

December 24, 2021

Welcome!



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*live your faith*



***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 26**

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton  
shares a Christmas story

**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

# A Place 4 Me - 2021 Christmas Eve Offering Recipient

We are pleased to announce that **A Place 4 Me** and the Opportunity Passport program will be the recipient of our Christmas Eve Offering.

A Place 4 Me serves youth, ages 18-25, who are transitioning out of foster care or juvenile justice, or who are currently homeless, or who are at risk of homelessness. Many of these youth are of color and/or are LGBTQ. The goal is to eliminate youth homelessness through this innovative program, Opportunity Passport, which addresses financial literacy and responsibility.



Our offering will be directly deposited into the youths' own personal, supervised bank accounts through a \$1 for \$1 matching funds initiative (up to \$1,000 per year for 3 years). This happens as students complete classes that are created collaboratively by them with a program leader. As each account builds, the young adults can begin spending their savings on approved assets such as one month's rent, health care costs (including dental), educational expenses (books or a computer), a car, investments (stocks or CDs), or entrepreneurial enterprises.

A Place 4 Me, housed at the YWCA of Greater Cleveland, has served 258 youths since its inception (2018). It currently supports 128 young people.

The Mission and Service Commission asks that you prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this year's Christmas Eve Offering. You can donate now by scanning the QR code with your smartphone's camera! Or donate online at [fedchurch.org/giving](https://fedchurch.org/giving), leave your donation in the offering plate in the Narthex, or mail your check to the church. Thank you!



Scan with your phone's camera to **donate now!**

## The Christmas Eve Offering is a Federated Tradition that Began in 1961!

Each year Federated Church donates the entire offering collected at its Christmas Eve services to an organization or cause whose program or goal would be significantly impacted by this generous gift. None of the money is used for Federated's operating expenses.

We look for an organization whose specific goals are to improve the lives of those in need, in turn enriching our world. The Christmas Eve offering is just the beginning of what we hope will be a year-long partnership of mission engagement with the recipient. Below are some recent recipients.

2020 Federated Mission Partners—\$49,230  
2019 St. Paul's Community Church—\$33,041  
2018 HOLA Ohio—\$34,398  
2017 Hiram Farm—\$36,199  
2016 Two Foundation, Inc.—\$36,679

2015 EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant...—\$46,984  
2014 St. Paul's Community Church—\$64,817  
2013 The Rainey Institute—\$37,647  
2012 Transitional Housing, Inc.—\$40,000  
2011 Stitching Hope—\$31,800

## **Christmas Poinsettias purchased this year to honor and remember loved ones.**

Federated's youth programming is so appreciative of all those who purchased a poinsettia *in honor or in memory* of a loved one. Thank you for your support, for beautifying our Sanctuary during this holiday season, and for remembering someone special in your life this way.

***If you purchased a poinsettia, you may take one from a table near an exit door to bring home.***

**Doug & Lisa Antil** in memory of Joel Novak  
**Tom & Bobbi Jo Baclawski** in memory of Mrs. Wanda Albrich  
**Tom & Bobbi Jo Baclawski** in memory of Mr. Thomas R. Baclawski  
**Janet Berlincourt** in memory of my best friend, Cinda Berri  
**Barry & Kathie Biggin** in memory of Gerry Ann (Biggin) Draeger  
**Bonnie Borman** in memory of David Goldston  
**Jenny Brown** in memory of John Laskowski  
**Jenny Brown** in memory of Helmut Fochler  
**Jenny Brown** in memory of Glenn R. Brown  
**Jenny Brown** in memory of Charles & Ruth King  
**Bob & Lindy Bryson** in loving memory of Pixie Ferlito  
**Bob & Lindy Bryson** in loving memory of Mary Lou & Don Chester  
**Bob & Lindy Bryson** in loving memory of Ruthie & Nat Bryson  
**Ray & Kathy Bryson** in memory of Ruth Bryson  
**Ray & Kathy Bryson** in memory of Nat Bryson  
**Ray & Kathy Bryson** in memory of Don Stevens  
**Becky Carter** for Virginia & Paul N. Stewart & Helen Brown  
**Jeff Cobb** in memory of Sue Cobbledick  
**Paul Cobb** in memory of Sue Cobbledick  
**Dorn Cobbledick** in memory of Sue Cobbledick  
**Jim Cobbledick** in memory of Sue Cobbledick  
**Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann** in memory of Al & Shirley Culbertson, George & Nancy Scheuermann, Rich Scheuermann  
**Tom Dantimo** in memory of Stan & Mary Dantimo & Heather Hephner  
**Mark & Kathleen Davis** in memory of Richard R. G. Hobson  
**Gary & Dawn Dole** in memory of our dads - Loy Cooperrider and John Dole  
**Bill & Kathy Franz**  
**Mary Griffith** in memory of Noelle  
**Robin & Katie Harbage** in honor of Lois Galloway, Katie's mom  
**Brady & Ali Hively** in memory of Tom Hively and loved ones of the Hively Family  
**Vince Horvath & Derdriu Ring**  
**Lee & Karen Johns** in memory of their brothers, John Hurst & Peter Johns  
**Lynne Kessell** in honor of the love that surrounds us all!  
**Eric & Kelly Kimball** in honor of Jim Finley & in honor of Myia Sterling  
**Paul & Maren Koepf** in loving memory of Bob and Marilee Rickert  
**Pat Leech** in memory of Lucinda Denney  
**Sibyl & Dick McBride** in memory of loved ones  
**Jan McGibony** in memory of Sue Cobbledick  
**Steven & Barbara Patton** in loving memory of Phyllis and Ed Patton  
**Steven & Barbara Patton** in loving memory of Betsy & Bob Scher  
**Steven & Barbara Patton** in loving memory of David Carpenter  
**Barb Piatak** in memory of Don Piatak  
**Ward Pierson** in memory of Edward Pierson  
**Mary Lou Riegel & Family** in loving memory of husband, Skip Riegel  
**Judy Riemenschneider** in memory of Dr. Thomas Riemenschneider  
**Derdriu Ring** for Diarmaid Ring  
**Derdriu Ring** for Clare Ring  
**Derdriu Ring** for Owen Ring  
**Linda Robertson** for Darrell Robertson  
**Marcia Snavelly** in memory of Judith Albert  
**Marcia Snavelly** in memory of Geoffrey Snavelly & Marian Snavelly  
**Diane Tuuri** in memory of Walter Tuuri  
**Cindy Scott & Miriam Huebscher-Scott** in loving memory of Winfield Scott & Richard Hue  
**Jim & Claudette Whitelaw** in memory of their parents and Kevin  
**Jim & Claudette Whitelaw** in honor of Eric, Jenn, Mat, Jon, Sarah, and Tim

## Christmas Trees & Poinsettia Tree

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

## Christmas Wreaths

The wreaths adorning our doors have been donated in part 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 **Peggy Fullmer** in memory of David Fullmer and Jim & Dona Sutherin; **Steve and Cindy Girouard** in memory of Ron and Ginny Keim, Mike and Elizabeth Girouard; **Rick Jones** in memory of Leslie Jones; **Rick Jones** in memory of David and Ecky Broad; **Pamela Dean Yaecker** in memory of son Preston Douglas Yaecker and husband Douglas Craig Yaecker.

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



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