



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING events

- ♦ Cookies 'N More - **CANCELLED**
- ♦ Ecumenical Thanksgiving, Nov 22th - Virtual/Drive Thru
- ♦ Thanksgiving Day, Nov 26th - *No Service, Office Closed*
 - ♦ Office Closed Nov 27th
 - ♦ 1st Sunday of Advent, Nov 29th
- ♦ Blue Christmas, Dec 10th - **TO BE DETERMINED**
- ♦ Children's Christmas Celebration, Dec. 3rd & 6th
 - ♦ Christmas Eve, Dec 24th
 - ♦ Christmas Day, Dec 25th - *Office Closed*
 - ♦ Christmas Dinner, Dec. 25th - **CANCELLED**
- ♦ New Year's Eve - *No Service, Last 2020 deposit before Noon*
 - ♦ New Year's Day, *Office Closed*

If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in the newsletter, please call the Church Office at 564-2812 or email us:

fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org

The deadline for submitting information for Newsletters is the 20th of the prior month, e.g. December deadline will be November 20th.

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From the Pastor's Desk

In the Spring of 2015, I fulfilled one-unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) that was required by my home presbytery for ordination in the PC(USA). I learned a lot during the ten weeks of working as a chaplain at Arcadia Methodist Hospital, Monday through Friday 8am-5pm and on-call overnight at least once a week.

Since May of 2019, I have been sharing reflections that I wrote for CPE in the Federated Church newsletter – about every other month. Part of the reason for this has been the difficulty of coming up with a newsletter article worth sharing each month. Another reason why I chose to share these reflections was the encouragement of my CPE supervisors to do so. The following reflection is the final one I wrote for CPE. I hope it is encouraging to you.

FAREWELL – “Remember me and smile, for it's better to forget than to remember me and cry.” (Dr. Seuss) I hope that the patients that I have met will remember me and smile. Similarly, many of the patients I have visited were people that I remember with gladness. I appreciate the experience of forming deep relationships in a short period of time.

There were patients and family members in the emergency room and critical care unit whom I had the opportunity to come alongside during their scariest moments. I felt their fear of death. For some separation of death became a reality. Yet for others, there was rejoicing over much better times. When patients were moved to the floor, I felt their thankfulness for improved health and prospects of going back home.

Visiting patients in the observation unit was a very different experience. Most of the patients came to the hospital for a short stay treatment (e.g., an eight-hour IV drip). And many of them were here regularly (e.g., every Tuesday). This meant that I could develop relationships with some patients over an extended period of time. I appreciated the opportunity to reflect on what was discussed and continue the conversation. While the relationships with some ER and critical care patients were formed through depth of emotions, the relationships with observation patients are equally treasured for the unhurried life conversations.

Until now, I have felt like the one standing at the shore while the patient's boat has sailed away. For some patients, I missed their departure and did not have the chance to say goodbye. And now, I am the one preparing to sail away. I'm thankful for advice from the supervisors on seeking closure with the end of CPE.

There is a patient that I have spent many hours with over numerous visits in the observation unit. I listened to his life story of birth in Canada, moving to the US, raising a family, losing his brothers, experiencing the death of a child, nearly losing his wife to cancer and struggling with excruciating pain. We connected on various levels: living in Canada, having brothers, raising sons, enjoying work with our hands and experiencing loss of family members. When I met this patient most recently, I let him know that the next time he comes to the hospital (in two weeks) I won't be here. So this patient and I said our goodbyes. We wished each other well. We spoke words of blessing to one another's family. I wished him strength and comfort during times of pain as well as enjoyment in his garden. He wished me well with “the flock” that I will care for. We concluded with a firm and meaningful handshake. And as I let go of his hand, I learned to trust that God will continue to take care of this dear person.

Unlike other reflections, I do not have accompanying questions. If you have any questions and/or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Grace and peace,
Edward





November 2020

Fall foliage, pumpkins, harvest, sweatshirt weather, hayrack rides, and pumpkin spice everything! The change of seasons is a wonderful reminder of all the blessings for which we have to be thankful. While 2020 has been a challenging year, God is GOOD and His love endures! We are called to give thanks in all things. Here are some fun ways to inspire thankfulness in your home.

25 DAY GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

1. Someone you're thankful for
2. Something that makes you smile
3. A food you love
4. Someone that goes unnoticed
5. A favorite book and movie
6. A favorite animal
7. Something unique about you
8. Something beautiful
9. Something that challenges you
10. Beautiful art
11. Something happy
12. A favorite song
13. Something funny
14. Something unique
15. Your favorite foods
16. Something that's helped you
17. Someone in your family
18. A favorite sound
19. Something sweet
20. Freedom
21. A good friend
22. A favorite smell
23. Someone who has taught you something
24. Someone who has helped you
25. Someone you love

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Scriptures of Thankfulness

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| 1. Psalm 107:1 | 16. Colossians 4:2 |
| 2. 1 Chron. 29:13 | 17. Psalm 28:7 |
| 3. Daniel 2:23 | 18. Revelation 7:12 |
| 4. Psalm 95:2-3 | 19. Jeremiah 33:11 |
| 5. Phil. 4:6 | 20. Ephesians 5:20 |
| 6. Philemon 1:4 | 21. Colossians 3:15 |
| 7. Psalm 100:4 | 22. Jonah 2:9 |
| 8. Isaiah 12:4 | 23. Rev. 4:9-11 |
| 9. 1 Thess. 5:18 | 24. Luke 22:19 |
| 10. Psalm 106:1 | 25. Psalm 75:1 |
| 11. Colossians 3:16 | 26. Daniel 6:10 |
| 12. Hebrews 12:28 | 27. Psalm 136:1-3 |
| 13. Psalm 118-1-8 | 28. 2 Cor. 1:11 |
| 14. Psalm 69:30 | 29. Psalm 30:12 |
| 15. Psalm 105:1 | 30. Rev. 11:17 |

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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.

We are not able to accept used donations at this time.

Meals on Wheels



Dec. 7-11 - Cec Bartholomew will coordinate 402-564-0264 or 402-276-8193. The need for volunteers continues.

A day or two or more is much appreciated by the coordinator to help fill 7 routes each of 5 days.

Pray that Federated can continue this service to our community.

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 easy suggestions are: Canned and boxed foods such as soup, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta and pasta sauce, veggies and fruits; Staple food items: peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, crackers.

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



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, Copy Paper, Dog & Cat Toys, Collars & Leashes, Paper Towel, Old Towels/Washcloths/Blankets, Gently Used Pet Supplies, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores.

They have a number of animals available, including Callie, Sheldon, Crosby and Mia.



Finance at a Glance

Income - September 2020		Expenses - September 2020	
Contributions, Etc.	\$22,795.18	Annual Budget Expenses:	\$27,165.38
Contributions	\$22,795.18	Utilities	\$1,990.29
Memorials	\$220.00	Other Budgeted Expenses:	\$25,025.09
Unrestricted	\$170.00	Damage Deposit Refund	\$150.00
Youth Mission Trips	\$25.00	Designated Funds (Savings):	\$120.00
Landscaping	\$25.00	Helping Hands-Non-Members	\$120.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$1,920.00	Memorial Fund:	\$146.78
Habitat for Humanity	\$120.00	Undesignated Memorials - Live Stream Upgrade	\$146.78
Pre-pledge (Future Year 2021)	\$1,600.00		
Helping Hands Non-Members	\$200.00		
Interest Income:	\$5.66		
Memorial	\$0.00		
Checking	\$0.00		
Savings	\$5.66		

2020 End of Year Reports

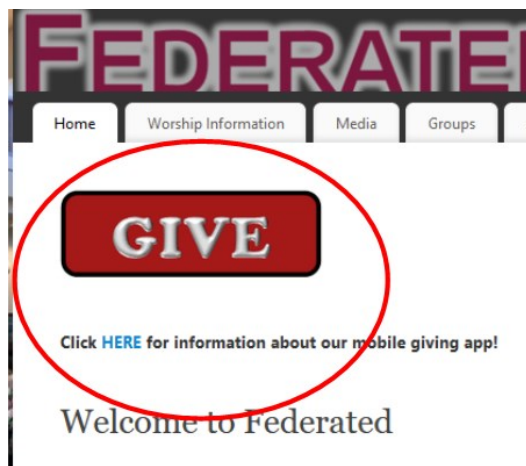
Just a quick reminder: the end of 2020 is fast approaching! The annual reports from the committees (with exception of Finance & Property, Foundation and Endowment) are going to be due sooner than you know!

You can email your reports to Chrissy at cford@federatedcolumbus.org by December 4th!



Carrie Prokopec, Peg Rupprecht	11/1	Meera Lange	11/11
Elizabeth Grisham, Donna Shreve	11/3	Alex Lange	11/14
Hunter Yang	11/5	Diana Barbaglia	11/22
Josh Winig	11/6	Anita Hahn	11/24
Irene Dare	11/7	Dana Augspurger	11/25
Jim Morris	11/10	Neil Jensen, Toby Sand	11/26

Easy Online Giving Options Available



Give online for a quick and easy way to contribute without leaving the sanctity of your home!

Three options are currently available:

- 1) Online Giving - press the "GIVE" button on the website
- 2) Mobile app - click the 'here' link underneath the "GIVE" button for instructions
- 3) ACH transfer - call Chrissy at the church office for information.



Arise, shine, for your light has come!

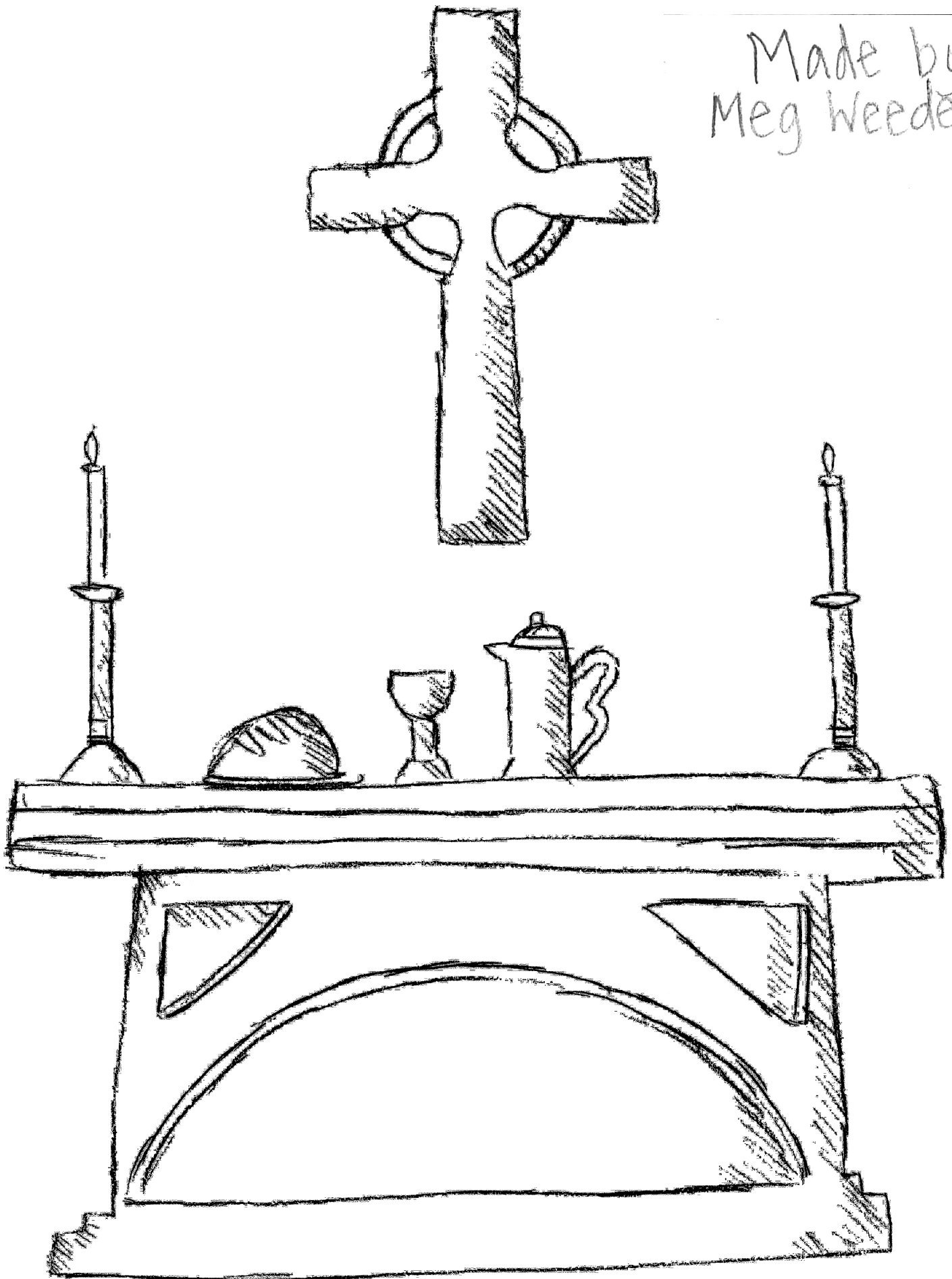
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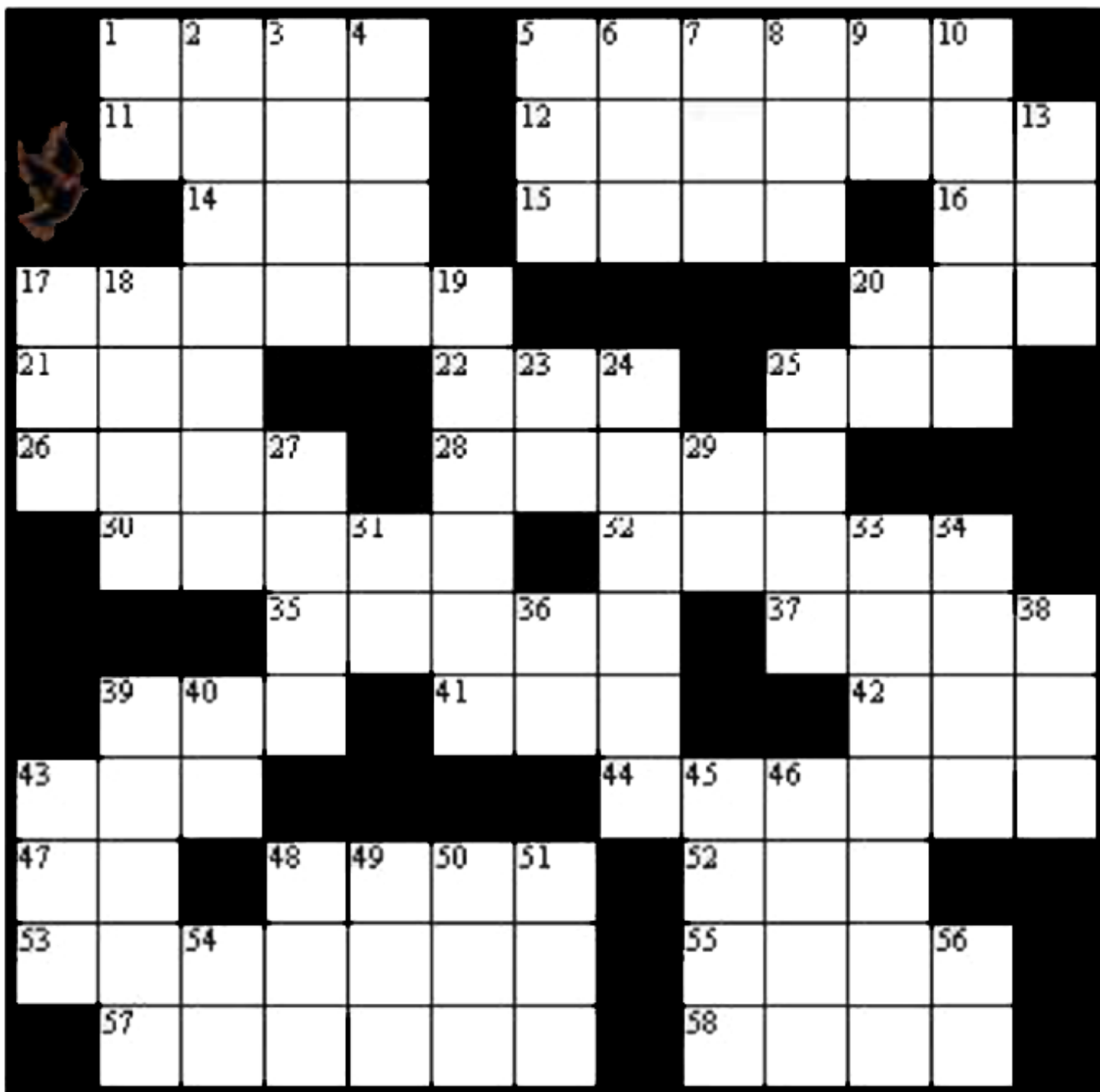


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ACROSS

- 1 your feet ____ with the preparation of the gospel of peace (Eph 6:15)
 5 Make thee an ark of ____ wood (Gen 6:14)
 11 According to my earnest expectation and my ____ (Phil 1:20)
 12 For the eyes of the Lord ____ the righteous (two words) (1 Pet 3:12)
 14 Except a man be born again, he cannot ____ the kingdom of God (John 3:3)
 15 Isaac departed thence, and pitched his ____ in the valley (Gen 26:17)
 16 But ____ ye doers of the word, and not hearers only (James 1:22)
 17 but the house of the righteous ____ firm (Prov 12:7). (NIV)
 20 suffered thee to hunger, and ____ thee with manna (Deut 8:3)
 21 what the land is, whether it be fat or I ____ (partial word) (Num 13:20)
 22 I will not with ____ and pen write unto thee (3 John 1:13)
 25 friend, buddy
 26 no man putteth new ____ into old bottles (Mark 2:22)
 28 with earthquake, and great ____, with storm and tempest (Isaiah 29:6)
 30 Jacob said unto ____, Give me my wife (Gen 29:21)

ACROSS

- 32 ____ have they, but they smell not (Ps 115:6)
35 every man from his evil way, and ____ your doings (Jer 35:15)
37 we spend our years as a ____ that is told (Ps 90:9)
39 his master shall bore his ear through with an ____ (Exodus 21:6)
41 let the peace of God ____e in your hearts (partial word) (Col 3:15)
42 Ahab heard those words, that he ____t his clothes (partial word) (1 King 21:27)
43 not willing that ____ should perish (2 Pet 3:9)
44 reported this to the men of Jabesh, they were _____. (1 Sam 11:9) (NIV)
47 abbr. for identification
48 waters to ____ in, a river that could not be passed over (Ezek 47:5)
52 Bring of the f ____ which ye have now caught. (partial word) (John 21:10)
53 my days as an handbreadth; and ____ is as nothing (two words) (Ps 39:5)
55 If a man ____, will he live again? (Job 14:14) (NIV)
57 To every thing there is a ____ (Eccles 3:1)
58 they ____ into the bottom as a stone. (Exodus 15:5)

DOWN

- 1 lay thy hand upon her, and ____e shall live. (partial word) (Matt 9:18)
2 and cried, ____: Blessed is the King of Israel (John 12:13)
3 so he shall ____, and none shall shut (Isaiah 22:22)
4 let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in ____ and in truth (1 John 3:18)
5 Abraham ____ up early in the morning (Gen 19:27)
6 What King Solomon's mines produced
7 my tongue is the ____ of a ready writer (Ps 45:1)
8 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor ____ (Rev 3:15)
9 as the serpent beguiled ____e through his subtlety (partial word) (2 Cor 11:3)
10 obey his voice, and not ____ against the commandment (1 Sam 12:14)
13 And rams' skins dyed ____ (Exodus 35:7)
17 A time to rend, and a time to ____ (Eccles 3:7)
18 the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the ____ (Deut 28:13)
19 joy shall be in heaven over one ____ that repenteth (Luke 15:7)
20 Eglon was a very ____t man (partial word) (Judges 3:17)
23 Take heed that ____ man deceive you (Matt 24:4)
24 Heap on wood, ____ the fire (Ezek 24:10)
25 annoying person
27 children of Shobal were these; Alvan, and Manahath, and ____, (Gen 36:23)
29 if God ____ loved us, we ought also to love one another (1 John 4:11)
31 I ____ the LORD thy God (Exodus 20:2)
33 put them in an ____ vessel (Jer 32:14)
34 he awoke out of his ____p (partial word) (Judges 16:20)
36 abbr. for the fourth book of the OT
38 he that shall endure unto the ____, the same shall be saved (Mark 13:13)
39 thy brother was dead, ____ alive again (two words) (Luke 15:32)
40 B ____ and sell, and get gain (partial word) (James 4:13)
43 when you ____ at them with drawn bow. (Ps 21:12) (NIV)
45 tops of containers
46 but almost throughout all ____, this Paul hath persuaded (Acts 19:26)
48 Jesus, walking by the ____ of Galilee, saw two brethren (Matt 4:18)
49 the Spirit of Christ which ____ in them did signify (1 Pet 1:11)
50 Sit ye here, while ____ and pray yonder (two words) (Matt 26:36)
51 He that walketh with wise ____ shall be wise (Prov 13:20)
54 compass direction
56 whatsoever we a ____, we receive of him (partial word) (1 John 3:22)

15th Street Road Construction Update

At the beginning...



Then...



NOW...



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A Message from the GC President

The Governing Council is looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to determine a staffing plan for Federated Church. This task must be completed by the end of January 2021 so that a search committee can be appointed at the February Congregational Meeting. Please direct your questions or volunteer by texting or calling Marcia at 402-276-1428.

Thanks for your consideration!

October Newsletter Crossword Solution

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