



FEDERATED CHURCH

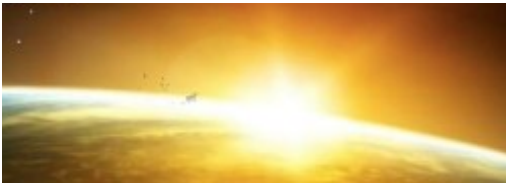
United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

January 13
Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

11:30 RISE to Shine Worship Format



Spirited and Invitational Music

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory invitation

Offertory song

Scripture

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

Song

Blessing

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, January 20

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

January 20 - Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 27

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches

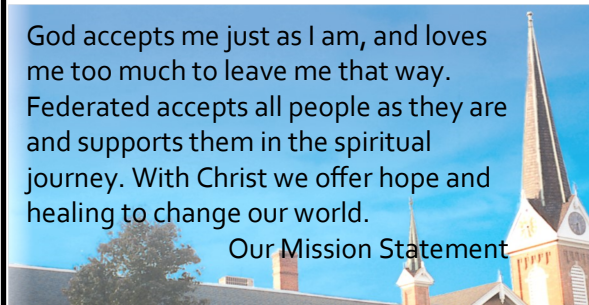
Presentation of Christmas Eve Offering

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

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**,
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.



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

Performing Arts Series:
Andrew Sords and members of the Cavani Quartet
Tickets on sale now!

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*



Reclaiming the Public Forum: Fostering Family Conversations on Difficult Topics

Wednesday, January 30 | 7:00 pm

Bell St. Fellowship Hall

We invite you to a discussion exploring how to approach difficult topics with children. The news seems to be dominated by disturbing events such as school shootings, family separations at the border and catastrophic weather events. It can be difficult to have an honest conversation with our children, when we don't completely understand ourselves.

Please join us as we explore age-appropriate ways to broach these subjects, address anxiety, reconcile the role of faith in these events and help kids find their own way to make a tangible difference.



Speakers: Dr. Tira Krug and Rev. Mark Simone

Childcare for school-age children will be available. Please RSVP for childcare reservations to Kiersti Critchfield at kcritchfield@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6590 x130.

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 Friday, February 15, with dinner at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center Hearth Room, and will then gather in the Youth Room until 9:30 pm. Our time will resume there at 9:00 am Saturday morning with a light breakfast. We will follow with lunch at noon, and conclude by 3:30 pm.

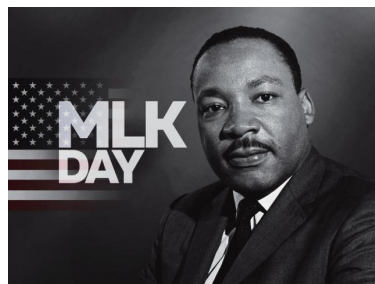
To sign up, contact Hamilton at hamthrock@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x100.

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 potluck 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.



Primetime Federated Forum

TOMORROW, 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

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



Cost: \$10 at the door

Reservations due by Friday, January 18:

Call 440.247.6490.



Entertainment by: Judy Brown, singer

 This Week In Sunday School 					
Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Super Kids	Miriam Exodus 1:22-2:10	God can help me be brave.	The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6:5-15	Jesus taught us to pray.

Federated Day Missions Visits MedWish

Saturday, February 2

Medwish called and asked where we had been!

After a successful visit to help sort medical supplies in October, MedWish called to see if we would return. So, we will once again take a Federated Day Missions trip to help sort supplies that have been donated to MedWish.

We'll meet at the **Bell St. parking lot at 8:30 am**, and then car pool to MedWish. We work until noon and should return before 1:00 pm. Please sign up with Mark Simone at msimone@fedchurch.org or 440.463.9439, or Marty Culbertson at mculbert@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x131.

Weather Closing Procedure

When bad weather strikes, keep an eye on our website, Facebook page, Channel 5, and Channel 3 for updates. We make the decision by 7:00 am as to whether or not to close.

If it's an evening storm, we decide by 3:00 pm. Notifications will be made to the news stations and also to chairs of impacted commissions and committees, and staff.

Remember, we do not automatically close when area schools are closed.

February SPIRE Deadline

Do you have something you'd like to see appear in the next edition of the SPIRE? Please email your information to Trisha Holland at communications@fedchurch.org by **Tuesday, January 15** and include "SPIRE" in the subject line. Thank you!

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 13

10:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
5:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Mtg
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY January 14

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
10:00 am Primetime Pillows for Hospice Sewing
10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
1:30 pm Primetime Federated Forum
3:15 pm Primetime Ministry Team Mtg
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg
7:00 pm Congregational Care Commission Mtg

TUESDAY January 15

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
2:00 pm Pastoral Care Mtg
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
6:00 pm Worship & Music Commission Mtg
7:00 pm Men's Third Tuesday
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY January 16

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:45 am Primetime Trip to Cleveland Clinic Art Tour
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
5:00 pm Properties Committee Mtg
6:00 pm Church Council Budget Mtg
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Membership Committee 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 January 17

8:00 am Primetime Newsletter Preparations
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
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
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY January 18

9:30 am Women's Bible Study Group—away
12:00 pm Friday Big Book AA Mtg
1:00 pm Mahjong
2:00 pm Primetime Bowling—away
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY January 19

1:00 pm Memorial Service for George Bamberger
2:00 pm Reception for Bamberger Service

SUNDAY January 20

10:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
3:00 pm Performing Arts Series—Inaugural Concert
4:30 pm Reception for Concert
7:00 pm UCC & Sr. High Youth Group (GROUP)
Overnight Lock-in Begins
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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

Friends and family of **Judy Batdorff**, who passed away on January 8. A memorial service will be held at Federated on April 13 at 10:00 am.

Diana Lindeman, 17124 Woodmere Dr, Chagrin Falls, 44023, recovering at The Weils from a hospital stay.

Jim Sutherin, 36500 Euclid Ave, Apt B669, Willoughby, Oh 44094, recovering at Fairmount Health Center from a hospital stay.

Mary Lou Baker 200 Windsong Way, Chagrin Falls, Oh 44023, on the passing of her mother, Joan Matilo, on January 3.

Marilyn Pierson 5630 Grace Woods Dr Unit 105, Willoughby, Oh 44094, on her upcoming knee replacement surgery on January 15.

Ralph Hegsted 7125 Bingham Ln, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023, who suffered a stroke.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Laura Taylor** and **Jake Magalski**.

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:

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

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given by Laura, Amanda, and Wilson Taylor in loving memory of Ryburn and in honor of their new memories.

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry after the 10 am service.

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to our **congregation members with last names beginning C or D** 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 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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