



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

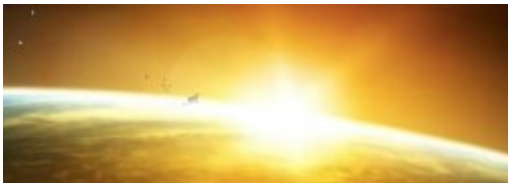
An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 10

# Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

### 11:30 RISE to Shine



Spirited and Invitational Music

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory invitation

Offertory song

Scripture

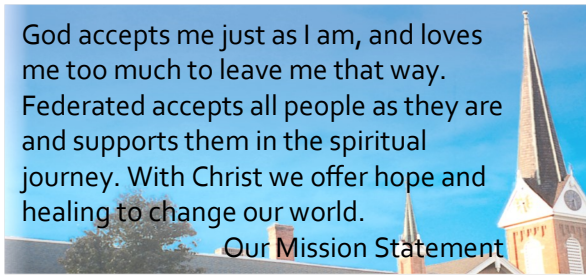
Sermon

Song

Blessing

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



### Ahead At The Fed

#### Sunday, November 17

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School  
*Music by Bell Choir and RISE to Shine Band*

11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship  
*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

#### November 17 - Scriptures

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

#### Sunday, November 24

Ingathering Sunday

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School  
*Music by Adult Choir*

11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship  
*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

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*

\* **Dan Kershner**, *Pastoral Care Pastor*

### Administration and Staff

**Amy Eugene**, *Senior Director of Operations*

**Melinda Smith**, *Congregational Life Administrator*

\* **Janis Stefanchik**, *Bookkeeper*

\* **Trisha Holland**, *Marketing & Communications Specialist*

\* **Kiersti Critchfield**, *Pastoral Care Administrator*

\* **Dolly Herschel**, *Primetime Coordinator*

\* **Laura Taylor**, *Fund Development Associate*

**Jake Magalski**, *Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

\* **Larry McGurer**, \* **Wilson Taylor**, *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*

\* **Kristin LeFeber**, *Director of Children's Faith Formation*

\* **Bridget Petitti**, *Children, Youth and Family Intern*

\* **Alex Bell**, **Lianna Davis**, **Trisha Holland**, *Childcare Providers*

Our Ushers and Greeters are available to answer any questions you may have and will be happy to assist you in any way.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday Evening, December 14**  
**Bell St. Fellowship Hall**

Plan to join us for a dinner and reception recognizing and celebrating the ministry of



*Reverend Susi*  
*Kawolics*

on the occasion of her retirement from  
Federated Church.

## Honor A Loved One & Help Decorate for Christmas

Ten beautiful wreaths adorn the doors of our buildings throughout the Advent season. You may honor or memorialize loved ones by contributing \$45 to help purchase one of these wreaths.



Please call the church at 440.247.6490, or contact [communications@fedchurch.org](mailto:communications@fedchurch.org) if you would like to help decorate the church for the holidays.

## December SPIRE Deadline

Do you have something you'd like to see in the December edition of THE SPIRE? Please email your information to [Trisha Holland at communications@fedchurch.org](mailto:communications@fedchurch.org) by **Thursday, November 14**. Thank you!

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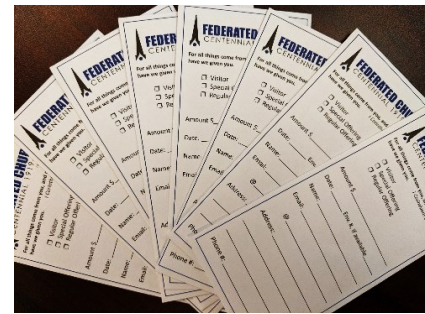
## Cash Envelopes Now Available for You to Use!

You may have noticed that we now have cash envelopes in our pew racks and on the tables in the Narthex and Balcony. Two families who are grateful to be part of the Federated Church have had these made available for us and we are so thankful!

In the last few weeks folks have been using them for all sorts of wonderful reasons:

- members who wanted to support the General Fund beyond their Stewardship pledge with cash in the offering plates,
- visitors and former members who wanted to support the church,
- members who wanted to additionally support a particular ministry,
- a memorial service visitor who wanted to make a gift in memory of their loved one, and
- a wedding visitor who wanted to make a gift in honor of the joyous occasion.

Giving is at the heart of a rich and fulfilling life and is one way that we can praise God for our blessings. And we are so blessed!



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## Time to Celebrate Federated's Centennial Anniversary

### A Wondrous Wednesday Event

Wednesday, November 13

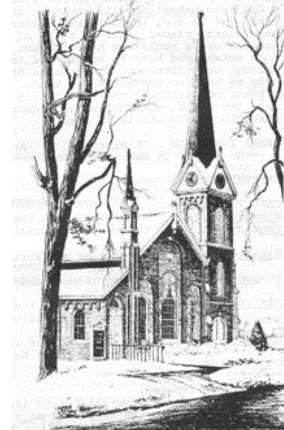
6:00 pm FREE dinner, 7:00 pm program

Bell St. Fellowship Hall

John Bourisseau, from the Chagrin Falls Historical Society, is coming to help us celebrate **100 amazing years** of being Federated Church! Gather with all your church friends at this Wondrous Wednesday event.

We'll have a celebratory dinner at 6 pm, then at 7 pm, John will take us through an informative talk about our 100-year history, complete with PowerPoint pictures.

To reserve food, please reply to: [katiesharbage@gmail.com](mailto:katiesharbage@gmail.com) and include your name, and how many are attending. Or, call the church and leave your reservation: 440.247.6490. Vegan dishes will be available.



## SJAM Movie Night

Monday, November 18 | 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

### Movie: *The Public*

Focusing on the issue of homelessness, on the coldest night of the year, a Cincinnati librarian is caught between a group of homeless patrons staging a sit-in and a face-off with the local police and media.



## Primetime Federated Forum

TOMORROW, November 11 in Fellowship Hall

Gather at 1:30 pm; Presentation at 2:00 pm

Presenter: Fran Bayless

Since 1990, Fran has pursued wildlife and nature photography as an artistic endeavor. From the Arctic to the Antarctic, Fran has endeavored to share and communicate through her images the beauty, vastness, diversity, dramatic scenery and habitats of the animals and birds. Her goal is to draw the viewer into her photographs to experience a moment of wonder, involvement, inspiration, tranquility and beauty. Her work has been accepted into many juried shows and remains on permanent display at various locations.



## SJAM Meeting

Sunday, November 17, 11:15 am  
Room 240

Open to all! This is a good time to hear about updates on various initiatives and topics of SJAM.

### 4 Easy Ways to Give



service

Sundays 10:00  
and  
11:30 (as of 9/15)



mobile

App: "Connect -  
Our Church  
Community"



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"fedchurch" to  
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[www.fedchurch.org/giving](http://www.fedchurch.org/giving)

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## We're Still Signing Up "Search" Volunteers!

On **December 8 from 5:00—8:00 pm at Bell St.**, Federated Church will present *Search for the Christ Child*, an interactive journey to Bethlehem, for the fifth time. We are opening our doors and inviting the community to join us to celebrate the birth of Christ.

We'll need **youth, adults, and babies to play roles** in the production – Mary, Joseph, Jesus, angels, wise men, shepherds, King Herod, and the list goes on. We'll need **volunteers to set up and tear down scenes**. We'll need **bakers to provide cookie**. We'll need people to **welcome, guide or serve refreshments**. There is something for everyone!

We need you! How can **you** help *Search for the Christ Child* come to life?

Go to [fedchurch.org/SFTCC](https://fedchurch.org/SFTCC) to find the sign-up link and more info.

Questions? Contact Kiersti Critchfield at [kcritchfield@fedchurch.org](mailto:kcritchfield@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 ext. 103.



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### November 17th Congregational Meeting Postponed

The congregational meeting previously scheduled for November 17 has been postponed for the time being.

Two task forces have been working separately and diligently on the complex issues involved, and will now work together to continue to discern what direction Federated might take with regard to its properties.

A letter with more detailed updates and next steps will be sent to all congregation members later this month.

### Homeless Stand Down Clothing Collection

Collection begins in December

Please consider buying a new or gently worn jacket or **waterproof** pair of winter boots when you're out shopping or running errands for the Homeless Stand Down this winter.

We need men's women's and children's sizes, especially L and XL. We will also collect hats, socks, underwear and personal care items for hygiene kits. Thank You!

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## Ingathering Collection Happening NOW!

Deadline—Sunday, November 24

Each year at Thanksgiving, our sister church, St. Paul's Community Church, packages and gives away 100 food baskets for families who would not otherwise have a holiday dinner. The Monday before Thanksgiving, families come to St. Paul's gym and receive a basket filled with everything they will need for a festive holiday celebration.

Please bring in traditional Thanksgiving foods such as canned vegetables and yams, pie crust mixes, fruit or pumpkin filling, potatoes, and frozen turkeys to the Bell St. Lobby. On November 24, donations can be left in the Narthex.



Monetary donations are also needed to complete the baskets. Please make checks payable to Federated Church with "Ingathering" in the memo. Let's celebrate our blessings by sharing from our abundance!

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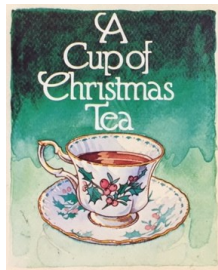
### Save the Date for Advent by Candlelight: A Cup of Christmas Tea

An Invitation for Women to Prepare for Christ's Coming

Tuesday, December 3 | 7:00 pm |

**New Location: Bell St. Fellowship Hall**

The Congregational Care Commission is again offering an opportunity for women to prepare for the coming of Christ. By beginning the season with *Advent by Candlelight*, we hope that your Advent this year might be more peaceful and your preparations more Christ-centered.



Come share this wonderful evening as our guests. You will enjoy beautiful music, delicious food, and warm fellowship.

RSVPs are appreciated. There will be a sign-up sheet between services in November. You can also call the church at 440.247.6490 or stop by the Bell St. reception desk. If possible, bring a sweet or savory treat to share. Finger foods are preferred (no nuts, please).

**We encourage you to enjoy this event with family members and friends—all women are welcome!**

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### Northeast Ohio Voter Advocates (NOVA)

NOVA is a grassroots organization that believes in expanding voter participation so that all voices are heard in our democracy. If you are interested in volunteering to help northeast Ohio vote in 2020 please consider attending one of these sessions:

East Side: **Saturday, November 16, 9:30 am-12:00 pm** Cleveland Heights/University Heights Main Library on Lee Rd.

West Side: **Saturday, November 23, 10:30 am-1:00 pm** Cleveland Public Library 8216 Lorain Rd.

For more information and to register go to [nova-ohio.org](http://nova-ohio.org).

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# Weekly Calendar

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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***

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## SUNDAY November 10

9:00 am New Member Breakfast  
10:00 am Confirmation Class  
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School (K-8)  
10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare  
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
11:30 am Kids Cove Childcare  
TBD JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Social Event  
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg  
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

## MONDAY November 11

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  
7:00 pm Congregational Care Commission Mtg  
7:30 pm Intro to Music Class

## TUESDAY November 12

10:00 am Pastoral Care Mtg  
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal  
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg  
7:00 pm Mission & Service Commission Mtg  
7:00 pm Spiritual Formation Commission Mtg  
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY November 13

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer—away  
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg  
6:00 pm Wondrous Wednesday Dinner & Program  
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Tributaries: Gentle Slow Flow Yoga  
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg  
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg

## THURSDAY November 14

8:30 am Men's Discussion Group  
9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group  
10:00 am Sit & Stitch  
10:30 am Tributaries: Balance, Balls & Bands  
**12:00 pm *Primetime Lunch Out: Welshfield Inn***  
6:00 pm Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg  
6:30 pm ACA Mtg  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Tributaries: Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

## FRIDAY November 15

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

## SATURDAY November 16

## SUNDAY November 17

9am-2pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Giving Tree Bake Sale  
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School (K-8)  
10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare  
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 am SJAM Mtg  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
11:30 am Kids Cove Childcare  
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg  
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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

**Gail Dekker**, 8306 Lucerne Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-4680 on the death of her husband, Onley on November 1. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 16 at October 26 at 3:00 pm in the main sanctuary of First Baptist Church, 3630 Fairmont Blvd., Shaker Hts..

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

For November, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **St. Paul's Community Church (programs and participants)**.

### **The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:**

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

*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 Kiersti at [kcritchfield@fedchurch.org](mailto:kcritchfield@fedchurch.org). 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 Harriett Rogers: [harriett.rogers41@yahoo.com](mailto:harriett.rogers41@yahoo.com).*

*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 email Susi Kawolics ([skawolics@fedchurch.org](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org)) of our staff, or call 440.247.6490. Care receivers need not be affiliated with Federated Church."*

### **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Alan and Peggie Jo Shinagawa's parents, Otto and Gladys Shinagawa, and Bob and Willie Gibson.

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry after the 10:00 am service.

**Fellowship Treats:** Thank you to **members with last names beginning A or B** for providing today's treats. We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall between the services for food and fellowship.

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.

November 17 – **members with last names beginning C or D and JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Bake Sale**

November 24 – **members with last names beginning E, F or G**

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