



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 18 Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Christmas Giving Tree for St. Paul's: Gifts Collected until December 9

Every year, Federated collects new toys and gift items for the St. Paul's Christmas Sale, where members of the community on the near west side can shop for their children for Christmas at greatly reduced prices. We need items for ages 3 to 18 years. Please consider donating new, unwrapped toys such as books, dolls, puzzles, games, basketballs, footballs, cars and trucks, etc. Mittens, gloves, hats and scarves are welcome, also.

Items will be collected under the Christmas Tree in the Bell St. Lobby November 25—December 9 and they will be delivered to St. Paul's on Monday, December 10. Thank you for making the holidays a time of great joy for these children and their families!



Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, November 25

10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Family Worship at Bell St.
Music by Federated Choir

November 25 - Lectionary Readings

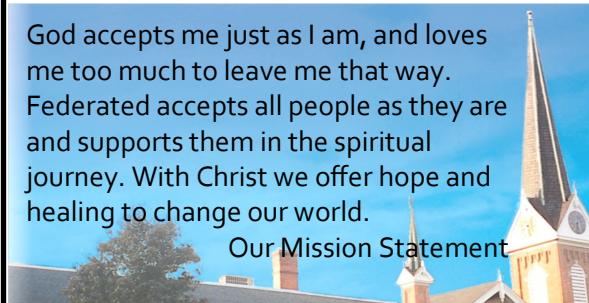
II Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Sunday, December 2

First Sunday in Advent
10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Traditional Worship and Sunday School
Music by Federated Choir
11:30 am Rise to Shine Worship (New!)

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



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.



Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign Update

The greatest gift of this Capital Campaign is that it will inspire us to a deeper reverence and faithfulness. It should both enhance our awe and lead us into a more profound sense of service. It should remind us how blessed we are and inspire us to be a blessing in return ~ Hamilton Throckmorton.

And just think, we stacked chairs at the Family Life Center, but we won't have to stack pews!



Responding to Violent Intruders: Free Online Training

Federated staff and some congregation members have been trained to actively respond to violent intruders using ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Confront, Evacuate) techniques.

We encourage congregation members to take the online ALICE training, please contact: Amy Eugene aeugene@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 ext. 110.

ALICE

Honor A Loved One & Help Decorate for Christmas

Ten beautiful wreaths adorn the doors of our buildings throughout the Advent season. You may honor or memorialize loved ones by contributing \$45 to help purchase one of these wreaths.



Please call the church at 440.247.6490, or contact Trisha Holland at communications@fedchurch.org if you would like to help decorate the church for the holidays.

Parking Reminders

Due to ongoing construction at the Intermediate School, Sunday morning parking can be found at:

Federated Lot – Our lot has 47 spaces and 10-15 will be marked for those who have mobility difficulties. Please respect their need for this close-in parking.

Vincent Street – Along the river side of the street only.

Chagrin Shopping Plaza – In 2-hour spaces only. Be careful not to park in *Permit Holders Only* spaces.

139 Bell Street (aka The Shibley Building) – White office building on Bell Street across from the Marathon station. The walk to Federated is short and level.





Search for the Christ Child

Sunday, December 2, 5:00—8:00 PM
Family Life Center

We need your help!!



Come join us as we journey through the Christmas story! Follow a shepherd guide along Mary and Joseph's trek to Jerusalem. Meet and interact with characters along the way, ultimately arriving at a live nativity to behold the Christ Child!

Actors (either adults or teens) are needed to play characters along the route. Volunteer for 1.5 hours or the entire 3 hours (5:00–6:30 pm and/or 6:30–8:00 pm). Speaking and non-speaking roles are available. Costumes will be provided and a rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, December 1 from 1:00–2:00 pm.

We are also looking for bakers to provide cookies for the event, and people to help set up the week before and tear down the week after.

Visit fedchurch.org/sftcc to sign up now! Or stop by Fellowship Hall after worship today! If you have questions please contact Kiersti Critchfield at kcritchfield@fedchurch.org. Thank you!

Next Daniel Plan Sessions

Sunday, December 2 | 9:00 am
Bell St. Lounge for Focus Lesson Three

Jump in at any time to learn about living a healthy lifestyle. Everyone is welcome - those who have been participating all along plus those who would just like to learn more about the program!

Go to fedchurch.org/ calendar or call 440.247.6490 for the full up-to-date calendar of sessions.



Meals on Wheels

Chagrin Falls Meals on Wheels is looking for a volunteer to pack (not prepare) the food for our recipients on Wednesday or Thursday mornings. The individual would need to arrive at 8:30 am and is usually finished by 10:00 am at the latest. The ideal volunteer is organized, detail oriented and enjoys working independently.

If you think you may be interested or would like more information, please contact Sue Mansour at 440.668.9399 or sueman@roadrunner.com. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help feed our area housebound individuals.

Movie Night: Smog of the Sea

November 19 | 7:00 pm

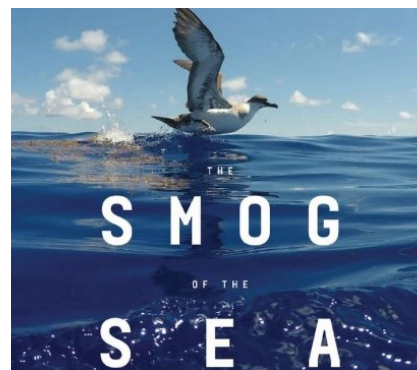
Family Life Center Youth Room

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.




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 Choir 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.



<div>  This Week In Sunday School  </div>					
Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Happy Helpers Club	Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37	I am thankful for people who help me.	The Rainbow Promise—Mission	Noah Genesis 6:13-22, 7:1-16, 8:1-9:17	We can trust God's promises

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!**

In Search of a Pastoral Care Administrator

We are looking for a Pastoral Care Administrator; someone who combines loving, heartfelt care with office acumen to monitor the outreach to and needs of church members and friends. This individual facilitates weekly Pastoral Care Team meetings, follows up with individuals who might benefit from pastoral care support, maintains the databases that track the pastoral care outreach, and holds the highest level of ethics and care for those in need and for church policies and procedures.

If interested, please contact Amy Eugene at aeugene@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 ext. 110.

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 18

9:00 am Daniel Plan Extended Session
9:45 am Prelude by Bookshar Trumpet Ensemble
10:00 am Worship Service (Returns to Bell St.)
10:00 am Sunday School (Returns to Bell St.)
11:00 am Special "Return to Bell Street" Celebration
11:30 am JOY Ingathering Food Sorting
5:45 pm GROUP Leadership Team Mtg
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr High Youth Group) Mtg
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

THURSDAY November 22

All buildings closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

FRIDAY November 23

All buildings closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

SATURDAY November 24

SUNDAY November 25

9:00 am Loaves & Fishes—Sharing a Meal
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service (For Families)
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY November 19

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
1:00 pm Mary-Martha & Tapestry Circles Mtg
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm SJAM Movie Night

TUESDAY November 20

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
6:30 pm Worship & Music Commission Mtg
7:00 pm Men's Third Tuesday
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg

WEDNESDAY November 21

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

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.

Wendy and Mike Pierce, 504 Laurelbrook Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, on the death of **Wendy's** mother, Susan Putnam on November 7.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Marcia Snavelly** and **Pat Haynish**.

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:

Myia Sterling, 440.338.4893; Carol Kelly, Elsie Lutman, Janet Peters, Sonja Solar, Nelson Fenner.

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: *Bill Lentz, Nancy Skonezny, Dan Sommers, Dawn Herdman, David Strauch, Eric Reed.*

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Jeri Shaffer in honor of Mark Shaffer and his 85th birthday.

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

Fellowship Treats: Thanks to **our commission members and White Flower Cake Shoppe** 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 Fellowship Hall. Healthy choices are especially welcome, but please *no nuts*. Thank you in advance for your participation.

November 25– **All Congregation**

December 2– **members with last names beginning N, O, P, Q or R**

December 9– **Bake Sale benefitting JOY's (Jr. High Youth Group) Giving Tree shopping**

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