. 2017 has certainly been a year of growing pains but one where I feel we have moved in a great direction. 2017 saw the first full year of our staffing plan and the programs that were associated with it. I am so proud of the way this congregation steps up and supports Federated in Time Talent and Treasure and we should feel only humble gratitude in our giving. From the graphic below we see that contributions didn't keep up with expenses in 2017 although expenses have never exceeded the approved budget. As a result, the Governing Council took action in October to transfer about \$24,000 in undesignated reserves into the checking account. My estimate is that we will need an additional \$5000 to complete the year.

I invite you to join my wife and I in making an additional contribution in 2017 to finish out the year. I also encourage you to consider an increase - above the original "Live Generously" October Stewardship request of 3% - for your 2018 pledge. Let's ensure that we continue to support the programs and infrastructure of Federated Church for the future.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Gunnar Wolfe, Peggy Tanner	11/17
James Hash	11/18
Rylan Carstens	11/19
Diana Barbaglia, Coley Kiser	11/22
Nell Burnham, Megan Kallweit, Amber Mohr	11/23
Lee Bower, Anita Hahn	11/24
Dana Brandt, Amy Moore	11/25
Neil Jensen, Toby Sand, Deanna Scheidegger	11/26
Rita Mae Fuhr, Jane Hopp	11/27
Samantha Churchill	11/28
Gary Brandt	11/30
Daniel Eschliman, Grant Gotschall, Connie Hickey	12/1
John Curry, Malynn Knoepfle-Slivoski, Brenda Sand	12/2
LaRene Busler, Joan Specht	12/3
Julie Graham	12/4
Melanie Knoepfle, Jacob Mohr	12/5
Phyllis Hyde, Kathleen Lohr, Ryland Prokopec, Gay Whitman	12/6
Ethan Scheffler, Christine Warren	12/7
Tyler Beard	12/11
Kay Castner	12/12
Randy Kaspar	12/13
Nancy Hegi	12/14
Kaylee Dewald	12/15

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 October 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 - October 2017

##### Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$33,500.63
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##### Designated Funds (Savings):

Memorials	\$785.00
Christmas Joy	\$21.00
Ghana Partnership UCC	\$75.00
Neighbors In Need	\$10.00
Youth Fund	\$52.00
Alumni Mission Trip	\$125.00
Future Year Pledge	\$11,700.00
Tues. Morn. Book Discussion	\$51.00
Disaster Relief - Hurricane Relief	\$116.00
Disaster Relief - Clean-up Bucket	\$100.00
Helping Hands - Members	\$60.00

##### Interest Income:

Memorial	\$0.54
Checking	\$1.69
Savings	\$11.04

#### Expenses - October 2017

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

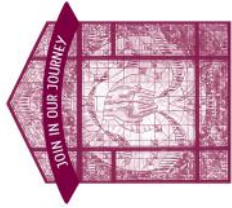
Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$31,709.64
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##### Designated Funds (Savings):

Rent (Wedding-Staff Fee & Cancelled wedding)	\$700.00
Misc. Expense	\$299.79
Helping Hands-Non-Members	\$310.00

**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**  
**Checking Account Balance Ending October 31, 2017: \$29,421.93**  
**Savings Account Balance Ending October 31, 2017: \$75,161.46**  
**Memorial Account Balance Ending October 31, 2017: \$24,506.01**





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