



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 1

Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Worship Services Online

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all worship services will take place online through the end of 2020.

View an online stream of worship at:
[YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)

Online Fellowship Hour takes place on Zoom after worship.

Visit tinyurl.com/FedFellowship

The building will be closed, but activities are still going on! Latest updates can be found at fedchurch.org/covid.

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, November 8

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on theme: Being Ready for God's Coming

10 am Online Worship

Children sing

11 am Virtual Fellowship Hour

November 8 - Scriptures

Joshua 24:1-3a

Psalms 78:1-7

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

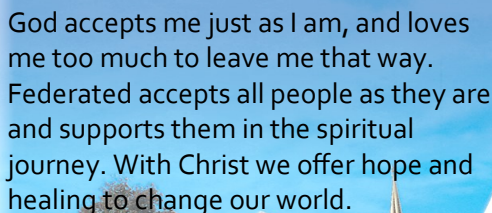
Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 15

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on theme: Making the Most of Our Gifts

10 am Online Worship

11 am Virtual Fellowship Hour



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.

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.



Are You Subscribed to Our Weekly E-Blast?

Every Thursday, we send out the newest and most relevant information of the week. This is a great way to stay informed about what is happening at Federated.

To subscribe, go to www.fedchurch.org/contact.

Federated's Doors May Be Closed... But We Are Still Active and Lively!

Because of you - and the time, talent, and treasure you bring - Federated's "doors" are swinging wide open. You are helping us learn new ways of being together while we're apart. Our website lays out everything that is going on! Take a look and find something new!

Fedchurch.org/events

For upcoming events and additional information, registration links, and more

Fedchurch.org/get-involved

For a list of groups and activities still going on during the pandemic time

Fedchurch.org/calendar

For a complete list of all meetings and events, including their dates, times, and locations

Fedchurch.org/live

For livestreaming services and recordings of past worship services

Voting Rights—A Message from the Moderators

The work of SJAM around Election Engagement has been very thoughtful and impactful and we want to express our support. SJAM (Social and Environmental Justice Group), a ministry group of the Mission and Service Commission, focuses their work on understanding and responding to the issues of justice: social justice, racial justice, economic justice, environmental justice. These issues affect our lives and the lives of others in our community, and we believe God requires us, as Christians, to take a stance. Throughout their activities, SJAM is careful to present the issues but does not focus on a political party. The recent work of voter registration and education is not partisan and in their communication they focus

on defending the underserved and vulnerable -- a shared value. SJAM has focused on access to voting, which is an issue of social justice. As Christians, we seek God's guidance and call in the whole of our lives, as was beautifully expressed in Hamilton's sermon this past week. Therefore, we must work toward justice, inclusion, mercy, and compassion -- in our faith witness, our sermons and conversations, our whole and messy lives. These Christian values sometimes get connected with parties and politics, but that is not the intention of SJAM or Federated Church. The goal is to make witness to and embody God's love and acceptance of all people.

God's Peace and Love to You All,
Beth Rutkowski, Brendan Buescher, Maren Koepf
Church Council Moderators

Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

with Dawn Dole, RYT

Virtual class on Zoom. Open to everyone.

Mondays at 10:00 - 11:15 am (November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 14, 21)

Thursdays at 7:00 - 8:15 pm (November 5, 12, 19, December 3, 10, 17)

In these stressful times dealing with COVID and social unrest in society, we need opportunities and skills for reducing stress and anxiety. We can learn and create ways to experience calm and peace and yoga combined with breath and meditation is a wonderful way to do this.



In this class we link breath, movement, and poses together. Balance, calm and peacefulness result from attention to the breath as we move through the physical postures. All levels of yoga participants can find their personal challenges. Modifications will be suggested as needed. This class is open to everyone with the ability to move through seated, standing, kneeling, and reclined positions unassisted.

To register, or if you have questions, email newdayyoga.dawn@gmail.com.

Advent by Candlelight Monday, December 7

Save the Date!

This year, we will be having a virtual version of Advent by Candlelight over Zoom.

Stay tuned to next month's SPIRE and weekly emails for additional details.

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

Steve Morris- 16537 Townsend Ct, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-1158- on the death of his wife, **Amanda Morris**, on October 16.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Melissa Owen** and **Melinda Smith**.

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:

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

Please forward prayer requests to Kiersti Critchfield kcritchfield@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x103, or submit them online at fedchurch.org/prayers. Our Pastoral Care Team and our Prayer and Praise Team will pray for your requests.

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