



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

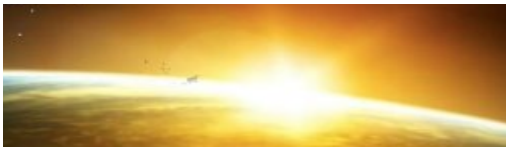
An Open and Affirming Congregation

January 5

# 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**

**Communion**

**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

### Sunday, January 12

- 10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
Traditional Worship and Sunday School  
*Music by Federated Choir*
- 11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

### January 12 - Scriptures

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

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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*

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

### Administration and Staff

**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 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*
- \* **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

**TOMORROW, 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](http://redcrossblood.org) or be a "walk-in donor."**

Sign up with a friend – what a wonderful way to introduce them to Federated Church! All blood resources are critical

If you have any questions, please contact Carole Mason at 440.313.8876 or at [wfmason36@gmail.com](mailto:wfmason36@gmail.com). Thank you!

## 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.

Do you love beautiful music in a friendly environment? ...while you're enjoying dessert and coffee...? This friendly event is for you!

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





## 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](mailto:klefeber@fedchurch.org).

### Just Mercy Book Study

Grab a copy of the book *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. It is a true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to end mass incarceration in America. Read it and join us for one of two **book discussions**:

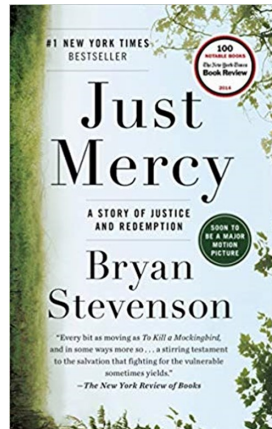
#### Group 1:

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](mailto:steesbassoon@gmail.com)



### Church Family Ski Trip

Monday, February 17

All are invited! Please contact Marty to express interest and reserve your spots: [mculbert@fedchurch.org](mailto:mculbert@fedchurch.org). Watch for details in your Sunday bulletins and February SPIRE.



### 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.

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## NOICA Cooking Class

Last May, our Turkish friends and neighbors hosted an Iftar dinner during their Holy days of Ramadan. It was a huge success and a wonderful way to begin building some great relationships. The Northern Ohio Intercultural Association (NOICA, formerly Turkish American Society) is now offering a cooking demonstration and meal to be held in Fellowship Hall. This event is open to ALL Federated - adults and children.

**Sunday, January 19, 4—7 pm**

The cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5-12, and free for children under 5.

Please RSVP by calling 440.247.6490 or sending an email to [info@noica.org](mailto:info@noica.org).

Questions? Contact Darlene Nichols at [darnichols10@gmail.com](mailto:darnichols10@gmail.com) or call 440.821.9963.

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## Primetime Federated Forum

**Monday, January 13 in Fellowship Hall**  
**Refreshments at 1:30; Program at 2:00 pm**

**Presenter:** Eric Kish

**Program:** *How Immigrant Composers Invented Hollywood Movie Music.*

The rise of the talkies coincided with the rise of Hitler, and so those Jewish artists who could get away did just that. Three giants came to Hollywood: Erich Wolfgang Korngold, Max Steiner and Franz Waxman. Their film scores defined the Hollywood movie scores for decades. EVERYONE will remember the tunes once he plays them!

Eric's radio program, "Musical Passions" on WCLV 104.9, has been on the air since 2004. He was involved with the Ohio Chamber Orchestra and the Cleveland Chamber Music Society. He has given many talks about music, and regularly presents courses on musical subjects.

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## Prayer Vigil

**Thursday, January 9**

Federated Church's Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Team invites you to attend the monthly prayer vigils in support of immigrant families. They are normally 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 on the **second Thursday, January 9** (instead of January 2—note the date change). All are welcome.

Questions may be directed to Bill Shaul at 513.280.2836 or email [theshauls@msn.com](mailto:theshauls@msn.com).

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## *Time is running out to sign up for* **Federated's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan**

**\*\* April 19 – May 1, 2020 \*\***

Payment is due on **Wednesday, January 15**. Pick up a brochure from the Lobby or see it online at <https://fedchurch.org/trips>. Contact Peggie Jo Shinagawa at [pjshinagawa@windstream.net](mailto:pjshinagawa@windstream.net) or if you have other questions.





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## Tickets for Sugarloaf Mountain (Apollo's Fire) on Sale NOW!

Friday, January 24, 7:30 pm | Sanctuary

A reception will follow the concert.

"Sugarloaf Mountain" is created and directed by Jeannette Sorrell, creator of Apollo's Fire hit crossover programs "Come to the River" and "Sephardic Journey," both Top 10 bestsellers on Billboard Classical. The program has toured to New York City, the National Gallery in Washington, Pittsburgh's Renaissance & Baroque Society, and universities up and down the East Coast, in addition to over 15 sold-out performances in Cleveland. The CD recording on British label AVIE debuted at no. 5 on the Billboard Classical Crossover chart (2015).



Visit [fedchurch.org/concerts](http://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

*"Wonderfully fresh... exuding utter authenticity, contagious kinetic energy, and a totally free-wheeling spirit to the nth degree while shedding not a whit of their phenomenal technical polish, exemplifying the kind of art that conceals art. A must-have item; highest recommendation."*

— FANFARE Record Magazine



*"Spectacularly fine singing and instrumental playing... full of energy and life. Terrific sweep from the ensemble who really swing. A first rate recording."*— THE CLASSICAL REVIEWER, UK

*"Authenticity and that most elusive of desirable qualities, exquisite taste."*— THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

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***Always, We Begin Again***  
**SPIRITUALITY 101 RETURNS**

**Six Wednesdays:**  
**January 22, 29,**  
**February 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**7:00-9:00 pm | Bell St. Room 240**

St. Benedict wrote that "Always, we begin again." No matter how many years we have worshiped and prayed, we can choose to become beginners in the spiritual life. Each new day offers the opportunity to be more aware of God's presence and movement in our life. Each encounter with our loving God grows us in faith, hope and love, in patience and wisdom.

Through discussion and practice, we seek to deepen our relationship with the Holy One and one another. Mary Senechal, hospice chaplain, and Judith Brown Bryan, spiritual director and retired Presbyterian minister, will provide short readings, facilitate conversation, and guide a variety of prayer practices that have sustained Christians over the centuries. Because each of us brings our unique gifts and experiences, this series is intended for men and women of all ages and stages in their spiritual journey.

Contact Mary with questions—  
msart@windstream.net or  
440.338.3312. Thank you!

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**Confirmation—Still Time to Join!**

There is still time for any interested teenager, grades 9 and above, to join our 2020 Confirmation Class.

Confirmation is the process in which a young adult interacts with issues and views of our Christian faith. We meet every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday from 10:00—11:15 am. The class is interesting and truly a great deal of fun.

For more information, please contact Mark Simone at  
msimone@fedchurch.org or 440.463.9439.

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**Men's Thursday Morning  
Discussion Group**

All men are invited to join us each Thursday at 8:30 am in the Bell Street Lounge for coffee, fellowship, and a reading of the lectionary verse for the coming Sunday. We end at 10:00 am.

For more information contact Nelson Fenner, cell:  
216.316.2509 or email: [fenner.nelson@gmail.com](mailto:fenner.nelson@gmail.com)

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**Mahjong**

**Every Friday | 1:00 pm | Bell St. Lounge**

We welcome you to join 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](mailto:amngh@icloud.com).



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**Secure Ways to Pay Your Pledge!**

- Online: <https://onrealm.org/fedchurch/give>
  - Mobile App: Download "Connect – Our Church Community"
  - Text: "FEDCHURCH" to "73256"
- Questions? Contact Janis Stefanchik, bookkeeper, x114 or [business@fedchurch.org](mailto:business@fedchurch.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](http://FEDCHURCH.ORG/CALENDAR)*

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## SUNDAY January 5

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare  
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 am SJAM Racial Justice Subgroup Mtg  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship  
11:30 am Kids Cove Childcare  
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

## MONDAY January 6

10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class  
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg  
1:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive  
7:00 pm Joint Task Force Recommendation Team  
7:30 pm Intro to Music Class (final)

## TUESDAY January 7

10:00 am Pastoral Care Mtg  
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge  
7:00 pm Church Council Mtg  
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal Mtg

## WEDNESDAY January 8

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer  
**9:45 am *Primetime Trip to Intermuseum  
Conservation Association***  
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Mtg  
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg  
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg

## THURSDAY January 9

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  
6:00 pm Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg  
6:30 pm ACA Mtg  
7:00 pm Federated Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Tributaries: Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

## FRIDAY January 10

9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
12:00 pm Friday Noon Big Book AA Mtg  
1:00 pm Mahjong  
4:00 pm Memorial Service for Bob Wilcox  
5:00 pm Reception for Wilcox Service

## SATURDAY January 11

10:30 am Carpool to Homeless Stand Down  
4:00 pm Fed Family Fellowship Pizza Party

## SUNDAY January 12

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 Just Mercy Book Study Sessions  
4:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Goes Bowling  
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...*

**Karen Anderson**, 8242 Summit Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-4649, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

**Louise Rutkowski**, 1061 Sheerbrook Dr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4168 and **Bob, Beth, Sarabeth, and Susannah Rutkowski**, 97 E Bel Meadow Ln, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4219, on the death of husband/father/grandfather Pete Rutkowski on Wednesday, January 1.

The family of **Bob Wilcox** who passed away on Saturday, December 28. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 10 at 4:00pm in the Chapel.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Mark Simone** and **Dan Kershner**.

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.

*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](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).*

**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.

January 12 – **members with last names beginning C or D**

January 19 – **members with last names beginning E, F or G**

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