

December 3, 2023

Welcome!



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*live your faith*



Next Week:

**Sunday, December 10th**

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace  
Children's Musical

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton  
offers a meditation

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

## Annual Youth Christmas Bake Sale

**TODAY, December 3, Immediately Following Worship, Fellowship Hall**

All treats will be provided by the youth and their families. A free will offering will be collected for the kids to go shopping for items for the St. Paul's Christmas Sale. All middle school and high school youth are invited to help out in Fellowship Hall during service.

## St. Paul's Giving Tree

**Now– December 10th, Church Lobby**

Let us bring the Joy of Christmas to kids on the Near Westside of Cleveland through the St. Paul's Community Church Christmas Store. Bring New Toys and other gifts for kids of all ages and place all new and unwrapped items under the tree in the Church Lobby. Contact Marty ([Mculbert@fedchurch.org](mailto:Mculbert@fedchurch.org)) for more information.

## Advent By Candlelight

**Monday, December 4, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall**

Begin the Advent season in a peaceful evening of fellowship. The Congregational Care Commission sponsors the gathering in Fellowship Hall led by the Revs. Betsy Wooster, Judy Bagley-Bonner, and Susi Kawolics. Sign up on Realm, at the Angel desk, or call the church. Bring sweet or savory finger foods to share and bring a friend. Childcare will be available.

## Christmas Musical and Bethlehem Market

**Sunday, December 10 at 10 AM– 1 PM**

Join us for a spirited worship service and Children's Choir Christmas play followed by a whimsical market in Fellowship Hall with tents of activities for kids of all ages. For more information contact Miss Kristin, [klefeber@fedchurch.org](mailto:klefeber@fedchurch.org).

## An Advent Evening Worship Service of Hope and Healing

**Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 PM in Chapel**

Come to pray and stay for dinner! Join your church family for a soothing, short, contemplative worship service of Hope and Peace during this busy, and sometimes difficult, time of year. We'll gather for singing, prayers, candle lighting, and silent reflection as we remember those we've lost, and offer prayers for those who are struggling and for hope and peace in our world.

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## Worship with Nature: The Light of the World

**Sunday, December 17, 4:57 PM, Family Life Center Labyrinth**

Everyone is invited – All ages: Elders, Adults, Families, Children (Communal meal following the worship). Federated Church is pleased to host this “Worship with Nature” gathering. When we listen to the earth, it will teach us. Join with us at the Family Life Center Labyrinth at 4:57 pm. (16349 Chillicothe Rd, Bainbridge)

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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 18th. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

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

Today, we celebrate Hope. Please keep in your prayers those whose hearts are heavy, that they may be held and supported by the hope of the coming Christ.

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

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

**Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week:** Myia Sterling, Sonja Solar, Marilyn Benjamin

## 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.

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 **N, O, P, Q, and R** 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 **S and T** are invited to bring treats. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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