

December 18, 2022

Welcome!



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Next Week:

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve, services at 4PM, 6:30PM (pre-service music beginning at 6PM), and 8:30PM (pre-service music beginning at 8PM)

Sunday, December 25

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton will be telling a story about Christmas

10 am

Traditional Worship

**In-Person and Online via
YouTube**



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.

Our Mission Statement

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENIN

Advent Reflections

We are officially entering Advent season. Starting Sunday, November 13th the Advent Reflections Booklets will be available in the Lobby. The reflections begin on November 21st. The daily reflections will also be able to be viewed online at fedchurch.org/adventreflections. For more details, contact Rev. Susie Kawolics, reverendsusi@gmail.com

Reverse Advent Calendar

Try something different and fun this December! A REVERSE advent calendar. Instead of taking one item from the calendar, try putting one item in a box, daily, December 1st-25th. A list is provided on the Mission and Services informational board. All donations will be distributed in January. Click [HERE](#) for a list of items needed. Questions? Contact Gay Quintin, glqchicken@gmail.com.

MedWish International

The Mission and Service Commission is pleased to announce that we are resuming the collection of hospital and rehab equipment for MedWish International. Equipment must be in new or good condition, and small packages unopened. **Medications of any kind, sealed or not, will not be accepted.** For more information, contact Kathy Kolcaba, kathykolcaba@yahoo.com or Linda Zelazny, linzel65@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve services will be at 4:00pm, 6:30pm (pre-service music beginning at 6:00pm), 8:30pm (pre-service music beginning at 8:00pm).

Upcoming Performing Arts Series Concerts Are Now on Sale!

Looking for a last minute Christmas gift idea? Our two upcoming April Performing Arts

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Series concerts are now on sale! Give the gift of music with these joyous programs:

Apollo's Fire: Vivaldi's Four Seasons Rediscovered; Saturday, April 8, 2023; 7:30 pm
Pianists Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanula Friscioni; Saturday, April 29, 2023; 7:00 pm

Apollo's Fire will whisk us away with Vivaldi's virtuosic "Four Seasons" as they present their ONE NIGHT ONLY European Tour send-off, while world-renowned pianists Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanuela Friscioni present a two-piano program with powerhouse pieces like Rachmaninoff's "Suite for Two Pianos" and hidden gems like Piana's "Sonata for Two Pianos". Full details and tickets can be found at fedchurch.org/PAS

Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias on Sale

Holiday poinsettias and wreaths will once again decorate our church during the Advent season. The poinsettias and wreaths may be purchased in your name, In Honor of, or In Memory Of a loved one or friend. The cost is \$20 per plant or \$30 per wreath. A listing of those names will appear in Christmas Eve bulletins.

All donations are due by Sunday, December 18th. You can drop it into the collection plate on Sunday mornings with the form from the announcement attached. If writing a check, note "Poinsettia/Wreath" 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/Email: _____

Date: _____ No. of Poinsettias: _____ No. of Wreaths: _____

In Memory of/ In Honor of: _____

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Phyllis Ference and **Dawn Haber** for the death of Phyllis' husband and Dawn's father, Bob Ference; Phyllis Ference: 239 Manor Brook Dr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022; Dawn Haber: 27 Paw Lake Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

This week, please pray for staff members **Brooke Strong** and **Janis Stefanchik**.

This month, please pray for **MedWish**

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week:

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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11a-12p

Members of the congregation take turns bringing in treats for fellowship time following the service. Thank you to congregants with the last names beginning with E, F and G for providing treats today. We encourage you to join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for food and fellowship.

In observance of the holidays, Fellowship Hour will be postponed until Sunday, January 8th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given to honor our wonderful Federated Staff. Thank you for a brilliant year – you all shine so bright. With Love, Melissa

The altar Christmas Trees were donated by: **Mary Hobbs** in loving memory of her beloved husband Jack and 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; **Judy Holder** in loving memory of her father and mother Ralph and Lucille, and dear friend Jack Hobbs; **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 large wreaths in the windows are given in loving memory of Eva Jean Trace by the **Trace and Bittinger** families.

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