

# 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:

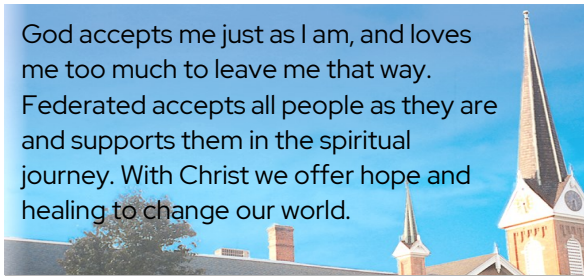
[YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)

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://www.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, February 7

**Rev. Mark Simone preaches  
Communion Served**

**10 am Online Worship Service**

**11 am Fellowship Hour**

**11:30 am Sunday School**

### Sunday, February 7

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

### Sunday, February 14

**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.

# 2021 Federated Church Annual Meeting:

February 28 at 11:15 AM via Zoom

This year we will hold our Annual Meeting via Zoom following our Sunday morning service on February 28. This means you can easily join us by clicking a Zoom link on your computer, tablet or smartphone or by calling in from any kind of phone. We expect attendance to be greater than ever because you will not have to go out into the February cold and our “snowbirds” can join us from afar. During the meeting we will explore the many things going on at Federated and the impact your generosity has had in the community as well as here at Federated. We will discuss the projects currently in process, the many new ways to connect, the Federated Branding project, the Visionary Action Plan, and other ways Federated is becoming fortified for the future. We will celebrate the success of the 2017 Capital Campaign, 2020 Stewardship, our Missions and Service, and see where 2021 Generosity is headed. We will explore the status of our many groups and what has been going on 2020 as well as plans for 2021 and beyond.

During the meeting, there will be several votes. We will vote, as we always do, to elect the 2021 slate of leaders and approve the 2021 budget. We will also vote on two changes to the Federated Constitution: Criteria for Active Membership and the formation of the Generosity Commission. Instructions for voting will be made very clear during the meeting, prior to each vote.

Each member-household will be mailed a packet in early February; the contents will also be available through our website and a link to the contents will be emailed. The packet will contain the Annual Report, the Financial Report, the agenda for the Annual Meeting, as well as updates from Leadership, Staff, our Commissions and other groups and the Constitutional Amendments we will be considering.

Your involvement is essential and we want to make participation clear and easy for everyone. Therefore, we will hold practice sessions so those not familiar with Zoom can feel confident in joining us. The first practice session will follow online worship on February 14 at 11:15 am at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88417718195?pwd=WEVFN2RrbUFtbndaVHkxaC9ZdldGQT09>. The link for the practice session is also available on our website at [fedchurch.org/annualmeeting](https://fedchurch.org/annualmeeting).

Join us for the 2021 Federated Annual Meeting: February 28 at 11:15 am!

## Online Prayer Service

Wednesday, February 3, 7:00–7:30 pm

Join us on the Federated Church YouTube channel for a family friendly prayer service focused on JOY!

Rev. Mark Simone will lead us through songs, scripture, prayer and meditation as we explore Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" This prayer service will be focusing on concepts the whole family can relate to and understand.

So grab your little ones and join your church family in prayer at [YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch) or go to [Fedchurch.org](https://www.Fedchurch.org) for a direct link on our webpage.

We look forward to sharing this special night with you. Contact Kiersti Critchfield [kcritchfield@fedchurch.org](mailto:kcritchfield@fedchurch.org), 440.247.6490 ex 103 if you have any questions or need more information.

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## NEW Music Class

### Performance Practice: Dispelling Anxiety in Public

When: Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

How: Online via Zoom

Dates: Every Monday, February 8 – March 15 (6 weeks)

One of the biggest challenges of public performance of any kind is how to handle "stage fright". Performance in groups or solo, giving a speech, making a presentation, teaching, working smoothly in groups, and other public settings can all create a feeling of anxiety. How do we prepare for these situations? How do we act "in the moment"?

This new class taught by Director of Music Ministries, Joshua Konow, will explore methods to improve confidence, reduce stress, and most notably how to prepare. Taught from the lens of music, the class will focus on how to practice music and learn more fundamental notation and reading skills. Singing, speaking, and some light assignments will be a part of this class to analyze and help every participant individually. This class is not intended only for musicians. Anyone is welcomed to participate no matter your musical background!

For questions and to register for the class, please contact Joshua Konow at [jkonow@fedchurch.org](mailto:jkonow@fedchurch.org) or calling 440.247.6490 x 120

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

**Marty Ray** – 246 North St, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-2506- who is recovering from spinal surgery

**Linda Squire** – 5089 Wayne Rd, Mantua, OH 44255-9608-who is recovering from foot surgery

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Trisha Holland** and **Janis Stefanchik**.

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, Debbie Baker, Mary Ann Boysen, Paul Neidhardt, Marge Overman.

*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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