

October 22, 2023

Welcome!



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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.

Next Week:

Sunday, October 29th

**Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
preaches**

**10 am
Traditional Worship
In-Person and Online via
YouTube**

WHAT'S HAPPENIN

NEW Inquirers' Class This Fall

Are you interested in finding out more about membership at Federated Church? The Inquirer's Class is an opportunity to reflect on your faith journey as well as give you information about who we are as a church and why we do what we do. The next Inquirer's classes will be held October 25 and November 1, with those who choose joining on November 12th. Contact Brooke at bstrong@fedchurch.org or call 440-247-6490.

Teatime For Peace **POSTPONED**

An Interfaith Community Dialogue

With a Focus on Getting to Know Yor Muslim Neighbor

In this fraught moment, given recent developments in Palestine and Israel and the uncertainty of the immediate future, the steering committee for Teatime for Peace felt that it would be best to postpone this Sunday's event. They want this gathering to take place with cheerful hearts. They will let us know when a new date has been determined.

SJAM Speaker Night

"Young People Who Lack Family Privilege In and Out of the Foster Care System" **Monday, October 23, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall**

To promote a better understanding of the challenges youth who lack family privilege face and how community and church members can support them. This can include those who experience foster care and age out of the system, and those who were never in foster care but still face young adulthood without family support.

SJAM Collection for NEOCH

(Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless)

During the month of October, we will be collecting CLEAN or new winter wear for ANY age and size, including water resistant coats/jackets, waterproof winter boots, waterproof gloves/mittens, warm hats, socks, and scarves/mufflers. You may also donate through Federated Church online at fedchurch.org/giving (select NEOCH Coat Drive) or by indicating NEOCH on the envelope or on the check memo line. For more information contact Cathy Watterson, cwstarfish2000@yahoo.com.

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Thank You

With Deep Appreciation to Our Pastors

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is important to pause and name out loud what too often may be the silent sentiment of many:

Thank you for showing up again and again and again at all times of the day and night even when you had plans.

Thank you for your wise counsel when the crush of the world seemed over the top.

Thank you for your words of encouragement that steadied in times of uncertainty or self-doubt.

Thank you for your capacity for silence when there were not words enough for the moment but where holy silence and sitting alongside was more than could be hoped for.

Thank you for daring to unpack the ancient words of scripture and give fresh insight necessary for the challenges of today's world.

Thank you for being real, not perfect, and thereby demonstrating the vulnerability that is at the heart of deep love.

Thank you for your daring imagination which keeps opening things up when the world is bent on narrowing what is possible.

Thank you for liturgies larger than my own experience drawing me out of myself into a deep awareness of God's large love.

Thank you for your words of challenge that keep me from complacency and selfishness.

Thank you for your joy (and your humor), even amidst the absurdities of life.

Thank you for your patience, especially when the church you are called to serve seems to be going off the rails over insignificant things. This discipline of showing up again and again is often the way God has formed a way out of no way.

Thank you for your teaching and your preaching, forming mind and heart again and again for the call to love with everything we have and are.

Thank you for your praying by which the very presence of God is given space to grow deep in us and carry us.

Thank you for your "yes" to this holy call, often exhausting in its hiddenness to others except as they may experience you in the moment of your presence.

Thanks to God for you, and we pray God's blessing on you again and again and again.

You are not alone. You are a blessing beyond measure. We wanted you to know. I hope on those days (and I know there can be many) when it is tough, that you can receive this word of thanks and encouragement ever anew.

Blessings and love to you!

(Adapted from our friends at the UCC Heartland Conference - Pastor Dave Long-Higgins)

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

The Family and Friends of Mary Lou Riegel, who died on October 19.

Karen Zoltowicz as she recovers from a cracked rib- 113 Crystal Ln, Aurora, OH 44202

The Family and Friends of Don Brown, who died on October 2.

In honor of Pastor Appreciation Month, please pray for our pastors **Hamilton Throckmorton** and **Betsy Wooster** that their lives, which are blessings, may also be blessed.

This month, please pray for **SJAM for all the wonderful work that they do.**

This week, please pray for staff members **Tanya Goff** and **Hamilton Throckmorton.**

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of Ed Pierson's birthday from his loving family, Marilyn, Melanie, Ward and Diane.

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry.

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— Congregation members with last names beginning with **A and B** are invited to bring treats. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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