



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

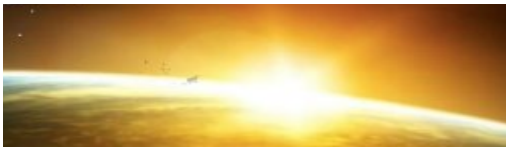
An Open and Affirming Congregation

January 26

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 for birth-Pre-K downstairs in Room G2o.

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, February 2

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Communion Served

- 10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School
Music by Federated Choir
- 11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship
Music by RISE to Shine Band

February 2 - Scriptures

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
I Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, February 9

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Traditional Worship and Sunday School
Music by Adult Choir & Children's Choir

- 11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship
Music by RISE to Shine Band & Children's Choir

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, * Kin Barber, *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*

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton is away visiting his son and his family this weekend. He will return for next week's service.

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

Puerto Rico Earthquake Disaster Relief

Donations Needed

You can use any one of four methods to contribute through Federated Church:

- **Text FEDCHURCH PR EARTHQUAKE \$\$\$\$ to 73256**
- **Use the RealmConnect App**
Select "Giving" then "Make a Gift"
Select PR Earthquake
- **Go to the [fedchurch.org/giving](https://www.fedchurch.org/giving)**
Click the Give Now button and select the PR Earthquake fund
- **Write a check or donate cash – designated PR Earthquake Relief**

Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS)

Friday, January 31 | 8:30 am—12:00 pm
Cuyahoga Community College

Members of SJAM recommend participating in this powerful learning experience that creates insight into the chronic crisis that consumes so many working poor families. A poverty simulation is an experience designed to help participants understand what it is like to live in a typical low-income family trying to make ends meet from month to month. The main objective of the simulation is to sensitize the participants to the realities that low-income people face.

Please register through Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/cuyahoga-community-college-26279440341>

Monday,
February 17



Ski Trip to Peek n' Peak!



Open to Church members & friends
Leaving Monday at 7 am
and skiing, boarding or tubing all day
Returning around 8 pm

GROUP or JOY Youth going without parents
will be asked to contribute:

\$10 for transportation
\$10 for lunch
\$8 for dinner

and a la carte (based on 15 people)

\$40 lift ticket
\$28 for rentals

lessons available, contact Marty

Families are asked to contribute to transportation
and will need to pay for lift and rentals. Food will
be their responsibility (at group discount)

RSVP to Marty Culbertson at
mculbert@fedchurch.org by February 15.

A Message From Church Council

Throughout most of 2019, the Church Council and appointed task forces have spent time in discovery and research regarding the Family Life Center. In November, a letter went out to the congregation with summaries of reports from the "Additional Possibilities Task Force" and the "Real Estate Task Force."

Four listening sessions – on December 1, 7, 8 & 15 – were held at the church and congregation members were invited to hear the task force presentations in person and to ask questions and share thoughts about the ideas. These questions from those who attended were gathered and became part of the on-going work. Also in December, a combined group from the task forces, called the Joint Task Force Recommendation Team, began meeting to see if there was a way to pursue the new use idea, proposed by an emerging non-profit organization, in a way that accomplished the financial goals needed for sustainability.

The Church Council plans to bring a recommendation with information to the congregation at the **Annual Meeting on February 23 at 12:45 pm**. We ask for your continued prayers for all of those working to bring about needed change that will add support to our staff and programs at Federated.

Women's Fellowship Service Project Luncheon

Tuesday, February 11 | 11:45 am
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Please consider joining us for a couple of hours of service and fellowship. We think you could be very helpful! We are having a punch bowl mixer at 11:45 am, and at noon we will enjoy some baked potatoes, with all the trimmings.

We will be putting together toiletry kits for St. Paul's outreach program. If you can add to these kits, **please bring items to the reception desk by February 11**: soap, shampoo, conditioner (hotel/travel size), toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, deodorant, combs, razors, and white tube socks.

We will also stuff cancer pillows that have been made by Tapestry Circle and make Valentine's Day cards for Geauga County Department of Aging.

For reservations or more information, contact Lynne Kessell at 440.247.5544. **Reservations must be made by Friday, February 7.**

Guitar Choir

Calling all players or those who would like to learn to play guitar. We meet every Thursday at the church from 3:45 to 4:30 in Room 320.

Bring your guitar or borrow one of the guitars we loan out to students. Friends are welcome. Don't play guitar? Then come and learn how! Questions? Contact Mark at msimone@fedchurch.org.

Melinda Stees Art Tour

Next Sunday, February 2 | 11:15 am

Are they prints? Paintings? *Knitting?*

Artist **Melinda Stees** will answer all your questions when she takes us on **a tour of her art on Sunday February 2 at 11:15 am**, right after the 10:00 service.

Meet her by the art gallery, at the bottom of the blue stairs used to exit the Sanctuary. You will see multiple panels of her intriguing artwork hanging right there.

How does she create it? Why? Is it true that her artwork is currently hanging in Pittsburgh, and transitioning to a Denver gallery next? Come join us & find out!



Women's Fellowship Service Project

TOMORROW, January 27 | Fellowship Hall

We have three sewing machines and we will be meeting in the Small Meeting Room on Monday, January 27 at 1:00 pm to make some cancer pillows, TLC lap blankets & fabric bags for gifts, and fabric toiletry bags for the homeless.

We are looking for fabric donations, thread, ribbons and textured notions for the TLC lap blankets. If you aren't a sewer... we will need cutters also!

Hope you can join us for some fun service projects & fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Lynne Kessell at 440.247.5544.

2020 Homeless Stand Down Recap

A heartfelt thanks to our volunteer team for the 2020 Homeless Stand Down. Our team of 18 was so kind and welcoming to all who attended; it was truly another wonderful way to reach out and touch those in such need. This year a total of 1,487 guests were served at the Homeless Stand Down (HSD), including 256 veterans, and there are so many stories we heard from them.



Because of you, our Federated family, we collected over \$1,000 to go toward much-needed warm winter jackets and boots. If you see one of our volunteers in a church service, coffee hour, or at a meeting, please ask them what stood out to them about our afternoon at the "Hands on" Stand Down. There were so many FREE services offered, such as a hot meal, warm weather gear, haircuts (and shaves), flu shots, medical professionals to consult, legal consulting, a photo ID. Health services included podiatrist services and even mammograms for women, and more. And what many said they valued so sincerely was also the opportunity to be in community, and be surrounded by so many smiles and warm, caring people.

There are so many requests for your time and donations, we know, and we deeply appreciate your participation and generosity in this important event!

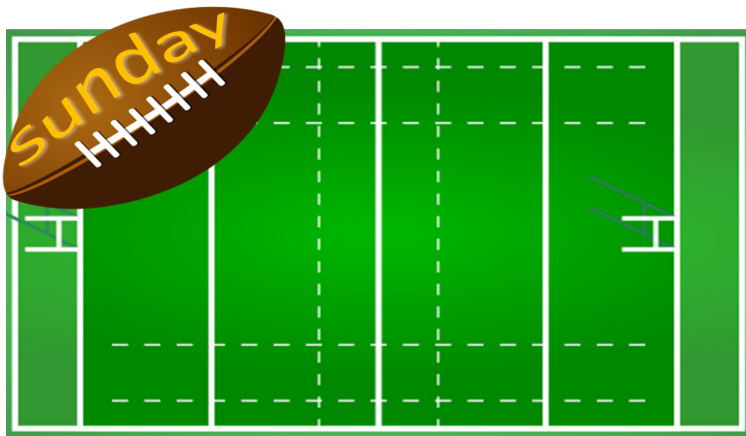
In peace,
Cathy Watterson and the HSD team





Contact Kristin LeFeber with questions and to RSVP at klefeber@gmail.com or 440.247.6490 x130.

“Soup”er Bowl



Sunday, February 2

JOY kids will be serving yummy soup and treats following each worship service in Fellowship Hall.

Freewill offering will go to funding Ohio City Power’s Soup for the Soul, a mission through St. Paul’s & Federated Church

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

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 January 26

9:00 am Loaves & Fishes—Sharing A Meal
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 Modern Worship
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY January 27

10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class
10:15 am Monday Moring Miracles Mtg
1:00 pm Women's Fellowship Service Project
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY January 28

10:00 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal Mtg

WEDNESDAY January 29

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg
5:15 pm Same Boat Friends meet for dinner—away
6:00 pm 2020 Budgeting Session
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Spirituality 101 Returns
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg

THURSDAY January 30

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
3:45 pm Guitar Choir
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 31

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

SATURDAY February 1

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
1:00 pm Memorial Service for Paul Hay
2:00 pm Reception for Hay Memorial Service

SUNDAY February 2

9am-1pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Soup-er Bowl
10:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School (K-5)
10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:15 am Stees Art Tout
11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship
12:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) goes to movies (Times TBD)
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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 **Dolly Herschel** and **Laura Taylor**.

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:

Myia Sterling, 440.338.4893; Carol Kelly, Elsie Lutman, Janet Peters, Sonja Solar, Nelson Fenner.

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 altar flowers this morning are given in memory of Nancy Trace and her birthday, January 27th.

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 H, I, J or K** 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.

February 2 – **"Soup-er Bowl"-Soup and treats provided by Jr. High Youth Group benefitting Ohio City Power's Soup for the Soul.**

February 9 – **members with last names beginning L or M**

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