

December 17, 2023

Welcome!



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Next Week:

Sunday, December 24th

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
shares a Christmas story

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

Worship with Nature: The Light of the World

TODAY, December 17, 4:57 PM (Arrive at 4:45 PM)

Family Life Center Labyrinth (16349 Chillicothe Rd.)

Join us for an outdoor Worship with Nature service at the Family Life Center Labyrinth at 4:57 pm. This program is for all ages: Elders, Adults, Families, and Children. Bring a chair and a blanket if you wish and dress for the weather. Plan to stay for a light supper of soup and bread which will be provided following the service inside at the FLC. You may bring your favorite holiday cookie to share if you are able. In the case of rain, all activities will take place inside the FLC.

Women's Circle Christmas Party

Monday, December 18, 1 PM

Fellowship Hall

Our circle will be meeting Monday, December 18th at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall for our Christmas party! There will be Christmas stories and a devotionals shared. Hope you can join us! Please bring an appetizer or cookies to share. Contact Lynne Kessell for more details, lynnekessell@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve at Federated

Sunday, December 24

Join Federated Church for our Christmas Eve Worship Services!

10AM – Traditional Worship Featuring the Federated Bell Choir

4PM – Candlelight Service Featuring the Federated Children's Choir and the RISE to Shine Band (Pre-Service Music Starts at 3:45PM)

6:30PM – Candlelight Service Featuring the Federated Choir (Pre-Service Music Starts at 6PM)

*All Services Will Be Livestreamed at [YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)

Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias on Sale

Events: fedchurch.org/events

| Calendar: fedchurch.org

GIVING AT FEDERATED?

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 proceeds from the sale will go to support Federated Youth programs.

All donations are due by Sunday, December 17th. 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 visit fedchurch.org/giving, 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...

We pray for the coming of joy in this Advent season, especially for those suffering pain and loss.

This month, please pray for our mission partner **Humble Design**.

This week, please pray for staff members **Brooke Strong** and **Beth Rutkowski**.

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week: Trina Gigax, Martine Scheuermann, Jane Healy, Jody Halley

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given by the **Trace and Bittinger** families in loving memory of Joyce Moore.

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

Thank you to congregants with the last names beginning with **U, V, W, X, Y, and Z** for providing treats today. We encourage you to join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for food and fellowship.

Next Sunday— There will be no Fellowship Hour in observation of the holiday.

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