



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 4 Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

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!

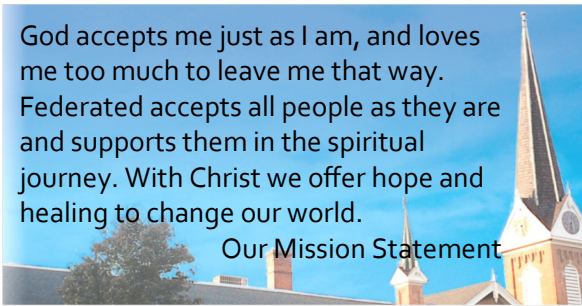
Sign-ups are open for a variety of acting parts, (speaking and non-speaking) set-up/tear down, and other volunteer positions. There is something for the whole family!

Stop by and see us at the Mission and Involvement Fair after worship today, or visit fedchurch.org/SFTCC for more information and to sign up.



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 at the Family Life Center through November 11 (16349 Chillicothe Road)****

Sunday, November 11

10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Worship and Sunday School
at the Family Life Center
Music by Combined Choirs

November 18- Lectionary Readings

I Samuel 1:4-20
I Samuel 2:1-10
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 18

****RETURN TO 76 BELL ST.****

9:45 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Commitment Sunday
Pre-service music by Bookshar Trumpet
Ensemble and Marcia Snively
10 am Worship and Sunday School at Bell St.
Music by The Bell Choir

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*

*** Darlene Nichols**, *Pastoral Care Administrator*

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

Ed Willmott, *Properties & Events Manager*

Jake Magalski, *Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

*** Larry McGurer**, ***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.



Ingathering has Begun

Deadline—Sunday, November 18

Each year at Thanksgiving, our sister church, St. Paul's, packages and gives away 100 food baskets for families who would not otherwise have a holiday dinner. Families come to St. Paul's and receive a basket filled with everything they will need for a festive holiday celebration.

Please bring in traditional Thanksgiving foods such as canned vegetables, pie crust mixes, fruit or pumpkin filling, potatoes, and frozen turkeys to the Family Life Center on Sunday, November 11. There will be a display in the Lobby. On November 18, we return to Bell Street, and on that date, donations can be left in the Narthex.

Monetary donations are also needed to complete the baskets. Please make checks payable to Federated Church with "Ingathering" in the memo line. Checks can be left in the offering plate, or brought to the church office.

Let's celebrate our many blessings by sharing from our abundance!

Veteran's Day Honor Celebration

We have collected stories, photos, letters, and memorabilia about the military service of people in the congregation and their loved ones. This will be shared in a special way after the worship service on **Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11**



Please plan on staying after the service for this special tribute.

Mission & Involvement Fair

TODAY after worship

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.



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 our 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.



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 along 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

Look what arrived! Can't wait to
hear Marcia playing it!



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!



**American
Red Cross**

If you have questions, please contact Carole Mason or Bill Mason at 440.338.3573 or at wfmason36@gmail.com.

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.

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**.

Movie Night: Smog of the Sea

November 19 | 7:00 pm

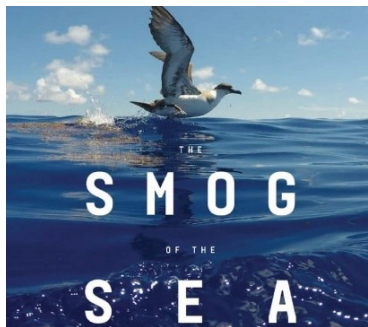
Family Life Center Youth Room

The *Smog of the Sea* chronicles a one-week journey through the remote waters of the Sargasso Sea. Marine scientist Marcus Eriksen invited onboard an unusual crew to help him study the sea.

As the crew sieves the water and sorts through their haul, a disturbing reality sets in: a fog of microplastics permeates the world's oceans, trillions of nearly invisible plastic shards making their way up the marine food chain. You can clean up a garbage patch, but how do you stop a fog?

The *Smog of the Sea* provides a new perspective on the once pristine oceans, and makes an artful call to action for rethinking the scourge of the sea — single-use plastic.

Come join us for the movie and discussion about what steps we can take to make a difference, and help curb the scourge of plastics on this planet.



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.



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 am

Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 (includes hot breakfast)

Come Hear William "Bill" Ryan

Topic: Thankful

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)		
Happy Helpers Club	Tabitha Acts 9:36-39	I am thankful for people who help me.	The Rainbow Promise—Cooking	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

Fed Day Missions (FDM)

Our next FDM will return to St. Paul's Church for a number of important projects on **Saturday, November 17. We will meet at Bell St. at 8:30 am** and travel by carpool, arriving at St. Paul's just before 9:30. Our group will work until 1:30 pm and then back to Federated around 2:00 pm.

Anyone is welcome to participate! Please RSVP to Mark at msimone@fedchurch.org.

Advent by Candlelight: Nativities of the World

An Invitation for Women to Prepare for Christ's Coming

Monday, December 3 | 7:00 pm | Family Life Center

The Congregational Care Commission is again offering an opportunity for women to prepare for the coming of Christ. By beginning the season with *Advent by Candlelight*, we hope that your Advent this year might be more peaceful and your preparations more Christ-centered.

Please come and share this wonderful evening as our guests. You will enjoy beautiful music, delicious food, and warm fellowship.

To help with our planning, we appreciate if you could RSVP. There will be a sign-up sheet during

Fellowship Time after worship. You can also sign up by calling 440.247.6490 or stopping by the Bell St. reception desk during the week. But even if you don't get signed up... come anyway! We want to enjoy this evening with YOU!

If possible, please also bring a sweet or savory treat to share. Finger foods are preferred (no nuts, please). **We encourage you to enjoy this event with family members and friends—all women are welcome!**



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 November 4—All Saints Sunday

10:00 am *Worship Service*
10:00 am *Sunday School*
11:00 am *Mission & Involvement Fair*
11:00 am *11/18 Reception Celebration Mtg*
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*

MONDAY November 5

8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
1-6 pm *Red Cross Blood Drive*
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY November 6

9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am *Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal*
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
7:00 pm *AA Fireside Mtg*
7:00 pm Church Council Mtg

WEDNESDAY November 7

7:30 am *Contemplative Prayer*
8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg
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 8

8:00 pm Primetime Newsletter Preparations
8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
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

FRIDAY November 9

8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
9:30 am Women's Discussion Group—away
12:00 pm Friday Big Book AA Mtg
1:00 pm Mahjong
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY November 10

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
4:00 pm Family Fellowship "Fedsgiving"—away

SUNDAY November 11

10:00 am *Worship Service*
10:00 am *Sunday School*
11:00 am *Confirmation Class*
11:00 am *Veteran's Day Reception*
11:15 am *SJAM (Social Justice Advocacy Ministry) Mtg*
5:00 pm *JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Mtg*
6:30 pm *GROUP (Sr 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....*

If you have other concerns or praises you would like held in prayer, please fill out a Blue Prayer Card and put it in the prayer box, or email Darlene Nichols dnichols@fedchurch.org before Monday morning. Our Prayer and Praise Ministry Team and our staff will pray for your request. If you would like to be on this ministry team, please email Lou Butz: llbonline@att.net.

Carl Cameron, 1169 Sheerbrook Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, who is scheduled for foot surgery on November 8.

Those in Federated's extended family who are confined and will share elements from today's Communion table shared by our Communion to the Confined Ministry.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Jake Magalski** and **Larry McGurer**.

For November, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **St. Paul's Community Church (programs and participants)**.

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

Jody Halley, 440.591.8703; Gayle Bauer, Vivian Platek, Trina Gigax, Martine Scheuermann.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Karl and Anne Shull and Paul and Phyllis Neidhardt by Paul and Kathy Neidhardt, Meredith N. Connerton and Sarah N. Walter.

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry.

Worship Support Volunteers: We are thankful to those who made our services more meaningful last week! To help with upcoming services, visit fedchurch.org/worshipsupport

Ushers/Greeters: Curtis Grube, Bill Lentz, Eric Reed, Dick McBride, Nancy Skonezny. **Worship Setup:** Pete, Peter and Charlotte Franz, Gary Dole.

Fellowship Treats: Thanks to families in our congregation **whose names begin with H, I J and K** 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 11– **members with last names beginning L or M**

November 18– **"Return to Bell Street Celebration"**

November 25– **All Congregation**

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