

September 1, 2024

Welcome!



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Next Week:

Sunday, September 8th

RALLY DAY!

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
preaches

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 HAPPENING

Federated Annual Rally Day!

Next Sunday, September 8th

Service 10 AM, Festival 11 AM

Join us for Rally Day on September 8th! The celebration kicks off with a service at 10 am, followed by a festival at 11 am featuring food, fun, and all things Federated! Enjoy a balloon artist, an ice cream truck, BBQ, live music by "Up Til 4," and so much more. We can't wait to see you there!

Save the Date!

2024-25 Confirmation Class Starts in September!

An Introductory meeting for 9th-12th grade students and their parents for the Confirmation year ahead will be held after worship on Sunday, September 8th. Be sure to attend this meeting to learn important and needed details about Confirmation classes that will officially begin on Sunday, September 15th from 9:45- 11:15AM. Look for an email from Rev. Wooster in the week ahead for more information and an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. Visit fedchurch.org/events to register.

Wondrous Wednesday: Fair Elections, Fair Districts, & Food

Wednesday, September 18th in Fellowship Hall

Dinner 6:00 pm, Program 7:00 pm

The Voting Rights Sub-Committee of Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM) sponsors Wondrous Wednesday. Bring family and friends! All are welcome. Register for dinner on Realm. Richard Margolius will educate guests about the "Citizens Not Politicians" anti-gerrymandering, fair districts initiative that will be on the November 5th ballot in Ohio. Bob Chalfant will educate guests about "The Steps that Ensure Election Security" that are taken in Ohio to keep our election free and fair.



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Federated Women's Retreat

September 27-28th

Feeling weary? Join the Federated Women's Retreat for spiritual practices that bring rest to your mind, body, and spirit. The retreat offers flexibility, with sessions on Friday, September 27th, from 7-9 pm, and Saturday, September 28th, from 9-11:30 am and 12:30-3 pm. Register by September 18th through [Realm](#), at fedchurch.org/events, or by contacting the church. Take time to rest and rejuvenate!

The Mission and Service Commission Needs Your Help!

The Mission and Service Commission is now actively seeking nominations for this year's Christmas Eve Offering. We are asking current Federated Church members to nominate your favorite 501.c3. Organization. We are taking nominations until September 22nd. Forms can be found at the Angel Desk, main office and the narthex. Completed applications can be placed in the Mission and Service Commission mailbox in the main office. Spread the word! Peace!

Federated Inquirer's Class

November 6th and 13th

Are you a visitor or frequent attendee? We invite you to deepen your connection with the Federated Family by becoming a member. Membership offers leadership opportunities, voting rights, and a chance to commit spiritually to our church and its mission. Inquirer's classes for those interested will be held on Nov. 6 and Nov. 13. If you decided to join you will do so on Sunday, November 17th during worship service. Contact Brooke, bstrong@fedchurch.org to sign up, and watch for more details in the Spire and bulletin.

We're Creating a Memory Book for Rev. Hamilton

Get ready to celebrate Rev. Hamilton's amazing nearly 20-year ministry and bid him a fond farewell into retirement! Brooke Strong is on a mission to gather up all those unforgettable moments for a memory book. From inspiring sermons to soulful support and heartwarming chats, share your stories and snapshots by emailing bstrong@fedchurch.org. Handwritten notes are also welcome! Let's fill this book with love and laughter to create a touching tribute.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Mark Simone as he awaits donors for a liver and kidney transplant- 43 Paw Paw Lake Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

The family of Dorn Cobble Dick following his passing on Aug. 23rd

Tony Kotnik as he recovers from a heart procedure- 516 Dogwood Lane #B, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

Ward Pierson and Diane Tuuri as they recover from injuries sustained in a car accident- 8000 Woodsway Lane, Novelty, OH 44072

Sally Kaas Lyle as she is home recovering from a fall- 804 Bell Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

This month, please pray for our mission partners **JustHope and the local Clinic in Chacraseca, Nicaragua**

This week, please pray for staff members **Sarahbeth Rutkowski** and **Shawn Bottcher**.

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

You were welcomed today by members of the **Spiritual Formation Commission and friends**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given by Joy Robertson in loving memory of her husband Stanley, her son Scott, and her brothers John, Malcolm and Ronald Graham.

(There is no Angel Flower Ministry this weekend due to the Labor Day Holiday)

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11a-12p

Thank you to congregants with the last names beginning with **S and T** for providing treats today. We encourage you to join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for food and fellowship.

Next Sunday— Congregation members with last names beginning with **U, V, W, X, Y, or Z** are invited to bring treats. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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