



FEDERATED CHURCH
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

December 22

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

Liturgy of Farewell and Celebration

Song

Blessing

All children are welcome in worship! Childcare is also available for birth-Pre-K 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

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4 pm, 6 pm, 8:30 pm, 11 pm

Candlelighting Services

Details about each service on p. 3

Sunday, December 29

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

10 am Traditional Family Worship

Making Hygiene Kits for the Homeless

Stand Down (more info p. 3)

December 29 - Scriptures

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12

Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9),10-18

Sunday, January 5

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Communion Served

10 am Traditional Family Worship

(No Sunday School)

Music by Federated Choir

11:30 am RISE to Shine 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*
Jacob Evans, *Head Custodian*
Ken Tranter, ** Larry McGurer*, *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*
** 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 6, 1:00 pm—5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Please do your part by making an appointment to donate blood by calling 1.800.RED.CROSS to select an appointment time or go online to redcrossblood.org or be a "walk-in donor."

Musical Wondrous Wednesday!

Wednesday, January 8
6:00 pm FREE dinner, 7:00 pm program
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Mary Beth Ions, a well-known international musician, will play violin for us, creating a close-up and personal experience.

Make reservations for the dinner by calling 440.247.6490, signing up at the reception desk, or emailing katiesharbage@gmail.com. No reservation is needed for the program.

Homeless Stand Down Collection

Donations of new or clean and gently worn coats, boots and winter gloves, (or checks made out to Federated with HSD in memo line) will be collected **through Sunday, January 5.**

Sign-ups for volunteers take place after worship in the Lobby for the Homeless Stand Down on January 11. Questions: contact Cathy at Cwstarfish2000@yahoo.com or 216.978.1037.

2020 Contribution Envelopes...

...are available for pickup. If you used envelopes last year or checked the box on your pledge card indicating that you want a box for 2020, a labeled box is waiting for you in Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelit Services at Federated Tuesday, December 24 at 76 Bell Street

4:00 pm—Family Candlelighting Service: Readings & Carols

Hear the story of Jesus' birth through familiar words of scripture and sounds of favorite carols

Led by Rev. Mark Simone

Children's Choir sings

Childcare available for birth—Pre-K

6:00 pm—Candlelighting Service

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Pre-service music by soloists 30 minutes prior to service

Music by RISE to Shine Band & string quartet

Childcare available for birth—Pre-K

8:30 pm—Candlelighting Service

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Pre-service music by soloists 30 minutes prior to service

Music by Federated Choir

11:00 pm—Candlelighting Service

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

Communion served

Pre-service music by soloists 20 minutes prior to service



Ushers for Christmas Eve

Thank you to those who signed up to usher for Christmas Eve. Our 8:30 pm and 11 pm services are fully staffed! We still have some slots open at 4 pm and 6 pm. It is imperative that we have ushers so we can have a safe and meaningful candle-lighting experience.

If you can help, please contact Gary Dole, gdd.fedchurch@gmail.com or call him at 440.338.3543 or sign up on our website at: fedchurch.org/worshippupport. Thank you for any help you can give!

NEXT SUNDAY! Hygiene Kits for Homeless Stand Down

This year our congregation will be putting together hygiene kits next Sunday, December 29. Instead of having everyone shop for the items, we are asking that you please make a cash or check donation and we will buy everything in bulk to get the most for your donations.


We hope to put together at least 100 kits for men and women. Please mark your donations for "HSD kits." We will see you on December 29 for the "fill the bags" event.

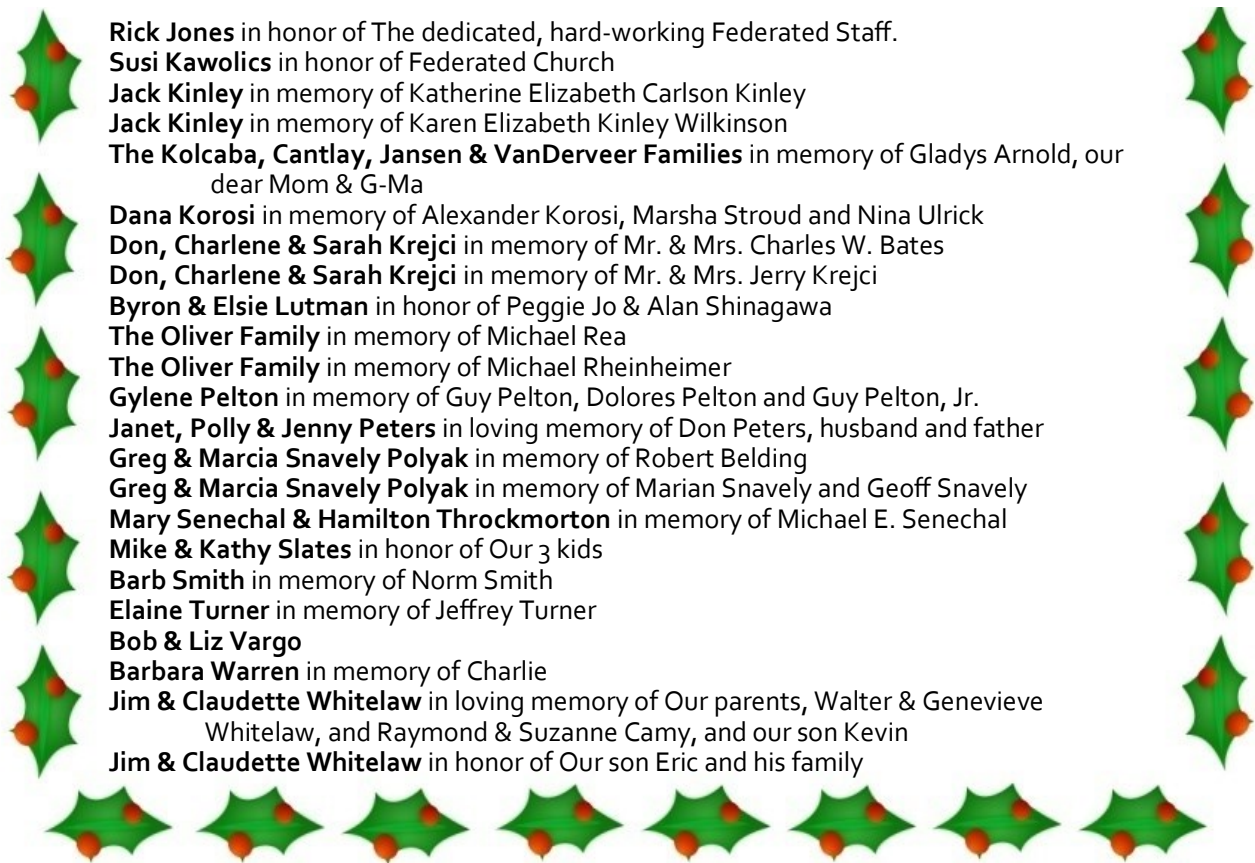


***Christmas Poinsettias purchased this year
to honor and remember loved ones.***

GROUP, the senior high youth program, is so appreciative of all those who purchased a poinsettia *in honor* or *in memory* of a loved one. Proceeds will again raise funds for their work camp trip. Thank you for your support of GROUP, for beautifying our Sanctuary during this holiday season and for remembering someone special in your life in this way.

John & Debbie Baker in memory of Julie Bridges
John & Debbie Baker in memory of Lois Baker
Mary Lou Baker in loving memory of My dear husband Dick Baker
Eric & Tricia Baumgartner in memory of Frank Novak, Jr.
Eric & Tricia Baumgartner in memory of Betty & Ed Baumgartner
Janet Berlincourt in memory of Cinda Berri - my best friend
Jenny & Glenn Brown in memory of John Laskowski
Jenny & Glenn Brown in memory of Helmut Fochler
Jenny & Glenn Brown in memory of Charles, Ruth & Larry King
Becky Carter in memory of Virginia & Paul N. Stewart (parents) and Helen Brown (friend)
Doug & Barb Church in memory of Arlene, Earll, Anne & David Church
Doug & Barb Church in memory of Louise & Gilbert Fisher
Ruth Daniels in memory of Husband Charlie & Son David
Ruth Daniels in honor of Daughters, Granddaughters and Great Grandparents
The Digel Family in memory of Howard & Linda Digel
Dawn & Gary Dole in memory of Loy Cooperrider
Dawn & Gary Dole in memory of John Dole
Michael & Cheryl Dolohanty Family in memory of Mrs. Marie Shrump
Michael & Cheryl Dolohanty Family in memory of Mrs. Gladys Mobley
Michael & Cheryl Dolohanty Family in memory of Mr. Richard Mobley
Michael & Cheryl Dolohanty Family in memory of Mrs. Mary Dolohanty
Michael & Cheryl Dolohanty Family in memory of Mr. Thomas Dolohanty
John Eberly in memory of Jeanne A. Eberly
John Eberly in honor of Jean Kogge
Jay & K-Leigh Ericson in honor of All of our Loaves & Fishes volunteers
Leslie Fincun in memory of JoAnn Leavenworth
Marjorie & Louis Fow in memory of Grace & Alan (parents)
Mary Griffith in memory of Noelle
Allison Hawkes in memory of Parents
Dawn Herdman in memory of Janet, Norman and Bob
Amy, Benjamin & Claire Jarvis in memory of Jane, Bill and Jeffrey Wooden
Lee & Karen Johns in memory of Brother, John Hurst
Lee & Karen Johns in memory of Brother, Peter Johns





Rick Jones in honor of The dedicated, hard-working Federated Staff.
Susi Kawolics in honor of Federated Church
Jack Kinley in memory of Katherine Elizabeth Carlson Kinley
Jack Kinley in memory of Karen Elizabeth Kinley Wilkinson
The Kolcaba, Cantlay, Jansen & VanDerveer Families in memory of Gladys Arnold, our dear Mom & G-Ma
Dana Korosi in memory of Alexander Korosi, Marsha Stroud and Nina Ulrick
Don, Charlene & Sarah Krejci in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Bates
Don, Charlene & Sarah Krejci in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Krejci
Byron & Elsie Lutman in honor of Peggie Jo & Alan Shinagawa
The Oliver Family in memory of Michael Rea
The Oliver Family in memory of Michael Rheinheimer
Gylene Pelton in memory of Guy Pelton, Dolores Pelton and Guy Pelton, Jr.
Janet, Polly & Jenny Peters in loving memory of Don Peters, husband and father
Greg & Marcia Snavely Polyak in memory of Robert Belding
Greg & Marcia Snavely Polyak in memory of Marian Snavely and Geoff Snavely
Mary Senechal & Hamilton Throckmorton in memory of Michael E. Senechal
Mike & Kathy Slates in honor of Our 3 kids
Barb Smith in memory of Norm Smith
Elaine Turner in memory of Jeffrey Turner
Bob & Liz Vargo
Barbara Warren in memory of Charlie
Jim & Claudette Whitelaw in loving memory of Our parents, Walter & Genevieve Whitelaw, and Raymond & Suzanne Camy, and our son Kevin
Jim & Claudette Whitelaw in honor of Our son Eric and his family

Christmas Wreath Dedications

Ten beautiful wreaths adorn our doors throughout the Advent season. The wreaths have been donated by: **Bonnie Borman** in memory of David Goldston, **Doug & Barb Church** in memory of Arlene, Earl, Anne and David Church, and Louise and Gilbert Fisher, **Mary Dixon and family** in loving memory of her husband, John Dixon, son John E. Dixon, and grandson William Dixon, **The Fullmer family** in loving memory of David R. Fullmer, **Rick Jones** in memory of David Broad, **Rick Jones** in memory of Leslie Jones, **Anne Masters** in loving memory of her daughter Sarah, **Wendy Pierce** in memory of her mother, Susan Putnam. **Connie & Don Sperry** in memory of their parents and sisters.

The large wreaths in the windows are given in loving memory of Eva Jean Trace by the **Trace and Bittinger** families.

Christmas Tree Dedications

The Christmas Trees that stand beside the altar were donated by: **Jack & Mary Hobbs** in honor of their daughter Jody and family, and in loving memory of their son, Jeffrey; **Cal & Kim Lockert** in loving memory of Cal's mother & father, Vern and Millie Lockert, and in loving memory of Kim's mother and father, Wally and Connie Wedemeier; **Byron & Elsie Lutman** in memory of loved ones; **Janet, Polly & Jenny Peters** in loving memory of Don, husband and father; **Ralph Spresser and Judy Holder** in loving memory of Lucille, wife and mother; **Larry Trace** in loving memory of his wife, Nancy, and in honor of their grandchildren, Shannon Marie and Lea Kay Trace and Tyler Matthew Bittinger.

Apollo's Fire Tickets on Sale NOW!

Friday, January 24, 7:30 pm | Sanctuary

A reception will follow the concert.

Visit fedchurch.org/concerts for more info and to purchase tickets, or purchase tickets between worship services in Fellowship Hall.

TICKET PRICING

Advance purchase (General Admission)—\$35
At-the-door (General Admission)—\$45
Premium seating (Front of house/balcony)—\$60
Student admission (18 and under)—\$15

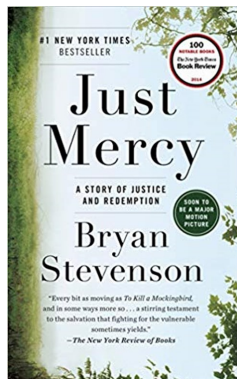


Just Mercy Book Study

Group 1:
Sunday, January 12
11:15 am, Room 240 & Lounge

Group 2:
Friday, January 17
1:00 pm, Room 250

To participate, please sign up after church in Fellowship Hall or email Barry Stees at steesbassoon@gmail.com



Fed Family Fellowship Pizza Party

Saturday, January 11, 4-7 pm
The LeFeber House: 18670 Auburn Glen Drive

Fed Families! Time to hang out. We will at least do dinner. Maybe a movie for the kids in the basement? Bring an appetizer, side or dessert to share. We will provide pizza!

Looking forward to it! Contact Kristin to RSVP: klefeber@fedchurch.org.

Intermuseum Conservation Association: An Extra Primetime Trip!

Wednesday, January 8
Depart from Family Life Center at 9:45 am

Cost: \$10

Meal: Lunch at The Harp, on your own
Reservations: Call 440.247.6490 by January 2

Primetime will be touring one of Ohio City's best-kept secrets. The Intermuseum Conservation Association (ICA) is home to a small staff dedicated to conserving and preserving some of the most historic cultural artifacts in the Midwest and around the world. It's the oldest nonprofit regional art conservation center in the country. It is a climate-controlled facility that is equal parts art museum, mad scientist lab and high-tech invention test site! The entire 6,000-square-foot second floor is an open workroom, loosely divided into sections where teams work on paintings, objects, textiles and paper.

After our tour we will have lunch at The Harp. It's an Irish pub that serves delicious "Boxty Cakes," their famous Irish potato pancake folded over and stuffed with delicious fillings!

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 December 22—Fourth Sunday in Advent

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
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY December 23

10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class

TUESDAY December 24

Bell St. closed until noon
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Candlelighting
Readings & Carols Service
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service
8:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Intimate Candlelighting
Service

WEDNESDAY December 25

All buildings closed for the Christmas holiday

THURSDAY December 26

All buildings closed for the Christmas holiday

FRIDAY December 27

All buildings closed for the Christmas holiday

SATURDAY December 28

All buildings closed for the Christmas holiday

SUNDAY December 29

9:00 am Loaves & Fishes—Sharing a Meal
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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

Bill Foley, 8103 Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-4505 who is hospitalized at Cleveland Clinic and is undergoing tests.

Bob Wilcox, 16695 Chillicothe Rd Apt 108, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-4580, who is hospitalized with pneumonia.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Susi Kawolics** and **Alex Bell**

For December, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **EDWINS Leadership and Restaurant Institute**.

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 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.

Altar Flowers

The poinsettia tree on the altar is given by the Trace and Bittinger families in memory of Nancy Trace.

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to **members with last names beginning S or T** 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.

December 29 – **members with last names beginning U, V, W, X, Y or Z**

January 5 – **members with last names beginning A or B**

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