

## 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).

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.

## Ahead At The Fed

### Sunday, January 10

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

- 10 am Online Worship Service
- 11 am Fellowship Hour
- 11:30 am Sunday School

### Sunday, January 17

- 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- John 1:43-51

### Sunday, January 24

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

- 10 am Online Worship Service
- 11 am Fellowship Hour
- 11:30 am Sunday School

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.

Mt. Zion Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ

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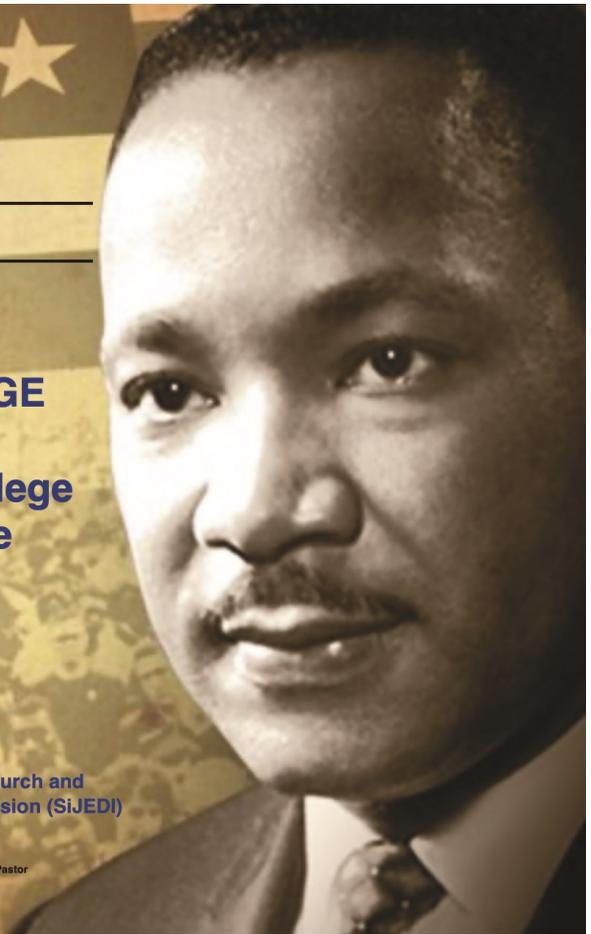
**DAY**

**THE ANATOMY OF PRIVILEGE  
IN AMERICA:  
Examining the Impact of Privilege  
on Our Society and Culture**

**Monday, January 18, 2021  
1 - 3:30 p.m.  
on Zoom**

**Sponsored by  
Social Justice Advocacy Ministry of Federated Church and  
Sadler Institute for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (SIJEDI)**

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Mt. Zion UCC has invited us to join them for this Martin Luther King Day event. If interested please contact Kathy Franz [kfranz17114@gmail.com](mailto:kfranz17114@gmail.com) or 440-821-7795 to access the Zoom link. Last year we had great participation from Federated and this year's shared experience promises to further build our relationship with our Mt. Zion brothers and sisters in faith. Hope you can join in.

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## **Federated Church Annual Meeting**

**Sunday February 28, 2021 at 11:15AM**

Join us via Zoom (web or phone-in) and be on the lookout for details in the coming weeks.

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# 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....*

**Don Rice** - 11500 E Cochise Dr Unit 1075, Scottsdale, AZ 85259-4914- on the death of his wife, **Judy** on January 4.

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

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:**

Jody Halley, 440.591.8703; Gayle Bauer, Vivian Platek, Trina Gigax, Martine Scheuermann.

*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](http://fedchurch.org/prayers). Our Pastoral Care Team and our Prayer and Praise Team will pray for your requests.*

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