

November 30, 2025

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, December 7th  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Pastor Vicki McGaw  
preaches

10 am  
Traditional Worship  
In-Person and Online via  
YouTube

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**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.*

**Welcome Visitors!**

*If you are visiting Federated today, we are so glad you are here. Please stop by the table outside the Sanctuary and pick up a green Welcome Bag—it's our gift to you with information about Federated and a few small treats. We hope it helps you feel at home!*

## Eco-Friendly Shop

Are you dreaming of a green Christmas? The Creation Care Team will have a variety of eco-friendly items for sale on Sundays following worship in Fellowship Hall. These products help remove plastics from the environment and make great gifts or stocking stuffers. This sale will run until **December 21<sup>st</sup>** or until they sell out

## Advent Reflection Booklet

Advent begins today. Are you looking for a resource to deepen your Advent journey? Rev. Susi Kawolics has created an Advent Reflection Booklet, with a prayer for every day during the Advent season. Pick up your free copy in the Narthex, at the Angel desk, or read reflections online. Email [reverendsusi@gmail.com](mailto:reverendsusi@gmail.com) with any questions or comments. Blessings on your Advent journey!

## St. Paul's Christmas Store Collection & Youth Bake Sale

Starting today, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys, wrapping paper, tape and bows for the St. Paul's Christmas Store. This will run through, **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** and all donations can be placed under the tree in the Lobby. In addition, our annual Youth Bake Sale will take place **next Sunday** after worship in Fellowship Hall. Funds raised at the bake sale will be used by the youth groups to purchase items for this collection!

## Advent by Candlelight

You are warmly invited to our annual *Advent by Candlelight* program on **Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM** in **Fellowship Hall**. Join the Congregational Care Commission as we begin the Advent season with a festive evening of beloved Christmas carols, scripture readings, and meaningful reflections. Pastors **Vicki McGraw** and **Susi Kawolics** will share their insights on this year's theme, **"Star of Wonder."** If you are able, please bring a sweet or savory treat to share. Sign up on Realm or on the sign-up sheet located at the entrance of Fellowship Hall.



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## Silent Saturday: Introduction to Centering Prayer

**Saturday, December 6 | 9:00 AM–12:30 PM**

Looking to deepen your Advent experience? Join us for a peaceful morning exploring Centering Prayer, a Christian meditation practice that helps us rest in God's presence and hear the still, quiet voice within. The workshop includes teaching from trained practitioners, two periods of guided prayer, and reflection on Psalm 46: *"Be still and know that I am God."*

Breakfast, beverages, and snacks will be provided. Please register by emailing [reverendsusi@gmail.com](mailto:reverendsusi@gmail.com) or texting **440-533-5860**.

## Coin Collection Contraption

During Kids Church, the **first Sunday of every month**, we will be passing the offering plate to the children. Our goal is for them to begin to learn about giving in this small way. You may have seen the curvy pipe in the stairwell that is our coin collection contraption! The kids will have fun emptying the collected coins into the contraption. The recipient of the giving will be determined by the children at a future date. Thanks for collecting those coins ready for December 7th, our next Kids Church Sunday! Please, unwrapped coins only.

## Braver Angels Workshop: Managing Difficult Conversations

**Monday, December 8 • 7:00 pm • Federated Church**

Political conversations can be especially challenging during the holidays. Join Bill Shaul of **Braver Angels** for a practical mini-workshop on how to stay calm, connected, and compassionate when discussing tough issues with friends and family—whether you lean red, blue, or purple. All are welcome! **Questions?** Email [bshaul@braverangels.org](mailto:bshaul@braverangels.org)

## Burning River Brass: "Christmas Around the World"

**Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

A touch of tradition, a dash of jazz, and a healthy measure of festive cheer! The Burning River Brass returns to Federated Church for a family-fun Christmas program!

Tickets are \$30–\$50 and student tickets are only \$10, which can be purchased online at [fedchurch.org/pas](http://fedchurch.org/pas). Contact Joshua Konow at [jkonow@fedchurch](mailto:jkonow@fedchurch) for more information.

## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

*Please include in your prayers this week...*

**Kristi Horner and family** following the death of her father on November 21st–18080 Hawksmoor Way, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

**Ralph and Diane Lindeman** as Ralph enters hospice care—9633 Valley View Rd Unit 2510, Macedonia, OH 44056

**Brenda and Roger Ehle** as Brenda began chemotherapy treatment for ovarian cancer—5665 Grace Woods Dr Unit 117, Willoughby, OH 44094

Prayers for **Cher Stone** as she cares for her daughter during a difficult health issue—150 Glen Rd, Moreland Hills, OH 44022–2421

Prayers for **David and Ilona Telfer** as they deal with health issues—9893 Country Club Cir, Twinsburg, OH 44087

This month, please pray for our mission partners— **FOOD PANTRY PARTNERS** (St Paul's Community Church, Chagrin Falls Park, Bainbridge Area Food for Friends)

This week, please pray for staff members **Judy Bagley-Bonner** and **Beth Rutkowski**

## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week:  
**Martine Scheuermann and Sue Mansour**

## USHERS/GREETERS

You were welcomed today by members of the Generosity Commission and Friends.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given by the English family to honor Jane Lucille Male (Schrader), who mothered through adversity.

There is no Angel Flower Ministry this week due to the holiday.

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11a-12p

Thank you to congregants with the last names beginning with **H, I, J, and K** 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 L and M are invited to bring treats next week for Fellowship Hour. Thank you in advance for

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