



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

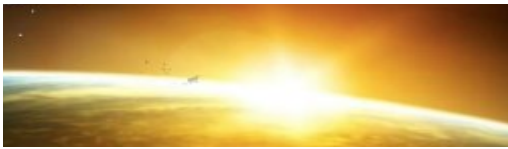
An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 17

Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

11:30 RISE to Shine Service



Spirited and Invitational Music
Welcome and Announcements

Offertory invitation

Offertory song

Scripture

Sermon

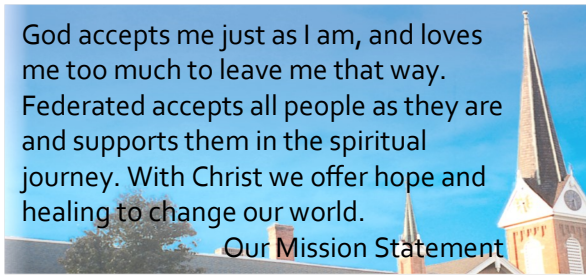
Song

Blessing

All children are welcome in worship! Childcare is also available during the service for birth-Pre-K aged children downstairs in room G20.

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 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

November 24 - Scriptures

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

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Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday in Advent

Communion Served

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 Snavely**, 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.

Tributaries

Feeding the River of Spiritual Life

A spiritual growth academy for the community. A portion of proceeds go to support programs of Federated Church. Visit fedchurch.org/tributaries.

Yoga Spirit Renewal

Tuesdays | 10-11:15 am

Fellowship Hall Tuition: \$15 Drop-in

A gentle, meditative yoga practice. Move & breathe, relax & center. Be healthy in body, mind, and spirit and of better service in the world.

Instructor: Polly Manke

Contact: polly@pollymanke.com

Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

Weds/Thurs through Dec. 19 | 7-8:15 pm

Room 230 Tuition: \$10 Drop-in

Everyone is welcome to join in this gentle yoga class where basic yoga postures are introduced and serve as our foundation for each class sequence. Engage in the intentional practice of meditation, movement, and breath work by connecting our entire being - body, breath, mind and spirit. A sense of balance, centering and peacefulness prepare us to better live into our faith and to be available to serve others. Bring a yoga mat, blanket and dress comfortably. Please email to say you will be attending

Instructor: Dawn Dole

Contact: newdayyoga.dawn@gmail.com

Balance, Balls and Bands

Thursdays | 10:30-11:30

Fellowship Hall Tuition: \$10 Drop-in

A new integrative mind body approach done with chair support to improve balance, strength & flexibility and modified to your tolerance.

Instructor: Carol Kelly

Contact: schakell51@aol.com

Ingathering Collection Happening NOW!

Deadline—Next 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!

SJAM Movie Night

TOMORROW, 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.



SJAM Meeting

TODAY | 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	mobile	text	online
Sundays 10:00 and 11:30 (as of 9/15)	App: "Connect – Our Church Community"	"fedchurch" to 73256	www.fedchurch. org/giving

JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) and GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Update

Our youth have been busy this fall! JOY took a walking field trip to Whitesburg Park on a photojournaling outing - looking at the watershed in our area and discovering what looks to be good and bad for our precious Lake Erie. This led up to a volunteering experience at the West Creek Conservancy in October. In September, they kicked off a used bike and book collection for an orphanage in Losotho, Africa.

In the meantime, our GROUP kids came up with ideas for decorating Room 340, expressed lots of interest in service activities, shared stories about themselves, and found common ground games. Recent discussions included God's role in art and creativity while making vision boards for inspiration, followed by a scavenger hunt in town. And at the end of October, GROUP served a meal at St. Paul's Loaves and Fishes program and had about 10 kids, which was awesome! Confirmation Class began last Sunday and is underway with five students.

In recent weeks, 12 kids and parents joined the advisors and Marty, Director of Youth Faith Formation, to create a space in Room 340 that is youth appropriate and friendly. They will be getting a TV monitor and mounting a huge whiteboard soon.



Stewardship: Stamps

It's been a fun and meaningful exercise to incorporate our fall liturgical theme into the Stewardship Campaign this season. And just to add the perfect ending to our water theme, look what Melinda Smith, our Congregational Life Administrator, found at the post office for the Stewardship Committee - beautiful stamps depicting some of our Wild and Scenic Rivers! Each winter the Committee mails thank you notes to those in our faith family who have pledged funds to the church for the following year and we'll love using these stamps!

Pledging shines a light on our personal priorities - and defines the church's budget, which is based only on pledges received. And through those pledges, we become stewards of peace and possibility, deliberately giving over our lives and our resources to something larger than ourselves. We are pleased to say that, at this point, the 2020 Ministry Investment Plan is 55% funded, with 209 pledges received. Follow-up calls - affectionately known as chase calls - will begin soon, so if you have not yet turned in your completed pledge card, we encourage you to do so now. **In both receiving and sharing God's abundance, we take God's outstretched hand and are led into healing waters. Join us in taking God's outstretched hand!**



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 to find the sign-up link and more info.

Questions? Contact Kiersti Critchfield at kcritchfield@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 ext. 103.



Congregational Meeting Postponed

The congregational meeting previously scheduled for this afternoon 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!

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. Four wreaths are still available.



Please call the church at 440.247.6490, or contact communications@fedchurch.org if you would like to help decorate the church for the holidays.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 14 | 6:00-9:00 pm
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.

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 in Fellowship Hall between services in November. You can also call the church at 440.247.6490 or stop by the Bell St. reception desk. If possible, plan to 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!



JOY Bake Sale

Stop by Fellowship Hall today after worship and support the JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) kids as they raise money for St. Paul's Giving Tree.

They will use the money raised to go purchase gifts that then can be purchased by St. Paul's families in need for extremely discounted prices.

The kids will go shopping on December 7. Thank you for helping our Jr. high youth spread the Christmas joy this year.

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 November 17

9am-12pm 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
10:00 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:15 am SJAM Mtg
11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship
11:30 am Kids Cove Childcare
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY November 18

10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
1:00 pm Women's Fellowship Circle Mtg
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal
6:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg
7:00 pm SJAM Movie Night
7:30 pm Intro to Music Class

TUESDAY November 19

8:00 am HR Committee Mtg
10:00 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
6:00 pm Worship & Music Commission Mtg
7:00 pm Men's Third Tuesday
7:00 pm Mission & Service Commission Mtg
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY November 20

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer—away
11:00 am *Primetime Trip to Westside Market*
5:00 pm Properties Committee Mtg
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
5:00 pm Properties Committee Mtg
5:15 pm Same Boat Friends meet for dinner
5:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Membership Committee Mtg
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 21

8:00 am Primetime Newsletter Preparations
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
2:00 pm Primetime Bowling
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 22

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 23

SUNDAY November 24

9:00 am Confirmation Class & GROUP helps at Loaves & Fishes
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 Modern Worship
11:30 am Kids Cove Childcare
12:30 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) loads trailer with Ingathering foods
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

****Reminder—Weather Closings****
Federated Church closings are not tied to any school closing. To find out if Federated is closed on any day due to inclement weather, visit our website, Facebook, or see Channel 3 or 5.

The decision to close will be made by 7:00 am for daytime activities, and 3:00 pm for evening activities.

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

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

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:

Jody Halley, 440.591.8703; Gayle Bauer, Vivian Platek, Trina Gigax, Martine Scheuermann.

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. 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.

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) 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 honor of Byron Lutman on the occasion of his 95th birthday, with love to him and to Elsie from his four children, eight grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

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

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to **members with last names beginning C or D** for providing today's treats. The JOY kids will also be having a bake sale benefitting the St. Paul's giving tree. 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 24 – **members with last names beginning E, F or G**

December 1 – **members with last names beginning H, I, J or K**

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