



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

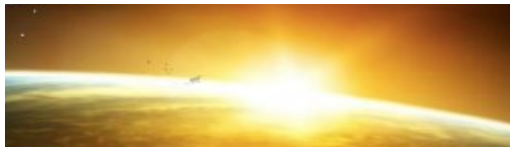
An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 24

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

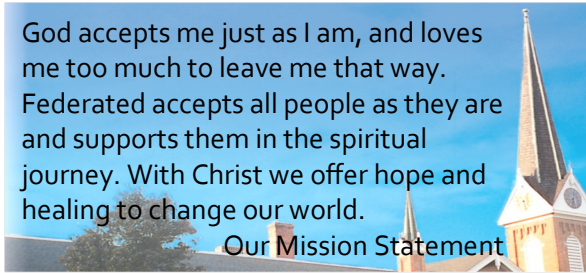
Song

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, December 1

First Sunday in Advent

Communion Served

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School

Music by Federated Choir

11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship

Music by RISE to Shine Band

December 1 - Scriptures

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday in Advent

Christmas Eve Offering Recipient

Introduced

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10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School

Music by Federated Choir

11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship

*Children's Choir performs annual
Christmas Musical*

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 Snively**, *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.

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 today between the services.** 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!





Search for the Christ Child

An interactive journey to Bethlehem

Sunday, December 8
5:00—8:00 PM (Open House)

Federated Church: 76 Bell Street
note new location!



You're invited to come experience the Christmas story like never before! Follow a shepherd guide on a 20-minute interactive journey along Mary and Joseph's trek to Jerusalem. Meet angels, wise men, King Herod, and other characters before ultimately arriving at a live nativity to behold the Christ child.

Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate during the short wait for the journey to begin. Small treat bags also provided to young children.

Appropriate for all ages and absolutely free for anyone in the community to attend! Please invite your friends. *(Canned goods donations and a free will offering accepted.)*

This is Federated's fifth year putting on this stunning production and the first time we will hold it at Bell Street. You simply will not want to miss it! More info available at www.fedchurch.org/SFTCC.

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. **Three 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.

Mahjong

Every Friday | 1:00 pm
Bell St. Lounge

We welcome you to join in a lively game of Mahjong. No prior knowledge needed. If you are interested... just show up!

We will split up into groups of three or four to play. If you have a Mahjong set, please bring it along.

If you have questions, contact Ann-Marie Heston at amngh@icloud.com.



A Christmas Journey in Story and Song! A Wondrous Wednesday Event

**Wednesday, December 11 | 6:00 pm free dinner, 7:00 pm program
Bell St. Fellowship Hall**

Feed your Christmas spirit with music and storytelling!

We'll be treated to real-life inspirational stories from speakers, including Karen Zoltowicz, followed by Randy Fusco accompanying us in Christmas caroling. But first, holiday dinner of *favorite Christmas foods* by our various cooks.

It's another Wondrous Wednesday event for you, with help from the Congregational Care Commission. **Come celebrate!**

Make reservations for the dinner by calling the church at 440.247.6490, signing up at the Bell St. reception desk, or emailing katiesharbage@gmail.com.

Upcoming Primetime Trips

GLOW at Cleveland Botanical Garden

The botanical garden has beautiful Christmas trees and gingerbread houses on display to help you get in the holiday spirit. The theme this year is "glow." Before our visit we will have lunch at L'Albatros.

Wednesday, December 11, 11:00 am departure

Cost: \$20

Reservations: Call 440.247.6490.

Payment due by Wednesday, December 4.



A Christmas Cabaret at Nighttown

The Musical Theater Project is back with our annual holiday treat! The hits range from "Winter Wonderland," "Let it Snow" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," to Irving Berlin's 101-year-old salute to Santa Claus. We will also have dinner at Nighttown before the show.

Monday, December 16, 5:30 pm departure

Cost: \$35

Reservations: Call 440.247.6490.

Payment due by Saturday, December 7.



Advent Booklets Available

Advent devotional booklets by Rev. Susi Kawolics are available in the Narthex or Lobby. Take one and begin prayers tomorrow, November 25 to deepen your advent journey.



Advent Worship Series Begins Next Week

This year for Advent, we will focus on our traditional themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, but with some enhancements. In order to further deepen your Advent journey, we encourage you to try different prayer practices in preparation for each week. You may also want to use the Advent Devotional *O Come Dawn of Hope* available at the church or online at www.adventreflections.org.

Week I (12/1) Hope in the midst of hopelessness

(Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5)

Begin preparation November 25 with spiritual practice of **Gratitude**. You are encouraged to begin each day with the intention of being aware of where you see hope. Be grateful for those people, places and things, and perhaps even journal about them. There is hope in this world, but often we are too blinded by hopelessness to notice. Making it a practice to notice hope in the world enables us to better become that hope for others.

Vigil for Immigrants

Thursday, December 5 at 4:00 pm

Federated Church's Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM) Team invites you to attend the monthly prayer vigils in support of immigrant families. They are held at 4:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month in front of the Federal Building at E. 9th and Lakeside in downtown Cleveland.

The next one will take place Thursday, December 5. All are welcome. Questions may be directed to Bill Shaul at 513.280.2836 or email theshauls@msn.com.

Primetime Lunch Out: The Cabin Restaurant

Thursday, December 5 | 12:00—1:30 pm
35 East Garfield Road (route 82), Aurora, OH

The Cabin Restaurant is housed in the original 1850's log cabin of the Aurora Spa property and connects the spa and hotel facilities. It is decked out for the holidays so let's enjoy a warm meal and great company.

RSVP: Call 440.247.6490 by Wednesday, November 27.



Farewell Dinner & Reception

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.

Reservations required.

Please make your reservations by **Monday, December 9.**

Go to fedchurch.org/events to find the RSVP link.



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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online

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

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 24—Ingathering Sunday

- 9:00 am Confirmation Class & GROUP helps at Loaves & Fishes
- 9:00 am Loaves & Fishes—Sharing a meal
- 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

SATURDAY November 30

All buildings closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

SUNDAY December 1—First Sunday in Advent

- 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00 am Sunday School (K-5)
- 10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 11:30 am Facilities Information & Sharing Session
- 11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship
- 11:30 am Kids Cove Childcare
- 8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY November 25

- 10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class
- 10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
- 4:00 pm Advent Altar Decorating
- 4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY November 26

- 10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal
- 11:00 am Pastoral Care Mtg
- 7:00 pm Interim Associate Pastor Search Committee Mtg
- 7:00 pm Telling Our Story Commission Mtg
- 7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY November 27

- 7:30 am Contemplative Prayer—away
- 8:00 am THE SPIRE Newsletter Preparations
- 12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
- 5:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg
- 7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg

THURSDAY November 28

All buildings closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

FRIDAY November 29

All buildings closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

Bob and Dawn Herdman, 6293 Morning Glory Cir, Solon, OH 44139-3074, on the death of Bob's father, Robert Herdman on November 15.

Ralph Kneale, 11313 Washington St, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-5549, who is in the hospital after a fall.

Janis Stefanchik, Federated's bookkeeper, 10364 Pekin Rd, Newbury, OH 44065-9764, on the death of her brother, James Malokas, on November 19.

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

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:

Joyce Ritchie; Carol Basler, Sally Ramsey, Sue Mansour.

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.

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to **members with last names beginning E, F or G** 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.

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

December 8 – **members with last names beginning L or M**

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