

December 24, 2023

Welcome!



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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.*

Next Week:

**Sunday, December 31**

Rev. Betsy Wooster  
preaches

**10 am**

**Traditional Worship**

**In-person and**

**Online via YouTube**

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.

Our Mission Statement

# Humble Designs - 2023 Christmas Eve Offering Recipient

The Mission and Service Commission has chosen **Humble Design** as the 2023 Christmas Eve Offering Recipient.

**Humble Design** believes a house becomes a home when it is a place that fosters joy. A place for experiencing safety, warmth, and comfort. A place of belonging, and new beginnings. At Humble Design, their hearts help to do the heavy lifting by offering hope with their hands, providing a makeover for a fresh start, designing a life changing space.



The 2023 Christmas Eve Offering gifts will help to further the mission to assist individuals and families that have been able to work their way out of homelessness and into having their own house yet are financially limited in making it a home. Humble Design transforms houses into homes, affirming families' dignity and self-worth and increasing the likelihood that families will remain stably housed.

Along with our financial support, Humble Design welcomes donations of furniture and other household items, and there are opportunities to volunteer. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to the 2023 Christmas Eve Offering.



Scan with your phone's camera to **donate now!**

***Humble Design turns moving in – into Moving Forward.***

## The Christmas Eve Offering is a Federated Tradition that Began in 1961!

Each year Federated Church donates the entire offering collected at its Christmas Eve services to an organization or cause whose program or goal would be significantly impacted by this generous gift.

We look for an organization whose specific goals are to improve the lives of those in need, in turn enriching our world. The Christmas Eve offering is just the beginning of what we hope will be a year-long partnership of mission engagement with the recipient. Below are some recent recipients.

2022 Thea Bowman Center- \$22,000

2021 A Place 4 Me- \$31,000

2020 Federated Mission Partners-\$49,230

2019 St. Paul's Community Church-\$33,041

2018 HOLA Ohio-\$34,398

2017 Hiram Farm-\$36,199

2016 Two Foundation, Inc.-\$36,679

2015 EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant...-\$46,984

2014 St. Paul's Community Church-\$64,817

2013 The Rainey Institute-\$37,647

**Events: [fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events)**

**Calendar: [fedchurch.org](https://fedchurch.org)**

## ***Christmas Poinsettias purchased this year to honor and remember loved ones.***

All proceeds from the sale will go to support Federated Youth Programs. Thank you for your support and for helping to beautify the Sanctuary. If you purchased a poinsettia, you may take it home with you today.

*Lisa Novak Antil in memory of Joel Novak*

*Tom & Heidi Asplin in honor of our family and friends*

*Tom and Bobbi Jo Baclawski in memory of Wanda Abrich (Bobbi's Mom)*

*Tom and Bobbi Jo Baclawski in memory of Thomas Baclawski (Tom's Dad)*

*Tom and Bobbi Jo Baclawski in memory of Jason Gell (Tom's Brother-in-Law) and all who have passed away. We love and remember you in Heaven.*

*Jane Badal in memory of Alfred Badal*

*Jane Badal in honor of Laura & Steve Hervert*

*Eric & Tricia Baumgartner in memory of Ed & Betty Baumgartner*

*Janet Berlincourt in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Don Berlincourt (parents)*

*Janet Berlincourt in memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Thomas (aunt & uncle)*

*Barry & Kathie Biggin in memory of Clark and Jean Zimmerman*

*Barry & Kathie Biggin in memory of Phyllis Biggin and Gerry Ann Draeger*

*Jan Blank in honor of Terra and Karman*

*Jan Blank in honor of Rita and Arvid Nyberg*

*Jeanette Brown in memory of Glenn Brown*

*Jeanette Brown in memory of John Laskowski*

*Jeanette Brown in memory of Helmut Fochler*

*Becky Carter in memory of Virginia & Paul N. Stewart (parents) and Helen Brown (friend)*

*Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann in honor of the staff at Federated Church*

*Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann in memory of Al & Shirley Culbertson*

*Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann in memory of George & Nancy Scheuermann*

*Mark & Kathleen Davis in memory of Will Davis and Richard R.G. Hobson*

*Gary & Dawn Dole in memory of our loved ones - no longer with us*

*The Hively Family in memory of Tom Hively*

*The Hively Family in honor of the Hively/Hogan Families*

*Joan & Walker Johnson in memory of Mary & Eric Essex*

*Joan & Walker Johnson in memory of Jane & John Johnson*

*Dana Korosi in honor of Alexander Korosi, Nina Ulrick, and Marsha Helen Stroud*

*Don, Charlene & Sarah Krejci and Patrick Cox in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Bates*

*Don, Charlene & Sarah Krejci and Patrick Cox in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Krejci*

*Sibyl & Dick McBride in memory of loved ones*

*Sibyl & Dick McBride in honor of our wonderful family*

*Gylene Pelton in honor of Dolores, Guy, & Rich Sankey, Guy Pelton, and David Pelton*

*Polly Peters in memory of Don & Janet Peters*

*Harry Rees & Karen Anderson in memory of Eleanor & Clarence Anderson*

*Harry Rees & Karen Anderson in memory of Joan & Harry Rees*

*Marcia Snavelly in memory of Scott Snavelly*

*Marcia Snavelly in memory of Charles, Ruth, & Larry King*

*Marcia Snavelly In memory of Marion & Geoff Snavelly*

*Cheryl Stone & Max Mehlman in memory of Helen, Henry, & Judith P.*

*Bill & Linda Zelazny in honor of our extended families, past and present*

## Christmas Trees & Poinsettia Tree

The altar Christmas Trees were donated by: **Larry Trace** in loving memory of his wife, Nancy, and in honor of their grandchildren, Shannon Marie and Lea Kay Trace and Tyler Matthew Bittering. The poinsettia tree on the altar is given by the **Trace and Bittering families** in memory of Nancy Trace.

## Christmas Wreaths

The wreaths adorning our doors have been donated by: **Stephen & Kelly Downey** in joyful celebration of all, with us and past; **Phyllis Ference** in memory of Bob Ference; **Peg Fullmer** in honor of Marcia Snavelly's Ministry of Music for 30 years and counting; **Vicki Jones** in memory of Rick & Leslie Jones; **Richard Masters** in memory of Anne Masters; **Richard Masters** in memory of Sarah Masters; **Lynn C. Miller** in memory of Scott Chamberlin Miller; **Thea Mozingo** in memory of Therese Anne & Karl Rolf Hanson. The large wreaths in the windows are given in loving memory of Eva Jean Trace by the **Trace and Bittering families**.

## Building News

The church will be closed December 26 – 30 and on January 1. The Sanctuary will be closed January 8 – 13 for painting.

## Fellowship of Prayer

**Dave and Marcy Gurd** following the death of Dave's father, Dr. Alan Gurd, on December 12- 7774 Bainbridge Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

**Nancy Isham** following the death of her brother, Jerry Cornetet, on December 17- 8850 S Spring Valley Park Dr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

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