



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

December 16 Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

11:30 RISE to Shine Worship Format



Spirited and Invitational Music (2 songs)

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture:

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 17-19

Song

Scripture: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Offertory with Song

Scripture: Luke 2:8-16

Song

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Song

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Traditional Family Worship

Music by Federated Choir

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

Music by RISE to Shine Band

December 23 - Lectionary Readings

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4 pm, 6 pm, 8:30 pm and 11 pm

** See p.4 for details

Sunday, December 30

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches

10 am Traditional Worship (For Families)

Mission: Assembling Hygiene Kits for the Homeless Stand Down

We are in need of ushers for upcoming services, especially on Christmas Eve.

Interested? Sign up in the Lobby after worship, or at fedchurch.org/worshipsupport.

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**, **Trisha Holland**,
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.



Christmas Day Dinner

Tuesday, December 25

12:00 pm—2:00 pm

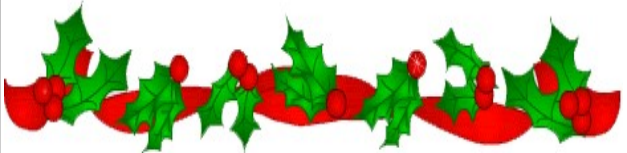
Family Life Center

Free of Charge—All are invited!

Sponsored by the Chagrin Valley Council of Churches.

For home delivery or to arrange transportation to the dinner, call 440.708.0000 ext. 331.

To volunteer, call Andrea at 216.406.6214



Christmas Poinsettias on Sale

Our senior high youth program, GROUP, is raising funds for their work camp trip by selling poinsettias. These holiday flowers will decorate our Sanctuary on December 23 and 24. The poinsettias may be purchased in your name, *In Honor Of*, or *In Memory Of* a loved one or friend. The cost is \$20 per plant. You can take home your poinsettia(s) after any Christmas Eve service from the displays at either entrance.

The deadline to order has been extended to December 18! Look for the form insert in today's bulletin or pick up one at the reception desk in the Lobby.



Service of Solace

Wednesday, December 19 | 7:00 pm Bell St. Chapel

Also sometimes called "Blue Christmas" or "Longest Night," the Service of Solace is a service that offers support, prayer and reflection for those experiencing loss, sorrow, pain, or anything making the holidays difficult. This is a service of comfort and hope through prayer, reflection and special music. Everyone is welcome to attend this service, those who are in need and those willing to offer support and compassion.

The indoor Labyrinth will be set up in Fellowship Hall that day starting at noon for meditative walking, prayer and reflection. After the service, there will be a time for fellowship and support with light refreshments.

Any questions? Contact Susi Kawolics at skawolics@fedchurch.org or at 440.247.6490 ext. 102 for more information or for pastoral care.



Federated Day Missions Project: Hygiene Kits for Homeless Stand Down

During Worship on Sunday, December 30 | 10:00 am

We will be doing a congregation-wide project. Please bring in hygiene kit items for the Homeless Stand Down. This includes **full-sized shampoo and conditioner, bars of soap, wash cloths, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shaving cream and razors**. Look for the collection box by the Lobby.

During worship on December 30, we will bless the donations and bag them up for our neighbors in need! Please join us for this fun family worship experience!



Christmas Eve Services at Federated

Monday, December 24 at 76 Bell Street

4:00 pm—Candle-lighting Service & Family Pageant

"Follow the Star" Christmas Pageant

Led by Rev. Mark Simone

Children's Choir sings

Childcare available for Birth—Pre-K downstairs in Room 20

Shuttle bus available (see below)

6:00 pm—Candle-lighting Service

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Pre-service music by soloists 30 minute prior to service

Music by Federated Choir

Childcare available for Birth—Pre-K downstairs in Room 20

Shuttle bus available (see below)



8:30 pm—Candle-lighting Service

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Pre-service music by soloists 30 minute prior to service

Music by Federated Choir

11:00 pm—Candle-lighting Service

(in the Chapel)

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

Pre-service music by soloists 20 minute prior to service

Christmas Eve Shuttle Bus

To alleviate the parking squeeze on Christmas Eve, we arranged for free shuttle service that will operate between the stadium and baseball field parking lots at Chagrin Falls High School and the church.



The service will operate starting at 3:00 to accommodate congregants at the 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm services. You can drop passengers at the Bell Street doors to the church before proceeding to the school lot or the whole crew can ride together.

Additional Christmas Eve parking is available on Vincent Street and the Chagrin Shopping Plaza 2-hour spaces. Some spaces in the Federated lot will be marked off for those with mobility difficulties.

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.

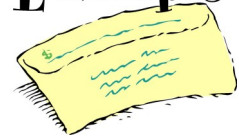
ALICE

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

Contribution Envelopes

If you used contribution envelopes last year or indicated on your pledge card that you want a box for 2019, a labeled box is waiting for you in Fellowship Hall. Stop by and pick them up after worship.

Offering Envelopes



Andrew Sords and members of the Cavani Quartet Kick Off Federated's Performing Arts Series

Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 pm | Federated Bell St. Sanctuary

World-renowned violinist Andrew Sords will be joined by members of the Cavani String Quartet and pianist Elizabeth DeMio for a wonderful chamber music program.

Tickets are on sale now. Visit fedchurch.org/events or contact Joshua Konow at jkonow@fedchurch.org.

Tickets

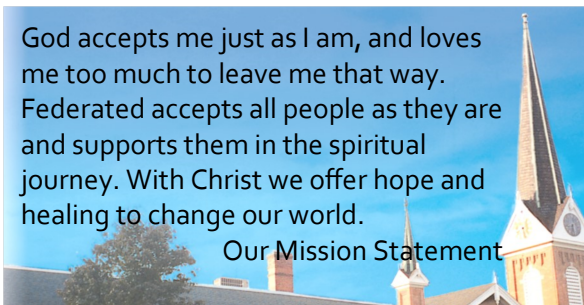
Donor/Best Seats in the House - \$50

Adults - \$20 Seniors - \$15 Students - \$10



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



Free Pew Cushions!

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

Contact Paul Koeopf at pauillkoeopf@gmail.com.

<div>  This Week In Sunday School  </div>					
Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Birthday Bash	Shepherds Luke 2:6-18	Jesus is God's son	Birth of Jesus— Movie Day	Matthew 1:18-24 Luke 1:26-38, 46-47 Luke 2:1-7	We celebrate the birth of Jesus

Christmas Wreath Dedications

Ten beautiful wreaths adorn our doors throughout the Advent season. The wreaths have been donated by: **Ruth Eberlein-Kershner and sons Jon, Joel and Jeremy Eberlein** in memory of Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Eberlein. **Rick Jones** in memory of David Broad, **Rick Jones** in memory of Leslie Jones, **Charlene Krejci** in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Bates and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Krejci, **Ann Lentz** in memory of Donal Grube, **Anne Masters and Richard Masters** in loving memory of their daughter Sarah. **Wendy Pierce** in memory of Susan Putnam, **Laura Taylor** in memory of Ryburn Taylor and Sandy Taylor, **Barbara Warren** in memory of Charlie Warren.



The large wreaths in the windows are given in loving memory of Eva Jean Trace by the **Trace and Bittinger** families.

Christmas Tree Dedications

The Christmas Trees that stand beside the altar were donated by: **Jack & Mary Hobbs** in honor of their daughter Jody and family, and in loving memory of their son, Jeffrey; **Cal & Kim Lockert** in loving memory of Cal's mother & father, Vern and Millie Lockert, and in loving memory of Kim's mother and father, Wally and Connie Wedemeier; **Byron & Elsie Lutman** in memory of loved ones; **Janet, Polly & Jenny Peters** in loving memory of Don, husband and father; **Ralph Spresser and Judy Holder** in loving memory of Lucille, wife and mother; **Larry Trace** in loving memory of his wife, Nancy, and in honor of their grandchildren, Shannon Marie and Lea Kay Trace and Tyler Matthew Bittinger.



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 December 16

10:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am Jr. High Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
2:00 pm JOY (Jr High Youth Group) Town Event
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr High Youth Group) Mtg
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY December 17

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

TUESDAY December 18

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 HR Committee Mtg
6:00 pm Worship & Music Commission Mtg
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg
7:00 pm Men's Third Tuesday
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY December 19

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg
12-7pm Indoor Labyrinth available for Prayer Walk
5:00 pm Properties Committee
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 December 20

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
8:00 am Men's Discussion Group
9:00 am THE SPIRE Preparations
9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group
9:30 am Sit & Stitch
10:30 am Tributaries: Chair Pilates
3:45 am Guitar Choir
4:30 pm Family Ministries Mtg
6:00 pm Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY December 21

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 December 22

9:00 am Follow the Star Pageant Rehearsal

SUNDAY December 23

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
1:00 pm Christmas Eve Readers Rehearsal
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr High Youth Group) Mtg
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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

Federated Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation. Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry, offering one-on-one support to those who are struggling. If you or someone you know could use a caring, compassionate friend who will listen, keep conversations confidential, and be a companion along a tough journey, please contact Susi Kawolics (skawolics@fedchurch.org) of our staff, or call 440.247.6490. Care receivers need not be affiliated with Federated Church.

Jill and Mike Carroll, 125 Lakeview Lane, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, on the death of Mike's mother, Audrey Carroll, who passed away on December 6

Ann Thompson, 7324 Johnston Drive, Novelty, OH 44072, on the death of her father, Charles (Ben) Thompson, who passed away on November 24.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Mark Simone** and **Darlene Nichols**.

For December, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **EDWINS Leadership and Restaurant Institute**.

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

Carol Basler, Sally Ramsey, Sue Mansour, Brenda Ehle.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given by Debbie Medlar in loving memory of her precious parents, Floyd and Alice Stiles.

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

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to our **congregation members with last names beginning S or T** for providing today's treats. Also thank you to the Congregational Care Commission for providing a cake in celebration of Darlene Nichols's retirement. Stop down in Fellowship Hall to 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 23 – **members with last names beginning U, V, W, X, Y or Z**

December 30 – **all congregation members**

January 6 – **members with last names beginning A or B**

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