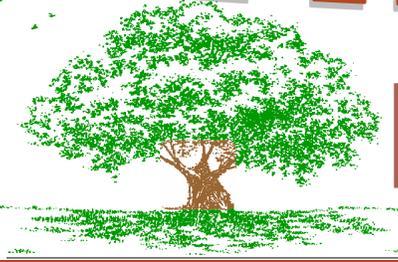


# Primetime

"A Mission in our Midst"

November 2020

Newsletter



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Happy Thanksgiving! It's a time to give thanks and be grateful. During COVID that's a little harder to do. I think I could make a list of "all the things I've learned to do without" including Broadway shows, big family get togethers, playing cards with friends... the list could go on, but I am learning slowly that I can do without these things for a little longer and when I can do them again, I will REALLY be grateful and appreciate them.

As most of you know, since I am still shouting it from the rooftops - I AM NOW A GRANDMA! Little Charlie was born on September 16 and he is simply irresistible. I have many pictures on my phone to show all of you when we can get together again. Don't worry - I won't forget!



Two of our committee members in particular have helped me out this month. Marilee Biel showed me a virtual online speaker series called "Harvest the Knowledge" put on by Jennings. They are held on Wednesdays from 12:00 -1:00 PM, it's free and you can join online at [notredamevillage.org/harvest](http://notredamevillage.org/harvest) or by phone, 440 279-9400. They cover many different subjects including Estate planning and Veterans financial benefits. Kathie Biggin also found the wonderful write up included in this newsletter called "The Train." Thanks guys!

The big news at church is the beautiful cross that is in front of our church now! John Biel was the mastermind and creator of this beautiful wooden cross. Please read the article included. Good job John and thank you so much!

Please feel free to call my cell at 440.785.5998 or to email me at [dherschel@fedchurch.org](mailto:dherschel@fedchurch.org). I would love to hear from you. Maybe you might have a suggestion for my next newsletter? I am thankful for every one of you!

- Dolly Herschel, Primetime Coordinator

## "The Train"

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, strangers and even the love of your life. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent

vacuum. Some will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves

The mystery is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who

we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey for the coming years on your train of life. Reap success, give lots of love and be happy. More importantly, thank God for the journey! Lastly, I want to thank you for being a passenger on my train!

## New Wooden Prayer Cross

Kiersti Critchfield Carty, our Pastoral Care Associate, had the idea to start a Prayer Cross ministry during these times of isolation. She envisioned a portable cross as way to leave our meditations, thoughts and considerations when we can't come inside into Sanctuary or Chapel. She turned to John Biel for help and he quickly got to work!

John chose cedar wood – leaving it unvarnished so that the wood appears the way that God grew the tree from which it came. The vertical slats face upward and the horizontal ones face inward, representing our inward support from God and our upward connection to God.

Prayer is an important part of our spiritual life and Federated wants to give congregants more opportunities

to further invite God into our lives through prayer. Anyone is encouraged to write their prayer requests on paper and slip them into the cross slot. Allow this sacred space to be a time of refuge and renewal for your soul.

John was thrilled to make a contribution to Federated during this time when folks can feel so removed from the church and our congregation. Many thanks go to Kiersti and John for making this ministry come alive!



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## Primetime Mission Statement

*Primetime is a church-based organization providing spiritual growth, service to others, and education. This program provides opportunities for social involvement and gives people a sense of community and support. Federated Church sponsors this program to help enrich the lives of its members and the wider community.*



## November Birthdays

Jim Pivarski	1	Judy Kramer	10
Carol Laird	3	Dona Sutherin	10
Saundra Evans	4	Don Wakeman	11
Joe Groeger	5	Greg Davis	12
Judy Maloni	6	Byron Lutman	16
Debbie Baker	6	Mimi Bathgate	17
Al Sell	7	Ralph Lindeman	20
Linda Zelazny	8	Carolyn Richardson	23
Carol Poe	9	Joy Haddix	25
Florence Blanock	9	Carole Wakeman	30