



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

January 20
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

Sermon

Song

Blessing

Ahead At The Fed

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

January 27 - Lectionary Readings

Nehemiah 8;1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, February 3

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

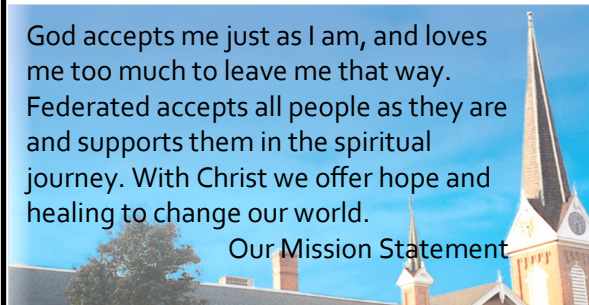
10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School

Music by Federated Bell Choir

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 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!

TODAY 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 still available
to be purchased at the door.**

Tickets

Donor/Best Seats in the House—\$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

Federated Church
**PERFORMING
ARTS SERIES**

**ANDREW SORDS
AND FRIENDS**

ANDREW SORDS, VIOLIN
MARI SATO, VIOLIN
ERIC WONG, VIOLA
NATHANAEL MATTHEWS, CELLO
ELIZABETH DEMIO, PIANO



**CHAMBER MUSIC
PROGRAM**

FEATURING SCHUMANN'S
PIANO QUINTET, OP.44

Sunday, January 20, 2019
3:00 PM
Federated Church
76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls



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.

Grandparents/Grandkids Valentine's Breakfast

Saturday, February 9 | 9:00—11:00 am

Our Christmas breakfast drew 31 kids and their grandparents (and a couple of parents!) for a wonderful holiday program and story. Now we look ahead to celebrating the love that comes with Valentine's Day.

Join us for pancakes and sausage as we look at the story of St. Valentine, complete an art project and share the special gifts of love.

Please register with Mark Simone at msimone@fedchurch.org or 440.463.9439 so we can have plenty of food and project materials

Couples Retreat

February 15—16 at the Family Life Center

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.

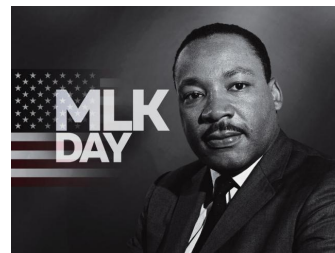
The retreat will begin Friday, February 15, 6:00 pm—9:30 pm. Our time will resume Saturday, February 16, 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

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

Mount Zion Event

Mt. Zion Congregational Church has invited members of the Federated Family to join in celebrating Martin Luther King Day. **TOMORROW, 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.



Pan-African Flag

Federated is flying the Pan-African flag this weekend in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Holiday Building Closure

Federated buildings will be closed tomorrow, January 21, in honor of MLK Jr. Day.

Men's Breakfast

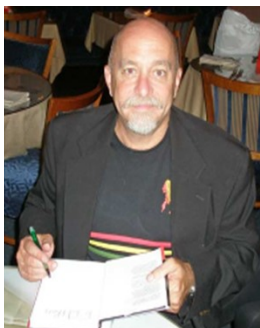
Saturday, February 2 | 8:00—10:00 am
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Come Hear Michael Heaton talk about
"Growing up Catholic"

- Cleveland Plain Dealer Writer
- Minister of Culture column
- Author and Screenwriter

Cost: \$10
(includes hot breakfast)

Call 440.247.6490
to RSVP.



Annual Meeting of the Federated Church

Sunday, February 10 | 12:45 pm
Bell St. Sanctuary

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The church's Annual Meeting will be held on February 10. **A spaghetti lunch will be provided prior to the meeting starting at 11:30 as a fundraiser by the Colorado Kids.**

Your presence is important! We need a quorum of 100 members to approve the 2019 budget and candidates for leadership positions throughout the church.



This Week In Sunday School

Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Super Kids	Hezekiah II Chronicles 32	God can help me be brave.	The Lord's Prayer— Cooking	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.

Trinkets & Treasures is Around the Corner

Save the Date! Set-up for our annual **Trinkets and Treasures** rummage sale will start on **Saturday, April 27** and the sale will run through **Saturday, May 4.**

Please encourage family and friends to set aside items to donate as they clean closets and reorganize their homes.



Contact Mimi Bathgate at mbathgate@windstream.net or 440.665.6903 or with questions, suggestions or to volunteer.

A Homeless Stand Down Thank You

A sincere thanks to all our Federated family who so generously took the time and energy to collect, clean and pass on the warm clothing, boots and more for the Homeless Stand Down last weekend. A special thanks to Marty Culbertson and JOY, who collected items for the hygiene kits that the whole congregation helped assemble, with Susi's powerful blessing. We were able to donate 436 men's and women's hygiene kits. Federated also collected almost 70 jackets, 30 pairs of boots, over 100 hats, socks and almost 100 pairs of gloves. Thanks to Hamilton and the Mission and Service Commission for their tireless support.

We were fortunate to have friendly and dedicated Federated volunteers who spent the majority of Saturday to make a difference in the caring attitude for over 1,500 guests. They received more than warm clothing, but also the personal touch of kindness and the feeling of being attended to and valued. Thank you so much to you all.

Please see further details in the February SPIRE.

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 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
1:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Sledding—away
3:00 pm Performing Arts Series—Inaugural Concert
4:30 pm Meet-the-Musicians Reception for Concert
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY January 21

Buildings closed for MLK Holiday

TUESDAY January 22

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
2:00 pm Pastoral Care Mtg
6:00 pm HR Committee Mtg
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY January 23

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
5:30 pm Church Council Budget Mtg
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Puerto Rico Work Camp 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 24

8:00 am THE SPIRE 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
12:00 pm Primetime Luncheon
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 25

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

SATURDAY January 26

SUNDAY January 27

9:00 am Loaves & Fishes—Sharing a Meal
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

JOY Sledding

Jr. High Youth kids and their families are invited to join us for sledding this afternoon. **Meet us at Sledding Hill in the Metro Parks at Miles Road at 1:00 pm.**

Hot chocolate and snacks provided. Bring yourselves, friends, and sleds!

Contact Marty with questions at mculbert@fedchurch.org.



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

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

David Halley 35209 Holbrook Rd, Bentleyville, Ohio 44022, who is under hospice care.

Jack Kinley 103 Hamlet Hills Dr. Apt 7, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022 on the passing of his wife, **Kathy**, on January 15.

Ralph Lindeman 17124 Woodmere Dr. Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023, who fell and broke his hip and is recuperating at The Weils.

Karen Perry 889 N Aurora Rd Unit 225, Aurora, Ohio 44202, who fell and broke her hip and is recovering at the Anna Maria rehab unit.

Lee Sherck 31570 Hiram Trl., Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022, who has medical concerns.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Larry McGurer** and **Brian Jacobs**.

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:

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

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given with love and happy memories of Norm Smith by Barbara, Kelli, Martin, Lila and Mirielle.

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 E, F or G** 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 27 – **members with last names beginning H, I, J or K**

February 3 – **members with last names beginning L or M**

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