

# **Christmas Eve 2018**

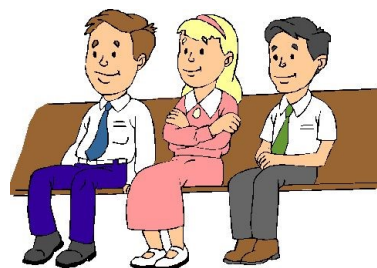
Federated Church — 11 pm

# For Your Information

## Seating on Christmas Eve

The Worship & Music Commission adopted the following policy concerning reserving seats at the Christmas Eve Services: **Seats may only be reserved until 15 minutes prior to the start of each service.**

At least one member of the party reserving the seats needs to be present. Fifteen minutes before the service begins, we are asking that all unused reserved seats be made available to other worshippers. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.



### To Our Guests:

Welcome! We are grateful for your presence here this evening and would love to meet you. If this is your first visit or if you would like to know more about us, please take a gift bag from our Visitors Welcome Center in the Narthex or Lobby. It contains useful information about who we are. We hope to see you back some Sunday soon!

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.



### Our Mission Statement:

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.

## Connect With Us!

[fedchurch.org](http://fedchurch.org) | 440.247.6490 | [fedchurch@fedchurch.org](mailto:fedchurch@fedchurch.org)

**Federated Church:** 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH  
**Family Life Center:** 16349 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, OH

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# Upcoming at Federated

## Wondrous Wednesday Program "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Wednesday, January 9

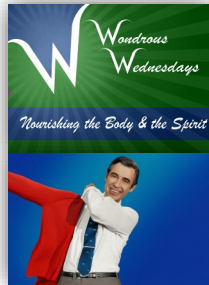
6:00 pm FREE dinner; 6:30 pm program

Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Did you see the Fred Rogers documentary this year? It is a compelling story of a man who had a kind and gentle influence on our nation, and the creator/host of the beloved children's program, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood."

Federated member Harriett Rogers will open with a brief insight into her cousin, Fred Rogers. Dessert and coffee are available during the movie. A discussion will follow.

Call 440.247.6490 to RSVP if you would like to enjoy the free meal.



## Christmas Day Dinner

Monday, December 25,

12:00—2:00 pm

Family Life Center

Free of Charge—

All are invited!

Sponsored by the Chagrin Valley Council of Churches.

## 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](http://fedchurch.org/events) or contact Joshua Konow at [jkonow@fedchurch.org](mailto:jkonow@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 ext.120.

### Tickets

Donor/Best Seats in the House—\$50

Adults—\$20

Seniors—\$15

Students—\$10



## What's Happening at Federated is on the Web!

Find out more about these and other upcoming events at [fedchurch.org/events](http://fedchurch.org/events). Also, the full calendar of activities, meetings, rentals, etc. is available at [fedchurch.org/calendar](http://fedchurch.org/calendar).



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

December 24, 2018

11 pm

### Welcome to Christmas Eve at Federated Church

If you have no church home, this congregation invites you to share the exciting journey of faith with us. Jesus is at the center of all we are and do. Federated is a place to belong and a place to become.

**Prelude** *Christmas Eve Pre-Service Music* Randy Fusco, piano

**Welcome** Rev. Mark Simone

\* **Call to Worship** (responsive) **The Longing** Based on Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**All: those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.**

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**All: for those who lived in a land of deep shadows — light! sunbursts of light!**

One: For a child has been born

**All: for us!**

One: The gift of a son

**All: for all of us!**

One: He'll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness. His ruling authority will grow;

**All: there will be no limits to the wholeness he brings.**

\* **Carol** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 148

**The Fulfillment** Luke 2:1-7 Emily Richmond

\* **Carol** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 150

**The Praise** Luke 2:8-20

**Anthem** *In the Bleak Midwinter* (G. Holst) Nancy Isham and Kate Breen, duet

**Prayers of the People** Rev. Susi Kawolics

\* **Carol** *Joy to the World* No. 143

**Christmas Eve Offering for HOLA**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** *O Holy Night* (C. Courtney) Ken Horner, soloist

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\* Those who are able stand

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- \* **Presentation of the Offering**     *The First Noel* (v. 5)     No. 151  
Then entered in those wise ones three, full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

- \* **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

#### **Welcome to the Table**

Come up the side aisles to the front of the chapel to receive the Sacrament.  
Take the bread, dip it into the cup, partake immediately. Then return to your  
seat by the center aisle. The gluten free option is available in the small bowls on the  
Communion plates. Also, we use only unfermented grape juice in the cup.  
Communion in our Church is open to all who seek to walk the way of our Savior,  
Jesus Christ. You need not be a member to share. Freely receive at this table a gift from  
God, never earned or deserved.

**Communion music**     *Lyric Pieces* (E. Grieg)     Randy Fusco, piano

- \* **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Christmas Eve Sermon**     Rev. Simone

### **The Service of Candle Lighting**

Spreading the Light of Christ into our homes and world

- \* **Carol**     *Silent Night, Holy Night*     No. 145
1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
  2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
  3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

- \* **Benediction**

- \* **Postlude**     Randy Fusco, piano



***Christmas Poinsettias purchased this year to honor and remember loved ones.***

GROUP, the senior high youth program, is so appreciative of all those who purchased a poinsettia *in honor* or *in memory* of a loved one. Proceeds will again raise funds for their work camp trip. Thank you for your support of GROUP, for beautifying our Sanctuary during this holiday season and for remembering someone special in your life in this way.

**If you purchased a poinsettia and would like to take it home after the service, please take one from a table near an exit door. Thank you.**

**Don Anderson** in memory of Kitty Keal Anderson

**Anonymous**

**Anonymous**

**Janet Berlincourt** in memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Don Berlincourt

**Susan & Regis Bookshar** in memory of Jean & Bud Owen

**Jenny & Glenn Brown** in memory of John Laskowski

**Jenny & Glenn Brown** in memory of Helmut Fochler

**Jenny & Glenn Brown** in memory of Charles, Ruth & Larry King

**Becky Carter** in memory of Virginia & Paul N. Stewart (parents) and Helen Brown (friend)

**Kelli, Martin, Lila & Mirielle Davidson** in memory of Norman Smith

**John Eberly** in memory of Jeanne A. Eberly

**John Eberly** in honor of Jean Kogge

**Jay & K-Leigh Ericson** in honor of the volunteers for Loaves & Fishes

**Marjorie & Louis Fow** in memory of Grace & Alan Oyston (parents)

**The Girouard Family** in memory of Betty Girouard

**The Girouard Family** in memory of Mike Girouard

**The Girouard Family** in memory of Ron & Ginny Keim

**The Girouard Family** in memory of Joe Pastore

**Bonnie Borman & David Goldston** in memory of Phyllis & Leo Goldston

**Bonnie Borman & David Goldston** in memory of Kenneth & Rosemary Borman

**The Hively Family**

**The Hoffman Family** in honor of the Hoffman & Evans Families

**The Horner Family** in memory of Andrew Norman Horner

**The Horner Family** in memory of Helen & Norman Horner

**The Horner Family** in memory of Kingsley Myers Anderson

**The Horner Family** in memory of Mary Adelaide & Albert Anderson

**The Horner Family** in memory of Ruth & Frank Myers

**The Horner Family** in memory of Ruth & Bob Silber

**The Horner Family** in memory of Vance Reed Littlefield

**Dan Kershner** in memory of Barbara Lockhart

**Dana Korosi & Gylene Pelton** in memory of Alexander Korosi

**Dana Korosi & Gylene Pelton** in memory of Nina Ulrick





### 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.

## HOLA Ohio selected as Federated's 2018 Christmas Eve Offering Recipient

HOLA is a community organization based in Painesville. Its mission is to empower the community it serves through education, outreach, leadership development and more. This nonprofit offers an array of bilingual and culturally-competent programming to attend to the needs of the Latino population. HOLA has been providing many of these services to Latinos in northeast Ohio without a reliable location.



The efforts to create a home for the HOLA Ohio Community Center have begun. Our 2018 Christmas Eve Offering will be dedicated to the Educational Area, an adaptable space with moveable walls which includes a classroom and a small meeting room. This area will be used for adult and youth programming, including English as a second language classes, citizenship tutoring, workforce and entrepreneurial training and voter education programs.

The Mission and Service Commission is committed to the developing partnership with HOLA. We look forward to engaging with financial and volunteer support. The commission thanks you for your prayerful consideration of the 2018 Christmas Eve Offering and invites you to join in giving generously.

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### **Sunday, December 30** **Single Family Worship Service at 10 am**

- Rev. Susi Kawolics leads our first
- Fifth Sunday prototype service.
- Worship Service will include a service project appropriate for ALL AGES to participate.

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### **Sunday, January 6** **Single Family Worship Service at 10 am**

- Epiphany
- Service of Anointing & Release
- Communion Served
- Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

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## **Holiday Building Closures**

With the exception of Sunday worship and the Christmas Day Dinner, the Bell Street building and the Family Life Center **will be closed December 25—January 1**. If you have a pastoral care need during this time, please call the church

number at 440.247.6490 ext. 102 and leave a message. This voicemail box will be monitored. If you need to drop off a pledge or check at the church, it can be placed in the mailbox near the Bell Street entrance.



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**Hearing Loop System Available** - This Sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop system that works with all Telecoil-equipped hearing aids to amplify sound with excellent clarity. For more information please speak to an usher.

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