



# **FEDERATED CHURCH**

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 25  
**Welcome!**

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Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

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### **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, December 2**

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

#### **December 2 - Lectionary Readings**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
I Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

### **Sunday, December 9**

Second Sunday in Advent  
Christmas Eve Offering Recipient Announced  
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
**10 am** Traditional Worship and Sunday School  
*Music by Federated Choir*  
**11:30 am** Rise to Shine Worship featuring the Children's Choir Christmas Musical

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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.



## 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.



There are still wreaths available. Please call the church at 440.247.6490, or contact Trisha Holland at [communications@fedchurch.org](mailto:communications@fedchurch.org) if you would like to help decorate the church for the holidays.

## Federated Forum

**Monday, December 10**

**1:30 pm Refreshments in Fellowship Hall**

**2:00 pm Program in Sanctuary**

**Presenter: Randy Fusco**

Federated Forum is pleased to present a special musical program provided by our very own Randy Fusco. Randy will present a Christmas-themed musical program of songs and related commentary.





## Search for the Christ Child

an interactive journey to Bethlehem

Next Sunday, December 2  
5:00—8:00 PM (Open House)

Federated Family Life Center  
16349 Chillicothe Road

all are welcome!

You're invited to come experience the Christmas story like never before! Follow a shepherd guide on a 20-minute interactive journey along Mary and Joseph's trek to Jerusalem. Meet angels, wise men, King Herod, and other characters before ultimately arriving at a live nativity to behold the Christ child.

Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate during the short wait for the journey to begin. Small treat bags also provided to young children.

Appropriate for all ages and absolutely free for anyone in the community to attend! Please invite your friends.  
*(Canned goods donations and a free will offering accepted.)*



This is Federated's fourth year putting on this stunning production. You simply will not want to miss it. More info available online at [www.fedchurch.org/SFTCC](http://www.fedchurch.org/SFTCC).

**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!**



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## Wondrous Wednesday

Wednesday, December 12  
6:00 pm FREE dinner, 7:00 pm program  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall



## Celebrate Christmas with Ethnic Foods

Swedish pepperkakor (cookies) and sweet ham, fresh sauerkraut and sausage, savory roasted veggies, yummy pineapple stuffing that makes you drool... it's time to bring out the seasonal ethnic foods and **celebrate Christmas!**

Our favorite accordion player, Nelson Fenner, will play Christmas carols. He's even working on recruiting a mystery artist so we can hear dueling accordions. Can we get Hamilton to *sing a duet*? Let's try! **Come join in the fun.**

Call 440.247.6490 to reserve food, or sign up at the reception desk in the Bell Street Lobby.

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## Rise to Shine! Our New Worship Schedule Begins Next Week!

Starting the first Sunday in Advent (December 2) we will dedicate two distinct worship times and styles. Our traditional worship will run 10:00-11:00 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.





 <b>This Week In Sunday School</b> 					
Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Happy Helpers Club	Elijah and the widow. I Kings: 17:7-16 Family Worship	I am thankful for people who help me.		No Sunday School today! Enjoy worshipping with your families	

## 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](http://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](mailto:sueman@roadrunner.com). Thank you for considering this opportunity to help feed our area housebound individuals.

## 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](mailto:aeugene@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 ext. 110.

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# Weekly Calendar

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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***

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## 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 26

**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 November 27

**8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll**  
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg  
**10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal**  
6:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg  
**7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg**

## WEDNESDAY November 28

**7:30 am Contemplative Prayer**  
**8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll**  
**9:30 am Primetime Oglebay Lights Tour**  
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg  
5:15 pm Same Boat Friends meet for dinner  
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders Mtg  
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Mtg  
7:00 pm Telling Our Story Commission Mtg  
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 29

**8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll**  
8:00 am Men's Discussion Group  
9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group  
10:30 am Tributaries: Chair Pilates  
3:45 am Guitar Choir  
**6:00 pm Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg**  
6:30 pm ACA Mtg  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY November 30

8:00 am Properties Feasibility Task Force  
**8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll**  
9:30 am Women's Discussion Group—away  
1:00 pm Mahjong  
2:00 pm Primetime Bowling—away  
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

## SATURDAY December 1

**9:00 am Search for the Christ Child Rehearsal**  
11:30 am SJAM Environment Sub-Committee Mtg  
1:00 pm Memorial Service for Carol Willems

## SUNDAY December 2

9:00 am Cross Commission Mtg  
9:00 am Daniel Plan Extended Session  
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:30 am Rise to Shine Worship Service  
**3:00 pm GROUP (Sr High Youth Group) Mtg**  
**3:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) helps with Search for the Christ Child**  
**5:00 pm Search for the Christ Child**  
**8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth 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](mailto: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](mailto:llbonline@att.net).*

**Gerry Powers**, 5000 Northridge Drive, Unit 114, Willoughby, OH 44094, who is scheduled for back surgery on November 26 at Cleveland Clinic.

Friends and family of **Carol Willems**, who passed away on October 6. Her Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, December 1 at 1:00 pm.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Thaddeus Quintin** and **Marty Culbertson**.

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:**

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

## **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Cinda Berri by Janet Berlincourt, Mary Ann Viveros and Andrea Renner .

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

**Fellowship Treats:** Thanks to **our congregation members** 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.

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 for St. Paul's**

December 16 – **members with last names beginning S or T**

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