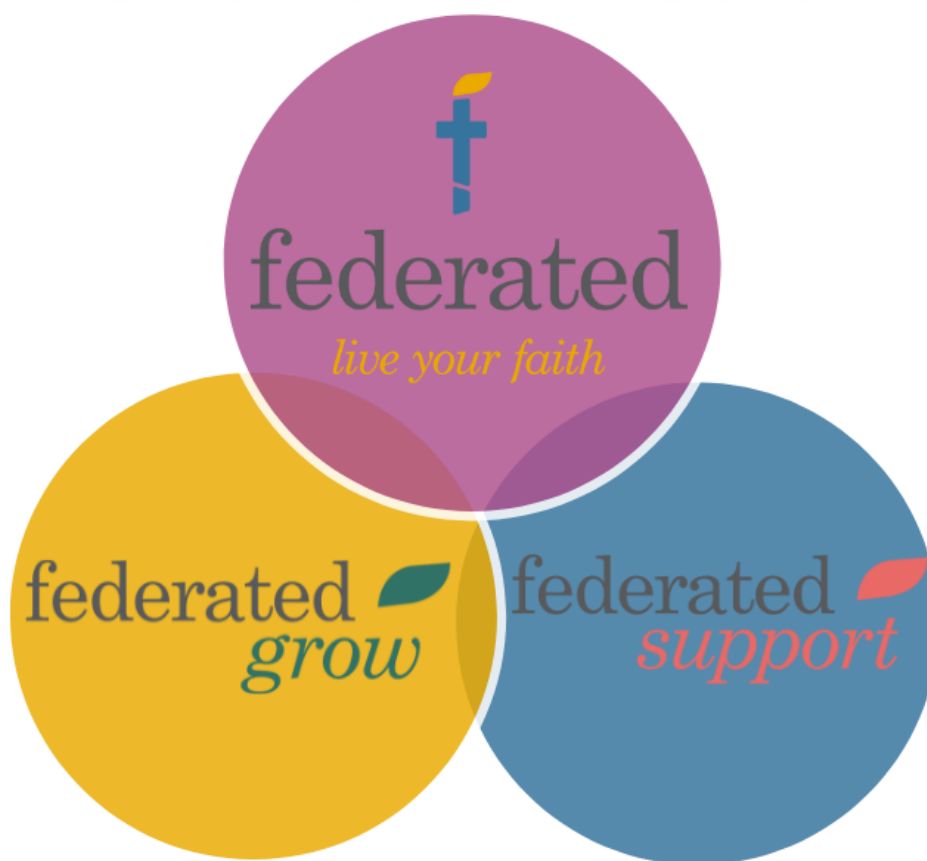


Generosity Campaign 2024

CHURCH IS MISSION



MISSION IS CHURCH

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ."

Colossians 3:17

From the Desk of Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Dear Friends,

November at Federated is a month that is rich and full. In the liturgical year, it's the conclusion of what we call Ordinary Time. The rhythm of the church year is such that the seasons fluctuate between the central events of Jesus' life, on the one hand, and the significance of those events for our daily lives on the other. We begin the church year with Advent, when we anticipate the birth of Jesus. In the next season—the 12 Days of Christmas—we celebrate that nativity. In the season that follows—Epiphany—we reflect on the significance of that birth for your life and mine. Then comes Lent, with its introspective, reflective bent and its journey to the death of Jesus. Easter follows, the center of the Christian year, with its celebration of the resurrection.

And finally comes the long season of Ordinary Time, which runs from Pentecost in the spring to the first Sunday of Advent, this year in early December. This is the time when we remember that those central events in the life of Jesus bear their fruit in the ordinary moments and days of our lives. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection determine who we are. And in Ordinary Time, we discover the meaning of those events in our everyday lives, and in our mission and ministries.

This year, on Nov. 5, we'll celebrate All Saints Sunday, when we remember those from this faith community who have died in the past year. For me, and maybe for you, there's something touching about speaking their names and pausing in reflective gratitude for each of their lives. We are deeply grateful for the myriad ways in which they have made their presence felt and embodied holy grace in their own unique and distinctive lives.

On the 12th, we have a double privilege. First, that's the day we offer our Intentions to Give for 2024. During worship, we'll bring those Intentions forward as a sign of all that God has done for us, to have them blessed and to dedicate them to the marvelous work done by this church to shape faith, to alleviate suffering, and to extend the love of God to every corner. The second privilege we'll have that day is receiving new members into the congregation, a chance to celebrate God's ongoing renewal of the church.

On Nov. 19th, Ingathering Sunday, we'll live out one element of that magnificent mission of ours by bringing food to worship so that we might offer it to the glory of God to alleviate hunger.

And finally, on Nov. 26th, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we'll immerse ourselves in one of the most vivid stories of the Bible, Matthew's story of the sheep and the goats, with its bracing reminder that "just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (25:40).

Join us as we conclude the year with grace. You add so much to who we are. And together we will be filled with God's holy embrace. The season may be Ordinary, but it is also God-infused!

Yours in Christ,

Hamilton



Generosity Campaign 2024

Mission /S Church – Church /S Mission

"The Church exists for mission as a fire exists for burning." Emil Brunner

Please consider joining our Generosity Campaign 2024 by submitting an Intention to Give for next year.

What is the Generosity Campaign?

For about 4 weeks each October and November, we talk about why it's important to financially support the church and its activities and ministries in the coming year. Letters are sent to each home with an enclosed card that provides information about your *Intention to Give* in 2024. We will celebrate the abundance of God's generosity on Gratitude Sunday, November 12, 2023.

Why do we begin this now?

We use the information that our church members and friends provide in their *Intention to Give* to set the budget for our programmatic activities for 2024. When you set your *Intention to Give*, you can set up a recurring donation to begin in 2024 or just give whenever you are able.

Why is giving to the church the same as Giving to Mission?

For many, the word *Mission* has traditionally been associated with what the church does for other people in other places. But in fact, everything that the church does is its mission. Some of our most meaningful *mission* begins inside our own faith community – a gesture of caring between individuals, an offering of hope, Sunday worship, every Primetime and Youth outing, a pastor's hospital visit, a greeting at the door, a Children's Choir rehearsal, a cup of coffee shared, and on and on, /S the church's mission.

Where does my money go?

Your *Intention to Give* represents your commitment to share God's abundant love for all to experience. Every dollar you commit and donate, goes to serve Federated's mission and vision in these ways:

1. Providing Meaningful Worship
2. Educating Children & Adults and Nurturing the Faith Journey
3. Serving the Community and the World
4. Caring for our Congregation
5. Building a Spirit of Generosity
6. Maintaining our Facilities for all these activities

How can I submit my Intention to Give?

- Mail or drop off an *Intention to Give* card at the church.
- Bring the card on Sunday November 12 to be placed in the offering plate.
- Submit your 2024 *Intention to Give* on our website at fedchurch.org/giving.
- Use your Realm account to submit your 2024 [Intention to Give](#).

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Save these December Dates!

Celebrate the season.

Saturday, December 2, 7PM - [Celebrating Marcia Snavelly](#)

Sunday, December 3, Fellowship Hour - Youth Bake Sale

Monday, December 4, 6.30PM - [Advent by Candlelight](#)

Sunday, December 10

- Children's Choir Musical during Worship
- Special Fellowship Hour: Bethlehem Market + Lunch whimsical booths and activities to bring Christmas Joy to Children of all ages

Wednesday, December 13

- Service of Hope and Healing, 5.30PM
- Special Holiday [Wondrous Wednesday](#), 6.00PM

Thursday, December 14, Noon: [Primetime Holiday Lunch at The Cabin](#)

Saturday, December 16, 8PM: [Apollo's Fire](#)
"Wassail! An Irish-Appalachian Christmas"

Sunday, December 17, 4.30PM: [Worship with Nature + Potluck](#)

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Worship Services

@ 10AM

@ 4PM

@ 6.30PM

Details to come in our December Spire—for now, save the

Collection for NEOCH

Extended Through November 15th

Members of Federated Church have an opportunity to share their bounty and blessings with people who are unhoused through our project with the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH).

We are collecting NEW and GENTLY USED, CLEAN outerwear for people of all ages. Please donate men's, women's, and children's winter coats, winter hats, waterproof gloves, new winter socks, winter boots, and scarves. Place CLEAN items only in the labeled boxes in Fellowship Hall through **Nov. 15th**.

Nothing to donate? Please consider a financial contribution. Make your check payable to Federated Church and write "NEOCH collection" in the memo line. Questions? Please text Cathy Watterson at 216.978.1037 or Patti Lyden at 440.773.0781.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Women's Ministries

Women's Fellowship Circle meets November 20th at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. We will be making up toiletry kits, donations welcome. We will also be making some items for St. Paul's Christmas sale. For more information contact Lynne Kessell lynnekessell@gmail.com.



Fellowship Treats

We are **so excited** to continue Fellowship Hour after Sunday worship services. Federated members take turns bringing treats for Fellowship Hour each Sunday, as scheduled by the Congregational Care Commission. Of course, anyone is welcome to bring treats at any time!

Please bring ready-to-serve treats in disposable containers. Healthy food choices are especially welcome. *Please no nuts*. Thank you for helping to make our Fellowship time delicious and enjoyable!

November 5– last names beginning with C or D

November 12– last names beginning with E, F, or G

November 19– last names beginning with H, I, J, or K

November 26– last names beginning with L or M



Wear Your Faith



As you **#LiveYourFaith**, you can now **#WearYourFaith**.

Federated merchandise is fun to wear and available!

To view the online store, click [HERE](#).



Performing Arts Series '23-'24 Season

Save the Dates!

We are thrilled to resume the Performing Arts Series this fall!

Full concert details and a season announcement are coming soon, but in the meantime, save these dates for an exciting season!

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 7pm

"Celebrating Marcia Snively: 30 Years at Federated Church"
with Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra and Federated musicians



Saturday, December 16, 2023, 8pm.

Apollo's Fire: "Wassail! An Irish-Appalachian Christmas"

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 7pm

Sonya Headlam, soprano
Celebrating Black History Month

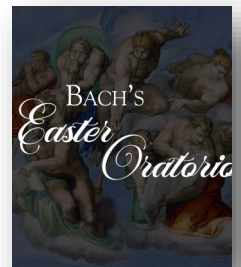


Saturday, March 2, 2024, 7pm

Cleveland Celtic Ensemble
with a community dinner!

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 7:30pm

Apollo's Fire: "Bach's *Easter Oratorio*"



Friday, May 17, 2024, 7pm

Factory Seconds Brass in Concert

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CONCERTO FOR TENOR SAXOPHONE AND ORCHESTRA



ANDREW HOSLER
SAXOPHONE



GRIFFIN CANDEY
COMPOSER

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

7:00 PM

FEDERATED CHURCH
76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls

Free and open to the public, but tickets requested in advance

www.clevelandrepertoryorchestra.org

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Celebrating **MARCIA SNAVELY** 30 YEARS AT FEDERATED



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 7 PM

FREE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

FEDCHURCH.ORG/PAS



Wondrous Wednesdays

Wondrous Wednesdays October 18th Recap...



October 18 featured a free **Wondrous Wednesday** dinner and program by Bill Shaul and Robin Harbage. If you were one of the 40+ attendees, you heard about **Braver Angels**, a remarkable initiative working toward civil dialogue and respect among people with opposite cultural and/or political stances.

How DO you engage a friend or relative for whom you care deeply, but holds a different point of view?

The group practiced using tips which include more careful listening when you choose to have a discussion, and a simple mnemonic to remember steps to lower the temperature in communication.

The group also practiced how to respond when you witness an offensive remark or joke. If you missed it, check out, braverangels.org for information.

You never know what the Wondrous Wednesday dinners, organized by Katie Harbage, will offer us, but it is always worthwhile. Save the date for next month's program on November 15 about homelessness, and bring a friend!

Wondrous Wednesday & SJAM Event on November 15th

Who are the homeless people we've been gathering warm winter coats for this Fall?

What are their stories?

Wondrous Wednesday and SJAM are having a presentation November 15th, originating from NEOCH- the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless. Our speaker, Angelo Anderson, a formerly homeless person, will speak about his story, his support from NEOCH, and selling the Cleveland Street Chronicle to pull himself out of his situation.

A Free community dinner will be held at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall
Angelo will speak at 7 PM

If you are interested in attending our yummy dinner, **please sign up at Fedchurch.org/events or use the sheet at the Angel Desk.** The event will be held in Fellowship Hall.

****A Free-Will offering will be available for NEOCH and the amazing layers of support that they*

DAY OFF VBS EXPERIENCE:

"GOD HAS A SPOT FOR YOU!"

K – 5th grades

Tuesday, November 7th

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

\$20/child: lunch and snacks provided

Federated Church, Chagrin Falls

Registration required: fedchurch.org/events

klefeber@fedchurch.org

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Sundays at 11:30 - 1:00

Meeting in Room 340

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

October 29: Reverse Trick or Treat at Hamlet
Meet at the church at 2:00

November

5: Community yard work

Meet at the church at 11:30

12: Regular Meeting at 11:30 Room 340

19: Ingathering: Meet at 11:30 Fellowship Hall

December

3: Bake Sale and toy shopping trip

Meet at the church at 10:30

10: Whirlyball and Christmas Party

17: Lantern Worship Service

Meet at the FLC at 4:30

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!
BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL GARY OR PAUL

gdd.fedchurch@gmail.com

paulcantlay99mail.com



S.P.I.F.F.Y. NEWS

SERVICE PROJECTS INITIATED FROM FEDERATED YOUTH
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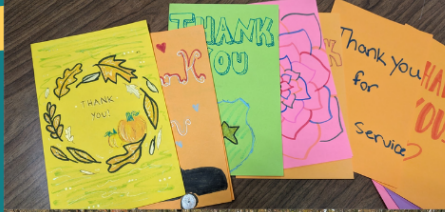
OCTOBER 1

The scavenger hunt had everyone interacting with the community to find inspiration for future service projects!



OCTOBER 8

We went to the CLC to help plant trees and clean up some weeds. We enjoyed some s'mores too!



OCTOBER 22

SPIFFY prepared for Reverse Trick-or-Treating at Hamlet and wrote some letters of appreciation to local first responders.



OCTOBER 29

Reverse Trick-or-Treating at Hamlet was very appreciated by the residents.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 5TH

Shakin' it up in Shaker with Betsy:
Hang out with Reverend Betsy and her pup Harper!

Carpool to/from Shaker
4:00-6:30 pm Meet at the Church

NOVEMBER 19TH

Thanksgiving Ingathering
sorting donated foods for St. Pauls

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

NOVEMBER 12TH

SPIFFY Friendsgiving
Come together to spend time with friends

Bring your favorite dish!
4:30-6 pm Meet at the church

NOVEMBER 26TH

No Meeting
Enjoy time with your families

Thanksgiving Break

Questions or service ideas/requests?
Please contact emoore@fedchurch.org or bwright@fedchurch.org

Colorado Kids!



DISCOVER GOD'S CREATION

JULY 16-23, 2024

COLORADO KIDS INTEREST MEETING

NOVEMBER 12

6:15 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Middle and high school kids are invited to join the faith journey to Colorado's Rocky Mountains! Participants will go backpacking, whitewater rafting, rock climbing, repelling, and more!

**Parents, kids, and friends should come to
the meeting to learn about this
unforgettable adventure!**

Questions: Please contact Emily Moore emoore@fedchurch.org

Mission & Service



St. Paul's Trailer New—More Convenient Time

Beginning on Sunday, November 5, from 9:30–11:30, the trailer will be open on the first Sunday of the month to receive your donations. Clean clothing, household items, and small appliances are acceptable. Please, no undergarments or TV's.

We hope this new time will make it more convenient for you to make donations. Come to church early or stay late to drop off treasures you no longer need!

Contact Marty Culbertson if you have any questions. Mculbert@fedchurch.org.

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Primetime Lunch Out: Punderson Manor House Restaurant Thursday, November 9th at Noon

Join us at Punderson:

11755 Kinsman Road Newbury, Ohio 44065

What a view! Take in the last vestiges of the beautiful Autumn foliage and experience this wonderful spot with your Primetime friends. The menu features sandwiches, salads, pasta and seafood options including lobster bisque. Join us! [RSVP](#). Need a ride? Contact Melissa—carpooling is available!



We will miss you, Mary Lou Riegel. Mary Lou Riegel passed away on October 19, 2023. She was dear friend to so many and an integral part of Primetime Board. Mary Lou was also a beloved member of our Federated family. She joined Federated in 1966 and lent her beautiful voice to the choir. Most recently she served in the Angel Ministries, keeping in touch with the flock during COVID and beyond. Mary Lou was a treasure to so many of us—she brought music, love and laughter with her wherever she went.

Save the Date(s):

- ✓ **November 9, Noon: Lunch Out at Punderson**
- ✓ **November 11, 7PM: Cleveland Repertory Orchestra at Federated Church**
- ✓ **December 2, 7PM: Celebrate Marcia Snavelly!**
- ✓ **December 4, 6.30PM: Advent by Candlelight**
- ✓ **December 10, Special Fellowship Hour: Bethlehem Market + Lunch**
- ✓ **December 13, 5.30PM: Service of Hope and Healing**
- ✓ **December 13, 6PM: Special Holiday Wondrous Wednesday**
- ✓ **December 14: Holiday Lunch at The Cabin**



RSVP via [REALM](#) or to Melissa: mowen@fedchurch.org /

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A ministry for action as we live into our call for Care and Justice for all of God's people and creation

creation care November Tip of the Month

How can we stop using plastic?

Did you know that there is an estimated 75 to 199 million tons of plastic waste currently in our oceans, with a further 33 billion pounds of plastic entering the marine environment every single year? Let's do something about that!

Begin at home with these

Six (6) Tips for Storing & Preserving Food

Store and Preserve food in Plastic-Free

- Beeswax wraps and bags
- Glass containers
- Metal containers
- Mason jars
- Cooking pots with lids
- Ceramic containers



*Thank you, God, for creating the beautiful oceans and all the sea life that inhabit them.
Forgive us for making such a mess of the oceans and help us to learn to do the right thing,
for all living beings. – Amen*

(See - <https://www.condorferries.co.uk/plastic-in-the-ocean-statistics>)



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“Worship with Nature”

The Light of the World

An Interfaith Gathering

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – begins at 4:30 pm

*Everyone is invited - All ages: Elders, Adults, Families, Children
(Communal meal following the worship)*

*Federated Church is pleased to host this “Worship with Nature” gathering.
When we listen to the earth, it will teach us.*

Join with us at the Family Life Center Labyrinth at 4:15 pm. (16349 Chillicothe Rd, Bainbridge)

Based on the innovative model of the Wild Church Network and the Forest Church model in England.

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**Monday, November 20 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
Federated Church, 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls 44022**

Join us for a Speaker Panel on the topic:

THE BORDER CRISIS UP CLOSE



You are invited to attend a Panel Presentation given by a team from Forest Hill Church who went to the border in early 2023. The panel will give brief remarks on their experiences, review the places and people encountered through a Power Point of their trip. They will discuss the challenges witnessed at the border and suggest next steps to counter the immigration crisis.

Q & A session after the presentation

Federated Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

Email: sjamfedchurch@gmail.com for more information



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Our Mission is to engage communities around social and environmental justice issues by empowering untapped relationships, collaborations, and understandings across boundaries

Bridging Across Untapped Relationships

Who is my neighbor? What happens when people come to the United States to rebuild their lives? What are the barriers to bringing refugees to areas outside of Cuyahoga county? What is a climate refugee? Engage in reflection and direct response through upcoming CLC collaborations.

Welcome Kettle forum – Gallery Exhibit The Community Life Collaborative will host a national exhibit and documentary **Columbus Crossing Borders Project** at Federated's Family Life Center 16349 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023. November 30 6:00-9:00, our Reception (open to all) will include live music, wine, cross-cultural foods, viewing the documentary film, and presentation by producers Laurie and Tom Van Balen. Exhibit hours will continue through Saturday December 16. In collaboration with several local networks for refugee and immigrant support, we will mobilize increased awareness, allyship and practical response.

The Columbus Crossing Borders Project is an art exhibit and documentary film created to inspire critical thinking, compassion and support for the millions of people who have been forced to flee their homes due to war, climate, violence and persecution. The art exhibit contains 34 refugee-themed paintings that "cross borders" and connect with one another. The documentary provides a visual journey of this art exhibit alongside first-person accounts shared by refugees who have made the United States their home. [Watch this video clip to learn more.](#) Additional community conversations around refugee issues and actions are on the horizon for December.

Our Mutual Collaboration with Federated: In October, members of the CLC Board of Directors joined with representatives of the Federated Church to participate in the Evaluation Process as delineated in our shared Management Agreement to determine whether either party wishes to exercise the Exit Option of the Agreement. We are delighted to announce that, by unanimous agreement, the Evaluation Team voted NOT to exercise the Exit Option. In just two years of active programming, the CLC has proven to be a financially sustainable organization aligned to the church's values and a viable investment in community engagement. Since 2020, we've been able to shift from a volunteer Executive Director to a part time ED to a fulltime ED and have expanded a community presence in the social impact sector. We are grateful for growing a mutual collaboration between Federated and the Community Life Collaborative.



**Thank you to all who joined
our CLC Oak-y Dokie 5 K,
Able Acorn All Abilities Walk,
and Community Fall Festival
Leaf Party!**

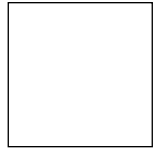
The [Community Life Collaborative](#) manages all operations and covers repair & improvement costs of the FLC for Federated. To schedule church programs at the FLC, please email ed@communitylifecollaborative.org. The CLC is a separate 501(c)3 nonprofit aligning with Federated Church to engage transformation through collaboration for a just and sustainable world. To get involved or stay informed, subscribe to CLC email blasts, follow us on social media, or reach out anytime!

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