



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

January 6 Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Organ Demonstration Today

Join us after worship today to see Marcia's demonstration of our new organ.

We hope you will stick around to hear some of the amazing sounds now available with our Rodgers infinity hybrid organ.



Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, January 13

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

January 13 - Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 20

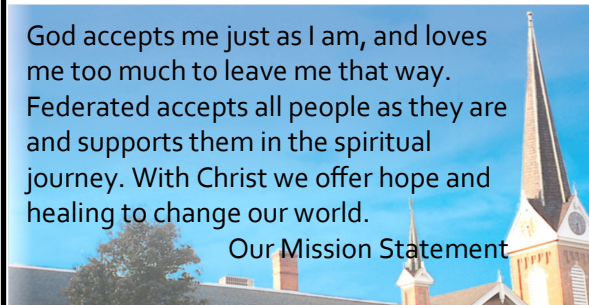
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God accepts me just as I am, and loves me too much to leave me that way. Federated accepts all people as they are and supports them in the spiritual journey. With Christ we offer hope and healing to change our world.

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*

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

Jake Magalski, *Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

* **Larry McGurer**, * **Brian Jacobs**, * **Larry Wervey**,
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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.



Epiphany Sermon Series

The season after Christmastide in the church begins with the celebration of the visit of the Magi to Jesus, on January 6, after the 12 days of Christmas. This event is known as "Epiphany," which literally means revelation, or realization, and celebrates the revelation of the Christ to those who traveled so far to find him.

We are beginning a sermon series on "Sacred Signposts," inspired by the book written by Benjamin J. Dueholm that follows seven "holy possessions" of the Christian faith. These are practices that shape us as Christians. In order to know, to worship, to engage the transcendent God we believe in, we need particular practices. At the core of the Epiphany season is a willingness to open ourselves to finding God anew in the many ways that God appears to us, to open ourselves to the many "epiphanies" that come our way that we might otherwise never even notice. These sacred signposts help guide us along that journey.

January 13—Water

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20—Prayer, Praise and Worship

Psalm 36 and I Corinthians 12

January 27—Word

Nehemiah 8:1-10 and Luke 4:14-21

February 3—Meal

I Corinthians 15 and Luke 4:21-30

February 10—Ministry

Luke 5:1-11

February 17—Cross

Luke 6:17-26

February 24—Confession and Forgiveness

Luke 6:27-38

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 7 | 1:00—6:00 pm

Bell St. Fellowship Hall

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 1.800.733.2767 to select an appointment time or go online at redcrossblood.org or be a "walk-in donor."



**American
Red Cross**

We encourage members of the congregation, if you are able, to donate blood at Federated. For any questions, please contact Carole Mason at 440.338.3573 or at wfmason36@gmail.com. Thank you.

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 miss the documentary that came out this year on Fred Rogers? 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. There will be discussion after the movie.

A **free** Wondrous Wednesday *dinner* at 6:00 pm. The *program* starts at 6:30 pm. Dessert and coffee are available during the movie.

Call 440.247.6490 to RSVP if you would like to enjoy the dinner.

****Wear your favorite Fred Roger's sweater... there will be a contest!**

****Hosted by the Congregational Care and Telling Our Story commissions.****



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

Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 pm | 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. The concert is the inaugural event in the Federated Performing Arts Series. A reception will follow the program.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at fedchurch.org/events or in the church office during the week. Contact 440.247.6490 or fedchurch@fedchurch.org with any questions.

Tickets

Donor/Best Seats in the House (first rows of house/balcony)—\$50

Adults—\$20

Seniors—\$15

Students—\$10

Program

Rachmaninoff - *Piano Trio "Elegiaque" No. 1 in g minor*

Brahms - *Hungarian Dance No. 6*

Moszkowski - *Sonata for Two Violins in g minor, Op. 71*

Sarasate - *Navarra for Two Violins*

~INTERMISSION~

Schumann - *Piano Quintet in E flat major, Op. 44*



Mount Zion Event:

Mt. Zion Congregational Church has invited Federated Church members to join them in celebrating Martin Luther King Day. **On Monday, January 21, the two congregations will gather at Mt. Zion (in University Circle at 10723 Magnolia Drive) starting at 11:00 am.** We will view a video on racial justice, followed by discussion and then have a pot luck lunch, ending around 2:00 pm. We hope for a big turnout from Federated for this opportunity to partner with our sisters and brothers in Christ. Please contact Barry Stees (steesbassoon@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

This event will take the place of the SJAM Movie Night for January.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil at ICE Headquarters

A group of clergy—Christian, Jewish, Islamic—and others concerned for immigrants in our community are organizing weekly interfaith prayer vigils at the Immigration, Customs & Enforcement (ICE) office located at **925 Keynote Circle in Brooklyn Heights every Thursday, 4:00—4:45 pm.** Each Thursday there is rotating leadership among clergy.

On Thursday, January 10, Rev. Susi Kawolics will be leading the vigil, which includes praying, singing, holding silence, lifting up prophetic values of justice and compassion to exhort those in power to work from those values. **Please join us each Thursday if you are able. Your presence matters!**

Primetime Federated Forum

Monday, January 14
1:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Presenter: Dan Best, naturalist
Down on the Farm: Geauga County



Look in on events in the life of a Geauga County farm family 60 years ago as they experience, endure and enjoy winter weather, maple sugaring, wildlife encounters, the Geauga County Fair, the Maple Festival, rock-n-roll, and other elements of rural life in our region, just before the surge in residential, commercial and industrial development gave rise to the modern Geauga County we know today.

Primetime Luncheon



Thursday, January 24
12:30 pm | Family Life Center

Entertainment by: Judy Brown, singer

Meal: Chicken piccata, bistro potatoes, tossed salad, pie.

Cost: \$10 at the door

Reservations due by Friday, January 18:
Call 440.247.6490.

 This Week In Sunday School 					
Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Super Kids	Gideon at Battle Judges 7:17-22	God can help me be brave.		Family Worship— No Sunday School	

Federated Families Epiphany Party

Saturday, January 12 | 4:00—7:00 pm

The Goodman Home

Let's kick off 2019 with intention together! This will be a casual time to hang out and decompress after the holiday push. Eric and Jill Goodman will provide the main stuff, but please bring a side to share. Please RSVP to Kristin LeFeber at kristinlefeber@gmail.com.

And also: As you begin to fill in your calendars, please continue to save the second Saturdays for Federated Family Fellowship events.

Couples Retreat

February 15—16

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton and Mary Senechal are offering a retreat for Federated couples. This is an opportunity to deepen and strengthen your relationship, a chance to rekindle what's special for you. The focus will be on the richness of God's presence in your marriage or relationship. It will be a chance to connect more deeply, laugh together, and increase the joy between you. We will enable time for deep listening, reflecting on meshing different personality styles, and focusing again on what's central. We hope you will join us!

The retreat will begin on the evening of Friday, February 15, with dinner at 6:00 pm in the Hearth Room of the Federated Family Life Center, and will then move to the Youth Room where we will gather from 7:00—9:30 pm. We will resume our time together in the Youth Room at 9:00 am on Saturday with a light breakfast. We will follow with lunch at noon, and conclude by 3:30 pm.

To sign up, contact Hamilton at hamthrock@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490, ext. 100.

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 January 6

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
4:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Bowling
5:45 pm GROUP Leadership Team Mtg
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY January 7

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
1-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
2:00 pm DOVE Group Mtg
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Properties Feasibility Phase II Mtg

TUESDAY January 8

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
2:00 pm Pastoral Care Mtg
6:30 pm Spiritual Formation Commission Mtg
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg
7:00 pm Mission & Service Commission Mtg
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY January 9

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
6:00 pm Wondrous Wednesday Dinner & Program
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Church Council 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 January 10

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 Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg
6:00 pm Same Boat Girlfriends—away
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY January 11

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:30 am Primetime Trip to ReStore
9:30 am Women's Bible Study Group
12:00 pm Friday Big Book AA Mtg
1:00 pm Mahjong
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY January 12

4:00 pm Federated Families Epiphany Party—away

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10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Confirmation Class
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5:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Mtg
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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 Peggie Jo Shinagawa at pastoralcare@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: lbonline@att.net.

Lynn and Scott Bamberger, 174 N. Pintail Dr., Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023 on the passing of her husband and his father, George, on December 29, 2018. His memorial service will be held January 19 at 1 pm.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Janis Stefanchik** and **Dolly Herschel**.

For January, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Homeless Ministries (Homeless Stand Down in Cleveland)**.

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 memory of Brian Edward Butler from his family: Joan, Douglas, Catherine, Samantha and Kelsey.

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

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to our **congregation members with last names beginning A or B** for providing today's treats. 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.

January 13 – **members with last names beginning C or D**

January 20 – **members with last names beginning E, F or G**

January 27 – **members with last names beginning H, I, J or K**

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