

January 5, 2025

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, January 12th

Rev. Betsy Wooster
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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Altar Flower Donor Opportunity

There are two opportunities to donate the altar flowers in January. Sunday, January 12th and Sunday, January 26th are available. This is a wonderful way to celebrate or memorialize a loved one, as well as brighten our sanctuary for the Sunday service. Please contact Sue Mansour at (440) 668-9399 or sueman@roadrunner.com if you are interested.

January-February Book Study: The Book of Joy

Dive into *The Book of Joy* by Douglas Carlton Abrams, the Dalai Lama, and Desmond Tutu. Participate in one or both options: **Book Study:** Wednesdays, Jan. 15–Feb. 19 at 1 pm, led by Cathy Digel. **One-Night Discussion:** Feb. 26 at 7 pm, led by Marc Arnold (book or documentary). Sign up on Realm or in Fellowship Hall on Jan. 5 & 12. Join us for this inspiring journey!

Primetime Lunch Out

Thursday, January 9th, Noon

Two Cafe

Let's join together for a fun lunch out at a great new place that is doing amazing work in our community! We will meet at Two Cafe at Noon. Please RSVP so we can get the correct number for a reservation. Contact Thea at tmozingo@fedchurch.org to RSVP.

SJAM Series on Reparations

Part 1: Local Efforts Towards Repair and Restoration

Monday, January 13th, 7-8:30 PM

Federated Family Life Center

Join us for an insightful panel discussion featuring Quentin Smith from Forest Hill Presbyterian's Task Force on Racial Repair and Restoration, Michael Howard of Living Waters Association, UCC, speaking on "Building Community Resilience," and Anne Watson, founder of "Bridging the Gap," which supports youth in Chagrin Falls Park. The discussion will be moderated by Bill Shaul. Come learn about impactful local efforts working toward racial repair and restoration. All are welcome!



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Wondrous Wednesday– Blue January

Wednesday, January 15th, 6–8 PM

Fellowship Hall

Join us for Blue January on 1/15/25 from 6:00pm–8:00pm. The New Year can be a time of celebration, but it can also be a difficult time of year for us and those we love. We will be joined by a presenter from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)–Cleveland who will give an overview about mental illness and the stigma that surrounds it. We will share supper together before the presentation. Please [RSVP](#) on [REALM](#) so we have the right amount of food.

Senior Pastor Search Committee Updates

The search for Federated Church’s next senior pastor is underway! As part of this process, we’re gathering input from you, the congregation, to help shape our Local Church Profile, a key document for potential candidates. We invite you to attend ONE of the January listening sessions to share your thoughts:

Listening session dates and times:

In-Person after Worship:

- ♦ Sunday January 12th
- ♦ Sunday January 19th
- ♦ Sunday January 26th

Virtual via Zoom:

- ♦ 7pm Tuesday January 14th
- ♦ 7pm Thursday January 23rd

Together, we’ll reflect on Federated’s strengths, the qualities we value in a senior pastor, and who God is calling us to become. Stay tuned to your weekly email and Sunday announcements for more details. We look forward to hearing from you!

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Louise Rutkowski following the death of her son **Matt Rutkowski** on December 27th- 1061 Sheerbrook Dr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Kimberly Craig as she is in the hospital fighting an infection- 16835 Knolls Way Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

Mary Bowers who suffered a broken hip following a fall- 305 Hamlet Hills Dr Apt 133 Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Curt Woodworth as he recovers from a heart procedure- 8215 Timber Trl, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

This month, please pray for our mission partners- **Re:Source Cleveland; The Christmas Eve Offering Recipients**

This week, please pray for staff members **Beth Rutkowski** and **Marty Culbertson**.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given with love and happy memories of Norm Smith by Barbara, Kelli, Lila and Mirielle.

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, or 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!

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