

# Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and  
Opportunities at Federated

## Worship Services Online

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all  
worship services will take place online  
through Easter 2021.

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](https://tinyurl.com/FedFellowship)

The building will be closed, but activities  
are still going on! Latest updates can be  
found at [fedchurch.org/covid](https://fedchurch.org/covid).

## Ahead At The Fed

### Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

- 3:30 pm Pre-Service Music
- 4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
- 5:30 pm Pre-Service Music
- 6 pm Christmas Eve Traditional Service

### Sunday, December 27

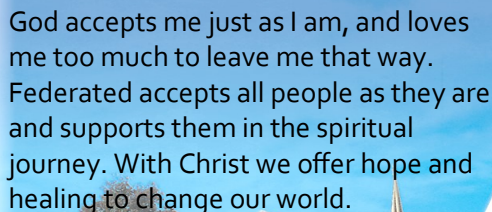
- National UCC Staff Christmas Pageant
- 10 am Online Worship
- 11 am Virtual Fellowship Hour

### Sunday, December 27

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)  
John 1:1-14

### Sunday, January

- Rev. Mark Simone preaches
- 10 am Christmas Eve Family Service
- 11 am Fellowship Hour
- 11:30 am Sunday School



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.



Mon  
Dec 21  
7 pm

**VIRTUAL  
Christmas  
Caroling**  
*Live music*  
Join us here!  
[fedchurch.org/carol](http://fedchurch.org/carol)  
Open to all

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### White Privilege Classes

New groups forming in January.  
Seven week sessions. Contact  
Bill Shaul at  
[theshauls@mns.com](mailto:theshauls@mns.com) or  
513.280.2836.

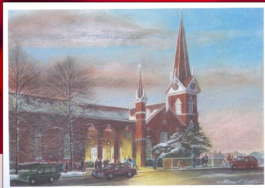
### Invitation to Join Children's Choir

Anyone with children currently in 1st-8th grade can contact  
Choir Director Pat Haynish to sing with the Federated  
Children's Choir in 2021.

New members are always welcome!  
Pat's email is: [phaynish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phaynish@sbcglobal.net)

# Christmas Eve Online

4 PM



6 PM

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

# Federated Church Buildings Will Remain Closed Through Easter

2020 was a year of challenges, a year of making accommodations, adjustments and we have had to dig deep, to call upon our inner strength and develop new ways to commune and connect. Though we all want to gather and worship together, it is not safe to do so at this time and so our Federated building will remain closed to in-person, indoor activities. We are using 'through Easter' as a benchmark for the closure, fully prepared to evaluate and adapt as conditions change.

Though we see hope on the horizon, case numbers and hospitalizations remain on the rise. Building closure is the most assured way to keep our members and guests safe. We maintain that the health of our congregation and community is still the most important consideration, especially for so many in our church who are at high risk.

Our leadership will continue to monitor health and safety guidelines and local COVID-19 conditions from the county boards of health, the state of Ohio, and the CDC. We will continue to consult with medical and public health officials and rely on the scientific understanding of this virus to make decisions going forward.

In the meantime, and most importantly, we

will continue to work diligently, creating new opportunities for spiritual growth, learning, reflection, worship, and connection with each other. Be open to new ideas and technologies and above all, please communicate your needs and share ways you would like to connect. Working together and being in service to one another is what makes us a strong and united community.

**"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9**

We thank you for your feedback and thoughts about what we can do to enhance the Federated Community and continue to thrive.

God Bless You,  
Beth Rutkowski, Moderator  
Hamilton Throckmorton, Senior Pastor  
Melissa Owen, Senior Director of People and Operations

## **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 **Marty Culbertson** and **Kristin LeFeber**.

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

### **The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:**

Joyce Ritchie; Carol Basler, Sally Ramsey, Sue Mansour, Louise Rutkowski, Lee Wiley.

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

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