



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 28

Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Mission & Involvement Fair

Sunday, November 4 | 11:00 am—1:00 pm
Family Life Center

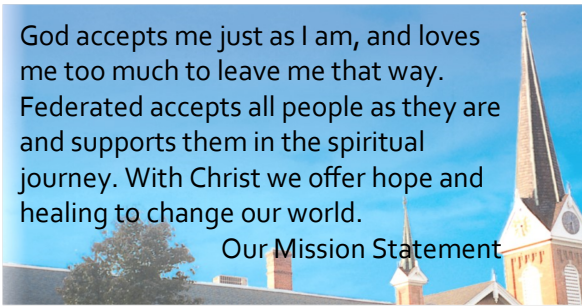
The opportunities offered at Federated Church that feed body, mind and soul are innumerable. Come learn about the wide variety of ministries, organizations and clubs through which we can put our faith into action, either within our own church community or through service in our larger community. Enthusiastic participants will share their experiences and answer your questions.

Refreshments will be served.



God accepts me just as I am, and loves me too much to leave me that way. Federated accepts all people as they are and supports them in the spiritual journey. With Christ we offer hope and healing to change our world.

Our Mission Statement



Ahead At The Fed

Note: New Return Date!

****Worship services at the Family Life Center: 16349 Chillicothe Road through November 11****

Sunday, November 4

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Worship and Sunday School at the Family Life Center

Music by The Children's Choir

11 am Mission & Involvement Fair

November 4- Lectionary Readings

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalm 119:1-8

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

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Music by Combined Choirs

We welcome you to The Federated Church, a place to belong and a place to become.
We are people just like you, who hope and love and hurt, and we have found that Jesus Christ makes a transforming difference in our daily lives.
Your presence matters to us. We open our hearts to you.

Our Staff is Here to Support YOU

We at Federated believe in service. We think of our congregation as Ministers to the World and our church staff as Ministers to the Congregation. Should you have questions or need information, please contact us at 440.247.6490. We look forward to serving you.

Clergy *denotes part-time staff

Hamilton Throckmorton, *Senior Pastor*
Mark Simone, *Pastor of Children's, Youth & Family Faith Formation*

* **Susi Kawolics**, *Pastor of Worship Planning & Adult Faith Formation*

Administration and Staff

Amy Eugene, *Senior Director of Operations*
Melinda Smith, *Congregational Life Administrator*

* **Trisha Holland**, *Marketing & Communications Specialist*

* **Janis Stefanchik**, *Bookkeeper*

* **Dolly Herschel**, *Primetime Coordinator*

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* **Laura Taylor**, *Capital Campaign Assistant*

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* **Wilson Taylor (temp)**, *Custodians*

Music Staff

Joshua Konow, *Director of Music Ministries*

* **Marcia Snavelly**, *Organist*

* **Pat Haynish**, *Director of Children's Choir*

* **Thaddeus Quintin**, *Director of Federated Bell Choir*

Children's Ministries Staff

* **Marty Culbertson**, *Director of Youth Faith Formation*

* **Kiersti Critchfield**, *Director of Children's Faith Formation*

* **Alex Bell**, **Lianna Davis**, *Childcare Providers*

Our Ushers and Greeters are wearing red carnations. They are available to answer any questions you may have and will be happy to assist you in any way.



In the Company of Women

Thursday, November 1 | 7:00 pm

Bell Street Chapel

Archetypes: Messengers from Beyond

On All Saints Day, we gratefully stand on the shoulders of our ancestors and our mentors. Each one has informed the ways we approach life, see life, engage in life. Archetypes give us a lens for understanding our relationship to the gifts these wise souls have offered us.

Together, we'll explore archetypes (beyond the maiden, the mother, the crone) and the value of intentionally living into these on our life's journey.



In a noisy world, we create a quiet space to reflect on who you are as God's beloved. Through music, guided meditation, reflection and sharing, become re-grounded and re-minded. Give yourself the gift of joining into circles of shared life, hopes, prayers, and support. Women of all ages are invited to attend.

Free Pew Cushions!

The red pew cushions taken from the Sanctuary are available to anyone who is interested.

Contact Paul Koepf at pauillkoepf@gmail.com.

Church Truck for Sale

2010 GMC Sierra K1500
(with snow plow)

\$7,000.00

Mileage: 80,000

Contact: Larry Trace

at 440.463.2817



Wondrous Wednesday

Wednesday, November 14

6:00 pm FREE dinner, 7:00 pm program
Fellowship Hall

Cleveland Artist Billy Haynes to Enrich Federated Hallways

Come meet one of my favorite characters (and multi-media artist). He's an art teacher, has his own design and sculpture studio, helped create the banner for our country's bi-centennial,...

learn more. He's an engaging person to meet!

Look for his art on our walls beginning November 14. And, come hear his story. He will speak at 7 pm after the free meal at 6 pm.

Call 440.247.6490 or stop at the reception desk in the Bell St. Lobby to RSVP if you wish to enjoy the meal.



Calling All Actors and Volunteers!

Federated's fourth annual Search for the Christ Child will take place at the Family Life Center on December 2. We need your help to make this year's event the most successful one yet!



Sign-ups are open for a variety of acting parts, (speaking and non-speaking) set-up/tear down, and other volunteer positions. There is something for the whole family! Visit fedchurch.org/SFTCC for more information and to sign up.

Rise to Shine Our New Worship Schedule

Throughout November, even as we re-enter our 76 Bell Sanctuary, we will continue a united worship at 10 am. Then, starting the first Sunday in Advent (December 2) we will dedicate two distinct worship times and styles. Our traditional worship will run **10-11 am**, with the richness and invitational welcome of our Federated Choirs and Sunday School. **Then from 11:30 am-12:15 pm, we offer "Rise to Shine"** to shine God's light in spirited, relational and relevant worship.

This new service will feature a new musical group inviting you to sing with us as we arrange recent and familiar tunes to begin service with multiple musical selections. People of all ages and backgrounds will participate together as we seek to lift our Sunday spirits and create new pathways for connection to the Light of God.



December SPIRE Deadline is EARLY

Do you have something you'd like to see appear in the next edition of the SPIRE? Please email your information to Trisha Holland at communications@fedchurch.org by **Wednesday, November 7** and include "SPIRE" in the subject line. Thank you!



Capital Campaign Projects Update

Enjoy this photo of our new carpet! Notice the lines in the Fellowship Hall - new hearing loop wires have been laid down before the carpet installation in late October. In the Sanctuary, the color of the florescent bulbs at is being changed to a warmer tone LED bulb for both aesthetic and energy-efficiency purposes. All of the plaster work in the Sanctuary has been completed, the new Chancel area has been stained, the roof is finished, and the insulation and HVAC systems have been installed. Currently, they are balancing the temperature of the heat systems. We are so thankful for all the attention to detail that has been a part of this process.



Red Cross Blood Drive

November 5 | 1:00—6:00 pm
Family Life Center

The American Red Cross strives to maintain a safe and stable blood supply. Please do your part by making an appointment to donate blood by calling **1.877.RedCross** or go online at **RedCross-Blood.org**. You can also be a “walk-in donor!” Sign up with a friend – what a wonderful way to introduce them to Federated! Due to many recent natural disasters, all blood resources are critical.

We also need a few community service-minded people with an



**American
Red Cross**

hour or two to spare are needed to help register donors. No prior experience is necessary. If you have any questions about donating, or you can help some time during the hours of 1:00—6:00 pm, please contact Carole Mason or Bill Mason at 440.338.3573 or at wfmason36@gmail.com.

Oglebay Lights Tour

With Wheeling Park Holiday Dinner
Buffet

Wednesday, November 28 | 9:30 am
Depart from Family Life Center

Last chance to sign up! Just a few seats left!
This trip is open to all interested adults in the area.

- Board a wonderful, 55-passenger Great Day Tours motor coach. We will stop for lunch (on your own).
- There will be time to shop at the Hilltop Shops, tour the elegant Oglebay Mansion, and Winter Fantasy at the Good Zoo.
- Wheeling Park Country Holiday Dinner Buffet
- Guided tour of the Festival of Lights – a guide will board the motor coach and describe the light show to its fullest extent.

Cost: \$90.

Call 440.247.6490 to RSVP by November 9.

The 2018 Picture Directories have arrived!

If you had your picture taken last spring for our new picture directory, or submitted a picture, your complimentary directory is waiting for you.

Look for the distribution table in the corner of the Family Life Center Great Hall after worship or stop by the office during the week to pick up your copy.



Get out and Vote!

Your vote on Tuesday, November 6 is crucial. In making our decisions, We ask: Who is our God? What is God's agenda for the world? We remember: We are only stewards, owning nothing, but serving only God's will in the world in everything that we do...even our vote.

We discern what that will is by way of prayer, and by paying close attention to the actions and the message of those up for election. We listen, then, and we cast our vote for the one who seems closest to representing God's intention for the day and for the future. Please, this November 6, cast your vote. Cast your faith. Cast God into the world. -- [OMG Center for Theological Conversation](#)



Members of SJAM will be in the Lobby distributing *Vote By Mail* applications after the worship services for those interested.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil at ICE Headquarters

Please join us on Thursdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm for an Interfaith Prayer Vigil at the Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) headquarters.

Prayer will be led by a different clergy each week. The address is 925 Keynote Circle in Brooklyn Heights.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 10 | 8:00—10:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 (includes hot breakfast)

Come Hear William "Bill" Ryan
Topic: Being Faithful

Call 440.247.6490 to make reservations

- National Senior Olympic Gold Medalist in 2017
- A high school and college teacher and coach
- Involved in ministries such as CBMC and Alpha
- Involved in Christ Community Chapel in Ohio
- Involved in Church of the Resurrection in Kansas
- CEO of Not About Me Music





This Week In Sunday School



Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Campout	Moses and the water. Exodus 17:1-7	God's Got It	The Rainbow Promise- Spiritual Practices	Noah Genesis 6:13-22, 7:1-16, 8:1-9:17	We can trust God's promises

Family Fellowship "Fedsgiving"

Saturday, November 10 | 4:00—7:00 pm
The LeFeber Home

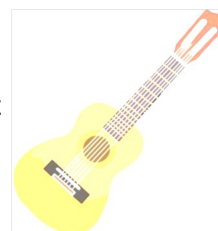
Come for a meal and to build a Thanksgiving tree. Please bring a side or dessert that is special to your family.

RSVP to Kristin at kristinlefeber@gmail.com or 703.434.9851

Guitar Choir Is Back!

Thursdays | 3:45 pm
Room 320

Mark Simone is offering group guitar lessons for any interested child, teen or adult. We will gather at the church from 3:45—4:30 pm. There is a one-time charge of \$10 so we can have music and strings on hand. Any level of player is welcome!



Homeless Stand Down Donation Opportunity

The children and youth would like to invite the congregation to help them collect toiletries for hygiene kits as listed here.

There will be bins at the Family Life Center throughout October for your donations.

If you have questions about items to be donated, contact Marty Culbertson at mculbert@fedchurch.org

Hygiene Kits

Include:

Shampoo and
Conditioner or
2 in 1(full size)
Bar of Soap
Lotion
Washcloth
Toothbrush and
Toothpaste
Shaving Cream and
Razor (Men)
Feminine Items
(Women)

Other Optional

Items:

Chapstick
Floss
Deodorant
Antibacterial Wipes
Mouthwash
Nail File/Clippers
Comb/Brush



Weekly Calendar

Activities in ***bold italics*** take place at the Family Life Center. Rentals, Scout and non-church related community events are not listed.
*Find the full calendar of events on our website at **FEDCHURCH.ORG/CALENDAR***

SUNDAY October 28

9:00 am Loaves & Fishes Sharing A Meal—away
9:30 am Confirmation Class helps at Loaves and Fishes—away
10:00 am *Worship Service*
10:00 am *Sunday School*
2:00 pm JOY (Jr High Youth Group) Reverse Trick or Treating
6:30 pm *GROUP (Sr High Youth Group) Mtg*
8:15 pm *AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg*

MONDAY October 29

8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
10:00 am Primetime Tai-Chi
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY October 30

8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am *Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal*
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
5:30 pm *Creation Justice Empathy Mapping Mtg*
7:00 pm *AA Fireside Mtg*

WEDNESDAY October 31

7:30 am *Contemplative Prayer*
8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg
5:15 pm Same Boat Friends meet for dinner
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg
8:00 pm *Al-Anon Regular Mtg*

THURSDAY November 1

8:30 am Men's Discussion Group
9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group
9:30 am *Sit & Stitch*
10:30 am *Tributaries: Chair Pilates*
3:45 pm Guitar Choir
6:00 pm *Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg*
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm In the Company of Women
7:00 pm Spiritual Autobiography Class

FRIDAY November 2

8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
9:30 am Women's Bible Study—away
12:00 pm Friday Big Book AA Mtg
1:00 pm Mahjong
2:00 pm Primetime Bowling
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY November 3

SUNDAY November 4

10:00 am *Worship Service*
10:00 am *Sunday School*
10:00 am *Mission & Involvement Fair*
3:30 pm *GROUP (Sr High Youth Group) Mtg*
5:00 pm *JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Mtg*
8:15 pm *AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg*



**UPDATE: We will return to
Bell Street for worship on
November 18**

Worship services will continue at the Family Life Center through Sunday, November 11. Please mark this new date in your calendars. Thank you for your patience!

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER: *Please include in your prayers this week....*

Peter Godenschwager, 636 Blue Spruce Trail, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023, who having surgery for esophageal cancer on Tuesday, October 30.

Carol Laird, 55 Bel Meadow Lane, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, who is home recovering after being hospitalized.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Laura Taylor** and **Ed Wilmott**.

For October, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **JustHope, Stitching Hope and all Nicaraguan Ministries**.

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

Bob Abley, Mary Ann Boysen, Paul Neidhardt, Marge Overman, Carol Poe.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Harry Guinther from Pris, David and Barbara Guinther and John and Lisa Guinther.

Fellowship Treats: Thanks to families in our congregation whose names begin with E, F and G for providing today's treats. Please join us after worship and enjoy!

Each week, certain members are invited to bring treats to share. Please bring ready-to-serve finger foods in disposable containers. They can be set on the treat table in the Chapel area. Healthy choices are especially welcome, but please *no nuts*. Thank you in advance for your participation.

November 4– **members with last names beginning H, I, J or K**

November 11– **members with last names beginning L or M**

November 18– **members with last names beginning N, O or P (*Return to Bell St.)**

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