

December 1, 2024

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:  
Sunday, December 8th

Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor Vicki McGaw preaches

10 am  
Traditional Worship  
In-Person and Online via  
YouTube



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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.*

**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.*

## Advent By Candlelight

**Monday, December 2nd, 6:30 PM**

**Fellowship Hall**

Come and celebrate the start of Advent! All are welcome to join us for an evening of song, scripture, and reflection on this year's theme, "Gifts of the Magi." Please bring a savory or sweet treat to share if you can. Hosted by the Congregational Care Commission—come and celebrate the start of Advent! Sign up at the Angel Desk or [fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events)

## Christmas Caroling: Share the Joy!

**Sunday, December 8th**

Join us after worship on Sunday, December 8, for one of Pastor Vicki's favorite traditions—spreading holiday cheer through caroling! After a hearty soup lunch, we'll head out to sing for homebound members, returning around 2:30 pm for cookies and hot chocolate. Sign up at The Angel Desk or [fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events). to be part of this heartwarming experience!

## Primetime Trip to the Cleveland Botanical Garden

**Thursday, December 12th, 11 AM-4 PM**

Join us for Northeast Ohio's favorite holiday experience at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Enjoy dazzling lights, festive displays, and themed rooms! Tickets are \$16.50 at the group rate and must be purchased in advance. We'll meet at the FLC at 11:00 am for the 12:00 pm entry, enjoy lunch onsite at their café, and return to the FLC around 4:00 pm. Sign up now at [fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events) to reserve your spot!

## The King's Brass: Christmas Celebration

**Sunday, December 22nd, 4 PM**

**Sanctuary**

The world-renowned King's Brass presents many of your favorite Christmas classics with a contemporary flair! Tim Zimmerman leads the 9 member King's Brass in their return to Northeast Ohio. Heralded as "truly, an unforgettable experience," this fun for the whole family concert will surely delight! Reception to follow! Tickets can be purchased at [fedchurch.org/PAS](https://fedchurch.org/PAS).

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## Bethlehem Market

**Sunday, December 15th, Immediately Following Worship Fellowship Hall**

Experience the joy of the season on Sunday, Dec. 15, after worship! Enjoy a whimsical market with fun activities for kids of all ages, festive tents, and a light lunch. All are welcome!

## Altar Flower Donor Opportunities

There is an opportunity to donate the altar flowers Sunday, December 22nd. This is a wonderful way to celebrate or memorialize a loved one, as well as brighten our sanctuary for the Sunday service. Please contact Sue Mansour at (440) 668-9399 or [sueman@roadrunner.com](mailto:sueman@roadrunner.com) if you are interested.

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

All donations are due by Sunday, December 15th. 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](https://fedchurch.org/giving), use the memo line to add your dedication. Contact [communications@fedchurch.org](mailto: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...*

The Family and Friends of **Bruce Bartter** following his death on Nov. 22nd.

**Richard Falkenberg** who will be having back surgery on December 6th- 27900 Louise Dr Solon, OH 44139

This month, please pray for our mission partners- **The Christmas Eve Offering Recipients**

This week, please pray for staff members **Betsy Wooster** and **Beth Rutkowski**.

**Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week:** Bob Abley, Debbie Baker, Mary Ann Boysen.

You were welcomed today by members of the **Mission & Service Commission, The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry, and friends.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given by Bob and Tami Munson in loving memory of Tom Munson, Jack & Lea Munson and Barbara Hatch.

There will be no Angel Flower Ministry due to the holiday.

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11a-12p

Thank you to congregants with the last names beginning with **E, F, or G** 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 **H, I, J, or K** are invited to bring treats. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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