September 15, 2024

Welcome!



live your faith



Next Week: Sunday, September 22nd

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

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

SJAM General Meeting

TODAY, September 15, 11:30 AM

Lower Level Meeting Room or via **ZOOM**

Join the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry for our monthly meeting this Sunday, September 15th at 11:30 AM. All are welcome!

LGBTQ+ Adult Game Night

Friday, September 20th, 6-9 PM

Family Life Center

Friday night fun! Join us for games, drinks, and snacks. Bring your own game or play one of ours. Walk-ins are welcome. RSVP to tmozingo@fedchurch.org.

Wondrous Wednesday: Fair Elections, Fair Districts, & Food

Wednesday, September 18th in Fellowship Hall Dinner 6:00 pm, Program 7:00 pm

The Voting Rights Sub-Committee of Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM) sponsors Wondrous Wednesday. Bring family and friends! All are welcome. Register for dinner on Realm. Richard Margolius will educate guests about the "Citizens Not Politicians" antigerrymandering, fair districts initiative that will be on the November 5th ballot in Ohio. Bob Chalfant will educate guests about "The Steps that Ensure Election Security" that are taken in Ohio to keep our election free and fair. Visit fedchurch.org/events to register.

Federated Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 22nd

Join us on September 22nd for our Ministry Fair. This fun and informative event will take place in Fellowship Hall following the service. Come and learn about our church commissions & committees and their plans for the upcoming program year.

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Federated Women's Retreat

September 27-28th

Feeling weary? Join the Federated Women's Retreat for spiritual practices that bring rest to your mind, body, and spirit. The retreat offers flexibility, with sessions on Friday, September 27th, from 7-9 pm, and Saturday, September 28th, from 9-11:30 am and 12:30-3 pm. Register by September 18th through Realm, at fedchurch.org/events, or by contacting the church. Take time to rest and rejuvenate!

We Need Your Nominations for the Christmas Eve Offering!

The Mission and Service Commission is now actively seeking nominations for this year's Christmas Eve Offering. We are asking current Federated Church members to nominate your favorite 501.c3. organization. We are taking nominations until September 22nd. Forms can be found at the Angel Desk, main office and the narthex. Completed applications can be placed in the Mission and Service Commission mailbox in the main office. Spread the word! Peace!

We're Creating a Memory Book for Rev. Hamilton

Get ready to celebrate Rev. Hamilton's amazing nearly 20-year ministry and bid him a fond farewell into retirement! Brooke Strong is on a mission to gather up all those unforgettable moments for a memory book. From inspiring sermons to soulful support and heartwarming chats, share your stories and snapshots by emailing bstrong@fedchurch.org. Handwritten notes are also welcome! Let's fill this book with love and laughter to create a touching tribute.

Federated Inquirer's Class

November 6th and 13th

Are you a visitor or frequent attendee? We invite you to deepen your connection with the Federated Family by becoming a member. Membership offers leadership opportunities, voting rights, and a chance to commit spiritually to our church and its mission. Inquirer's classes for those interested will be held on Nov. 6 and Nov. 13. If you decided to join you will do so on Sunday, November 17th during worship service. Contact Brooke, bstrong@fedchurch.org to sign up, and watch for more details in the Spire and bulletin.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week....

Mimi Bathgate who began chemo on Friday for ovarian cancer, 7800 Larkspur Road, Chagrin Falls 44022

Kathy Franz who has been hospitalized at Geauga UH- 8463 Summit Dr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

This month, please pray for our mission partners **JustHope and the local Clinic in Chacraseca**, **Nicaragua**

This week, please pray for staff members **Marcia Snavely** and **Joshua Konow.**

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week: Sally Ramsey, Sue Mansour, Louise Rutkowski, Lee Wiley.

You were welcomed today by members of the **Spiritual Formation Commission and friends**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given by Steve and Kelly Downey in honor of their first wedding anniversary.

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 or B** are invited to bring treats. Thank you in advance for your participation!





