

December 5, 2021

Welcome!



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We are so glad you've chosen to worship with us today!

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.

Next Week:

Sunday, December 12

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
preaches

10 am

Traditional Worship

In-person and

Online via YouTube

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Advent by Candlelight

Monday, December 6, 6:30

In the Sanctuary

The Congregational Care Commission invites you to Advent by Candlelight. Please join us as we enter into this season of joy, peace, hope and love. All are welcome.

Apollo's Fire: Handel's Messiah

Thursday, December 9, 7:30 PM

In the Sanctuary

The trumpet shall sound! Apollo's Fire welcomes renowned British conductor Nicholas McGegan, who loves nothing more than Handel. This delightful Handel expert leads the virtuoso musicians of Apollo's Fire, Apollo's Singers, and four soloists in Handel's beloved holiday classic. Limited tickets remain—they are available after worship in the Narthex or online at fedchurch.org/PAS.

St. Paul's Giving Tree: Gifts Collected until December 12

Every year, Federated collects new toys and gift items for the St. Paul's Christmas Sale, where members of the community on the near west side can shop for their children for Christmas at greatly reduced prices. We need items for ages 3 to 18 years. Please consider donating new, unwrapped toys such as books, dolls, puzzles, games, basketballs, footballs, cars and trucks, etc. Mittens, gloves, hats and scarves are welcome, also.

Items will be collected under the Christmas tree **in the Bell St. Lobby through December 12**. Thank you for making the holidays a time of great joy for these children and their families!

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Opportunities to Donate Altar Flowers

We have an opportunity to donate the altar flowers on **December 12**. This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one or a special occasion, as well as brighten our Sanctuary for worship! Contact Sue Mansour at 440.668.9399 or sueman@roadrunner.com if interested.

Burning River Brass: Our Kind of Christmas

Tuesday, December 21, 7 PM

In the Sanctuary

A touch of tradition, a dash of jazz, and a healthy measure of festive cheer! Burning River Brass presents Christmas concerts with a little something for everyone. As we journey from delightful and time-honored carols from around the world to our very own Big Band Nutcracker, we'll have you singing along in no time. It's the perfect way to get in the holiday spirit! Tickets are available after worship in the Narthex or online at fedchurch.org/PAS.

Christmas Poinsettias on Sale

Holiday poinsettias will once again decorate our Chancel during the Advent season. The poinsettias may be purchased in your name, In Honor Of, or In Memory Of a loved one or friend. The cost is \$20 per plant. A listing of those named will appear in Christmas Eve bulletins.

Fill out this form (please print) and turn it in to the church **by Sunday, December 19**. You can drop it into the collection plate on Sunday mornings. If writing a check, note "Poinsettia" in the memo line. If giving online through Realm, use the memo line to add your dedication. Contact communications@fedchurch.org with any questions.

Name: _____

Phone or email: _____ No. of Plants: _____

In Memory of / In Honor of: _____

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Gerry Powers, recovering from Gall Bladder Surgery on 12/4; 5000 Northridge Drive Willoughby, OH 44094

Staff members **Jake Magalski** and **Joshua Konow**, and our mission partner **EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute**.

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week:

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The poinsettia tree on the altar is given by the Trace and Bittinger families in memory of Nancy Trace.

The altar Christmas Trees were donated by: **Jack & Mary Hobbs** in honor of their daughter Jody and family, and in loving memory of their son, Jeffrey; **Cal & Kim Lockert** in loving memory of Cal's mother & father, Vern and Millie Lockert, and in loving memory of Kim's mother and father, Wally and Connie Wedemeier; **Byron & Elsie Lutman** in memory of loved ones; **Janet, Polly & Jenny Peters** in loving memory of Don, husband and father; **Ralph Spresser and Judy Holder** in loving memory of Lucille, wife and mother; **Larry Trace** in loving memory of his wife, Nancy, and in honor of their grandchildren, Shannon Marie and Lea Kay Trace and Tyler Matthew Bittinger.

The wreaths adorning our doors have been donated in part by by: **Bonnie Borman** in memory of David Goldston; **Mary Dixon and family** in loving memory of her husband, John B. Dixon, son John E. Dixon and his wife Margaret Dixon, and grandson William Dixon; and **Peggie Fullmer** in memory of David Fullmer and Jim & Donna Sutherin.

The large wreaths in the windows are given in loving memory of Eva Jean Trace by the **Trace and Bittinger** families.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11a-12p

There will be no in-person Fellowship Hour after worship today. There will be a virtual gathering on Zoom. You are welcome and encouraged to join! Go to [Tinyurl.com/fedfellowship](https://tinyurl.com/fedfellowship).

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