

# The Spire

The Federated Church Newsletter

United Church of Christ  An Open and Affirming Congregation  A Creation Justice Church



Happy



to you all





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# In the Interim...

*"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."* – Charles Dickens

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, Christmas may already feel like a distant memory. With the tree taken down, the decorations wrapped and packed lovingly away for another year, family returned home and the New Year diet underway, you may feel like it's back to business as usual.

But pause for a moment and recall that Christmas is more than just a day. It is more than a twelve-day season in the church. Christmas is the the gift God gives us anew each morning. It is the reminder that God is present among us every day. For with the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-us, we are reminded that God's love for us is so great that God sent us this amazing gift, this innocent child who will transform the world.

This is not a gift to stick in the back of the closet. It is not something for which we write a thank you note and then forget about it as everyday life overwhelms us. This is a gift to be cherished each and every moment, a present to examine and ponder fresh each morning.

When the everyday messiness of our world sets in, when we sense ourselves slipping back into our ordinary routines, we must pause to remember that Christmas lives on in our hearts . . . recall that Jesus points the way to another way of living. With this gift, each of us is challenged to love one another, to do justice, to offer a hand to those in need.

Sometimes, when the holiday is over, we need to spend a few minutes figuring out what to do with our new gifts. Where will the new TV go? With which outfit will I wear my new jewelry? How will I fit this new drill set into my toolbox? We pause to adjust things, to make space for that which is new.

As we pack away the material signs of Christmas this year, how will we make space in our lives for God's incredible gift to us? How will we rearrange our lives to share more love and grace? As we begin this New Year, I pray that each of us will find ways to honor God's Christmas gift in our hearts all year long.

Merry Christmas!

*Vicki*





Our Advent and Christmas Eve worship services were meaningful and engaging thanks to the hard work of so many staff members and volunteers! Thanks to all who worshiped with us during this time and especially:



- Those who participated in our dramatic scripture readings that brought the stories of angel messengers to life in poignant ways. It was wonderful to have people of all ages share their thespian skills to enrich our worship.
- The families who lit our Advent wreath each week which included families with children, grandparents and grandkids, spouses and families of choice.
- The intrepid group of carolers who brought smiles to so many homebound members with their visits. Special thanks to Peggie Jo Shinagawa who purchased poinsettia plants to share with our friends.
- Mary Ann Boyson, Toni Foster, Dan Allen, Joan Reike and Mari Hageman who prepared the beautiful nativity characters that enhanced our Christmas Eve services and those who transformed them into stunning purveyors of the nativity story: Sue Sullivan, Linda Zelazny, Dan Kershner, Rose Brown, Dan Allen, Joan Reike, the Antil family, Toni Foster, Lena Wright, Oliver Mason, Joy Wyatt, Kristen Walenga and Carol King Shaw.
- Rose Brown and her team of dedicated ushers and greeters as well as our talented tech team who ensured that every worship service ran smoothly.
- Our intrepid and dedicated staff. As we have come to expect, but never want to take for granted, Beth, Thea and Brooke were on top of every detail throughout the season, making sure all was ready and able to run smoothly each and every day. Without them, it is hard to imagine how we would manage! Our newest staff member, Allison, was able to prepare five different bulletins in one week without breaking a sweat. Jake worked tirelessly to prepare the building and made sure everything looked spectacular for our guests on Christmas Eve. Oliver prepared a wonderful Federated Winter Wonderland that engaged the kid in all of us and prepared goody bags for each child who joined us on Christmas Eve. Susi and Judy were instrumental in creating a lovely Solstice Service and offered respite for Vicki in the early days of January which she greatly appreciates.
- Finally, the extremely talented music team under the leadership of Joshua Konow who enhanced worship with their astounding music. Worship is so much richer when expressed with music and we are blessed by such incredible talent! From the amazing children's musical Pat directed to Marcia playing 35 different pieces on Christmas Eve alone, to our beautiful soloists, thank you does not seem like enough to say for all the hours spent rehearsing and preparing!





## **Through the 2025 Christmas Eve Offering**

The Mission and Service Commission is excited to announce that  
Replay for Kids has been selected to receive  
the 2025 Christmas Eve Offering.



The mission of **RePlay for Kids** is to increase the availability of toys and assistive devices for children with disabilities. We repair, adapt and distribute toys and assistive devices free of charge. In so doing, we strive to raise awareness and increase the number and variety of toys and devices available to the children who need them.



**RePlay for Kids** believes that every child needs to play and our offering will give many more children the opportunity to play and learn.

The Mission and Service Commission looks forward to sharing more information in the coming season of Joy

There is still time to support this wonderful organization through our Christmas Eve Offering. You may give [HERE](#), place a gift in the church offering marked *Christmas Eve Offering*, or visit [fedchurch.org/giving](https://fedchurch.org/giving) to contribute online. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Christmas Poinsettias and Wreaths 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.

Bob Abley & Deborah Parker	<i>In memory of our parents</i>
Donnie & Nickie Adams	<i>In memory of Amelia Maria Adams</i>
Janet Berlincourt	<i>In memory of Mr. &amp; Mrs. Don Berlincourt</i>
Mary & Houston Bowers	<i>In memory of Mr. &amp; Mrs. Lofton Knight</i>
Mary & Houston Bowers	<i>In memory of Mr. &amp; Mrs. Houston Bowers, Sr</i>
Becky Carter	<i>In memory of Virginia &amp; Paul N. Stewart, parents, and Helen Brown, friend</i>
Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann	<i>In honor of Federated Staff (except Marty)</i>
Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann	<i>In honor of Federated Church's Lay Leaders</i>
Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann	<i>In memory of George &amp; Nancy Scheuermann</i>
Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann	<i>In memory of Al &amp; Shirley Culberston</i>
Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann	<i>In memory of Mike Scheuermann</i>
Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann	<i>In memory of Rich Scheuermann</i>
The Davis Family	<i>In loving memory of Richard R. G. Hobson and Will Davis</i>
Kelly & Steve Downey	<i>With hope of peace</i>
Kris Exline	<i>In memory of Herk Exline &amp; Mary Lee Hendee</i>
Phyllis Ference	<i>In memory of Bob Ference</i>
Dawn & Bob Herdman	<i>In honor of granddaughter Abigail Herdman</i>
Hively Family	<i>In memory of Tom Hively</i>
Hively Family	<i>In honor of the Hogan &amp; Hively Families</i>
Vicki Jones	<i>In memory of Richard &amp; Leslie Jones</i>
John & Pat Leech	<i>In honor of John Prexta</i>
Sibyl & Dick McBride	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
The Mozingos	<i>Karl Rolf Hanson &amp; Therese Hanson</i>
The Mozingos	<i>Rev. Robert Hanson</i>
Darlene Nichols	<i>In memory of my dear father, Charles F. Harle, who would have turned 100 this Christmas Eve</i>



# Christmas Poinsettias and Wreaths

Georgiann Pace *In memory of my mother-Lorraine Pace*

Georgiann Pace *In honor of Brian & Jordan Bindernagel*

Georgiann Pace *In honor of Sal & Stephanie Barbarotta*

The Patton Family *In memory of Phyllis & Ed Patton*

The Patton Family *In memory of Betsy & Bob Scher*

Gylene Pelton & Dana  
Korosi *In memory of David Pelton & Guy Pelton*

Gylene Pelton & Dana  
Korosi *In memory of Alexander Korosi, Nina Ulrick & Marcia Stroud*

Judy Riemenschneider *In memory of Dr. Tom Riemenschneider*

Derdriu Ring & Vince  
Horvath *In loving memory of Diarmaid Ring*

Derdriu Ring & Vince  
Horvath *In loving memory of Clare & Owen Ring*

Linda Robertson *In memory of Darrell Robertson, husband*

Linda Robertson *In memory of Lee & Dorothy Brunk, parents*

Harriett Rogers *In honor of staff*

Harriett Rogers *For the saints that have passed this year*

Harriett Rogers *For family near and far*

Cindy Scott &  
Miriam Huebscher-Scott *In honor of Miriam Ellen Lyons*

Laurel Senel *In memory of Curt Woodworth*

Marcia Snavelly *In memory of John Laskowski*

Marcia Snavelly *In memory of Scott Snavelly*

Marcia Snavelly *In memory of Jeanette & Glenn Brown*

Marcia Snavelly *In memory of Charles & Ruth King*

Marcia Snavelly *In memory of Marion & Geoff Snavelly*

Jeanne Dixon Sturm *In memory of the Dixon Family-John, Mary, John E. & Wendy (Magree)*

Dawn Thatcher *In memory of Grandma Gail DeWolf & Madison Thatcher*

Bill & Linda Zelazny *In memory of our parents, John & Caroline Zelazny,  
and Paul & DeLight Rhoades*





## Membership & Nominating Commission

Great news! Our Commissions and Committees are almost filled for the 2026 Church Calendar year. Thanks so much to everyone who is serving Federated in this important way.

We still have openings on the following Commissions and Committees. I urge you to prayerfully consider these opportunities!

- **Congregational Care Commission** – Fostering fellowship opportunities (Coffee Hour and Advent by Candlelight are a few examples), and visitation to members
- **Spiritual Formation Commission** – Spiritual growth/Christian development, retreat planning, book discussion planning, and adult education
- **Human Resources Committee** – Reviews staffing levels, compensation and benefits, job descriptions, etc. (*HR background required*)
- **Legacy Committee** – Manages and promotes the Legacy fund; meets four times per year
- **Generosity Commission** – Creates strategy and celebrates financial commitments, gifts of time, and gifts of talent; works with other committees and commissions on practices of generosity

Joining a Commission or Committee is a fantastic way to serve Federated, to deepen your faith, to get to know fellow parishioners, to be a part of a team, and to offer your God-given talents.

To learn more, please reach out to Dawn Herdman at 440-487-5645, or [dtrmherd@gmail.com](mailto:dtrmherd@gmail.com).

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### Federated Generosity Pledge Campaign 2026

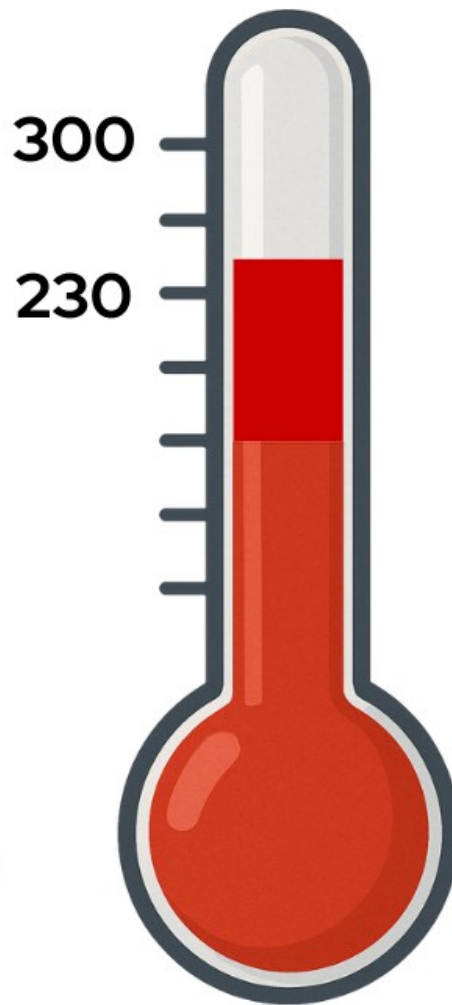
Thank you to everyone who has submitted their pledge. As of today, we have received 230 pledges – towards our goal of 300+ pledges. You can continue to submit your pledge cards, pledge [HERE](#) on REALM or contact the office if you need help.

**The Generosity  
Commission has set  
a goal of 300  
pledging households  
for 2026.**

**As of today, we are  
at 230.**

**Join us as we dream  
big in 2026!**

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# Women's Ministry

**Circle** will meet on **Monday, January 19**, at **11:30 am** for lunch out—destination to be announced. All are welcome!

**Helping Hands** meets **Monday, January 26 at 1:00 pm** in the Lower Level Meeting Room.

We are seeking donations of **cotton fabric (¾–1 yard)** for making cancer pillows. If you cannot attend but can sew pillow covers (9" x 11"), your help would be greatly appreciated. Fabric and completed covers may be dropped off at the Angel Desk. At our meeting, we will stuff and sew pillows closed—come enjoy fellowship and service together.

**Sit and Stitch** meets **every Thursday at 10:00 am** in Room 340. We create prayer shawls, lap blankets, and prayer squares for those in need. Yarn and needles are provided. Join us for crafting and warm fellowship.

**Loaves & Fishes** will serve lunch at St. Paul's on **January 25**. Donations of cookies or snacks to accompany the meal are very welcome—please leave items in the church kitchen marked *Loaves & Fishes* before the 25th. Thank you for supporting this meaningful outreach ministry.

If you would like to join any of these activities, all are welcome... just drop in!

For more information contact Lynne Kessell, 440-487-9104  
or [lynnekessell@gmail.com](mailto:lynnekessell@gmail.com).



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## Helping Hands Fabric Donations Needed

We are seeking donations of **100% cotton fabric**, at least **¾ yard to 1 yard** in length, for our Helping Hands group to make cancer pillows.

Please leave fabric **behind the Angel Desk** clearly marked *Helping Hands*.  
Thank you for supporting this meaningful ministry!

For more information contact Lynne Kessell, 440-487-9104  
or [lynnekessell@gmail.com](mailto:lynnekessell@gmail.com).





# COLLECTING ART SUPPLIES The Month of January



The Art Colony is an art community that meets at Saint Paul's Community Outreach on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30. It is an art studio space, infused with prayer, creativity, peace, safety and care. We are becoming better artists and better human beings. Art has the power to teach, inspire, clarify, communicate, bestow wisdom, reduce fear and anxiety, connect and heal. It is a pathway of love, harmony and beauty. That is what we discover in our time together.

It is an open studio and all are welcome.

To help support this creative outreach program you can donate supplies. You might be an artist that has extra, unused items or you can shop for new.

## See the following list of needs.

1. Paper- drawing or water color. Any multi purpose art paper, colored paper for collage
2. Watercolor tubes or cakes
3. Tempera Paint -liquid or cakes.
4. Broken Crayons
5. White Glue
6. Drawing boards
7. Pencils for drawing, Conte crayons, Charcoal
8. Mats and mat board
9. Paint brushes
10. Scissors

# Wondrous Wednesday - An Artist's Journey



Join us on **January 14** for a warm community dinner followed by an inspiring evening with Nancy Isham, who will share her journey as a self-taught artist. You may have already seen the beautiful artwork currently hanging in our Gallery Space—created by Nancy's sister, Val, whose award-winning watercolor techniques helped spark Nancy's own artistic path.

Nancy will begin the evening by showing a short video highlighting Val's favorite watercolor methods. Then you will have the chance to try these techniques yourself and create a project to take home.

**Dinner begins at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall.**  
**Program and watercolor project begin at 7 PM**

Come for creativity, community, and fun! Sign up today on [REALM](https://fedchurch.org/REALM), in the lobby, or at [fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events).





**\$1,500 RAISED**

### ST. PAUL'S TOY DRIVE UPDATE

On December 7<sup>th</sup> we had a bake sale and raised over \$1500 for toys for St Paul's Church. We had amazing help to make some delicious treats during service and then took our youth group out to shop using those funds! We got the following email from St Paul's In Thanks:

"Your actions resonate like an abundance of love coming from your church. We had wrapping stations, cookies, cocoa, and treats. Our youth cleaned up and helped as they could. Plenty of customers came – new immigrant families from Afghanistan plus a mix of usual and new customers. About \$1200 in support was made from Toys and Thrift... on behalf of St Paul's Thrift, youth group, and members we send great gratitude."

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# JOIN US!



**Book your spot now!!**

On Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, the youth group is going to a Cleveland Charge game. The Cleveland Charge is Cleveland's amateur Basketball team and feeder into the Cavaliers. We have a VIP night organized where we will have the following plan:

- We have 15 participants for the Benchwarmers experience (Book your spot by emailing Oliver [omason@fedchurch.org](mailto:omason@fedchurch.org))
- We will be arriving in the lobby no later than 6:00 PM. We will be going down to the court right afterwards to begin the Fan Experience where your group will get to watch warmups from the Charge bench.
- It is a cashless facility, please bring the appropriate payment methods if you will want something from concessions.

RSVP to Oliver at [omason@fedchurch.org](mailto:omason@fedchurch.org)

COLORADO  
KIDS...

# H.A.C.K. IS BACK!

**We've  
Got You  
Covered!**



Are you in need of help this winter? Are your sidewalks getting too icy? Are there decorations in need of putting away? Look no further than the HACK program here at Federated Church! "Hire a Colorado Kid" is a program we are relaunching in order to help fund the Youth Group's trip to Colorado. We ask that you donate \$100 per 4 hours of work to the Colorado fund. This donation can be made in cash or by logging into Realm. If your snow looks like a sheet, then take a seat, because it is quite the feat, what our kids can complete!

Contact Oliver, [omason@fedchurch.org](mailto:omason@fedchurch.org), for more information.







# Federated Kids Church

-in our very own Chapel-  
a place to belong and become

After the passing of the peace in the Sanctuary, children will head to church school for a brief period before going to the Chapel for a fun-filled time of learning, laughter, music and love as we grow in God's Word together!

THE FIRST  
SUNDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH

CO-CREATED  
WITH OUR KIDS  
FOR OUR KIDS



## What to expect:

- Children lighting the candles
- Joyful songs and praise
- Children leading prayer
- Bible stories made fun and easy
- Games and activities
- Children invited to play music
- Fun and fellowship
- Coin collection (please send them in)
- Ringing of the bells after worship

For more information:

 [omason@fedchurch.org](mailto:omason@fedchurch.org)





# FEDERATED CHURCH PRIMETIME NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

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## Lunch at The Cabin



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Chagrin Falls OH  
440-247-6490  
[www.fedchurch.org](http://www.fedchurch.org)

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# FEDERATED CHURCH PRIMETIME NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025



We would love to have you join us for one or all of the upcoming Primetime events! You do not need to be a member of the church to join us. Church members can sign up on REALM. Feel free to sign up by contacting Thea Mozingo at [tmozingo@fedchurch.org](mailto:tmozingo@fedchurch.org) or by calling 440-247-6490

## Upcoming Events

### **January 8th – Valentine Craft with Kathy Rayer & Lunch Noon – 2:00pm**

Join us in Fellowship Hall as we make Valentine cards with our very own Kathy Rayer.

### **January 21st – Widows' Dinner 5:30pm**

Join us for a dinner out at Balaton in Bainbridge. Please register online or by contacting the office.

**Primetime Bridge**  
January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm to 3:00pm  
Fellowship Hall – Contact Harriett Rogers to schedule

**Primetime Mahjong**  
Every Friday from 1:00–4:00pm  
Fellowship Hall – All experience levels welcome

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# Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

A ministry for action as we live into our call for Care and Justice for all of God's people and creation

## Social and Environmental Justice (SJAM) News

The mission of the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry is to be a voice and witness to God's love for all people and creation and to advocate for justice for those who are marginalized, discriminated against and denied their inherent rights as children of God and citizens of our nation and world.

We strive to become well informed, provide opportunities to educate ourselves, balanced with opportunities to take action. Live Our Faith!

To learn more or receive our emails, please contact [sjamfedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sjamfedchurch@gmail.com)

**Next Meeting: Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM**

**SJAM MEET AND GREET**

**LUNCH at 11:30 AM**

**Come and join us! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Details in flyer**

**To see events that may be of interest to you – go to:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/15o1wV1KY9yPpMqiLsQwwOuMA-O5mulT\\_og24PCblya4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15o1wV1KY9yPpMqiLsQwwOuMA-O5mulT_og24PCblya4/edit?usp=sharing)

**Come to the "Restoring Our Democracy" event!  
Saturday, Jan. 24, 9 am – 3 pm | Forest Hill Church  
Resist Fascism/Protect Democracy**

Reply to [racialequitybuddies@gmail.com](mailto:racialequitybuddies@gmail.com) to reserve a seat.

America is at a tipping point. The freedoms that our ancestors fought for and many of us marched for are under attack. Voting rights, due process of law (ICE), workers' rights, environmental protections, freedom to teach, and more are all being threatened. On Jan. 24, REB and SURJ NEO will host an interactive workshop designed to equip us with the tools necessary to effectively fight back against the authoritarian wave sweeping America. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

Dr. King could well have been speaking about 2026 when he uttered the phrase "the fierce urgency of now". "We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there "is" such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."

Fred Hampton wisely noted: "Nothing is more important than stopping fascism, because fascism will stop us all."

These times require solidarity among the progressive and anti-racist groups and organizations. Whatever your passion regarding social justice is: whether it is criminal justice reform, voter rights, fair housing, policing, poverty, racism, immigration, reproductive rights, education, ICE, LGBTQ+ rights, or other social justice issues, this workshop on Saturday, Jan. 24, will equip us with plans rooted in non-violent actions and strategies to fight fascism and promote democracy.



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## ALL ARE WELCOME!

JOIN US:

Sunday, January 25, 2026 in the LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM  
at 11:30 AM

SJAM MEET AND GREET –  
COME JAM WITH SJAM



Soup lunch and other goodies will  
be served!



Come learn what we're all about.  
Talk with SJAM Leaders and find ways to advocate for the issues  
you are passionate about.

LGBTQ JUSTICE



RACIAL EQUITY



CREATION JUSTICE

HEALTHCARE, WOMEN AND CHILDREN,

BANNED BOOKS

VOTING RIGHTS

IMMIGRATION

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE



For questions or to RSVP, email:  
[sjamfedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sjamfedchurch@gmail.com)

## Creation Care Tip of the Month

### Winter sowing native seeds

Try growing native perennials the easy way this winter. This outdoor method gives seeds the chill and moisture they need, while the jug acts like a tiny greenhouse. It also helps support local wildlife. Steps:

- Gather a clear gallon jug, light potting soil, and native seeds.
- Add drainage holes.
- Cut the top so it opens like a lid.
- Add moist soil.
- Sow seeds lightly.
- Label the jug inside and out.
- Water with a spray bottle and close the lid. Keep the cap off.
- Place outside in a sunny, protected area.
- Watch for sprouts in early spring.
- Vent on warm days once seedlings appear.
- Transplant when they grow their first true leaves.

For more information, search "winter seed sowing" or visit:

<https://monarchbutterflygarden.net/winter-sowing-milkweed-seeds-checklist/>

<https://monarchbutterflygarden.net/winter-sowing-milkweed-seeds-prepare-containers/>

## January

# Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

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**Donate your empty, clean pill bottles here!**  
**They will be given to Matthew 25 - a**  
**non-profit that can use them and give them**  
**a second life!**



We are continuing our pill bottle collection. We would ask that you try to remove the labels and glue residue before donating. If labels and glue residue are not completely removed, the bottles will be recycled instead of being used for the Matthew 25 Mission Project.

Cheryl Johnson will be hosting two more sessions to reassemble bottles that are being shipped to Matthew 25. Please join her here at the church on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm. These sessions will be used for organizing the bottles for shipment.

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# LIGHTS FOR LIONS COLLECTION

  
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Federated's Mission & Service Commission and Creation Care Ministry are teaming up to collect non-working Christmas lights and electrical cords to benefit the Lights for Lions program at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. This is the second year of this joint project with Advent Lutheran Church and Church of the Resurrection in Solon.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo supports the work of [Lion Landscapes](#) using revenue generated from recycling the copper found in donated light strings and electrical cords. These funds directly benefit conservation initiatives that protect large carnivores – including lions, leopards, cheetahs, African wild dogs, and spotted hyenas – along with their habitats. The program also helps local communities and livestock coexist safely alongside these iconic species, creating a lasting impact for both people and wildlife.

**When: Jan 4th through January 25th**

**Where: Fellowship Hall in the Blue Bins**



# FEDERATED CHURCH PRESENTS...

## 2025-2026

# PERFORMING ARTS SERIES



**ROMAN RABINOVICH, PIANIST**

**THU, OCT 9, 2025 - 7 PM**

**TICKETS: \$25-\$45 | STUDENTS \$10**

Renowned pianist and ChamberFest Cleveland co-director performs Haydn, Debussy, Beethoven & Schumann.



**BURNING RIVER BRASS**  
**"OUR KIND OF CHRISTMAS"**

**SAT, DEC 20, 2025 - 7 PM**

**TICKETS: \$30-\$50 | STUDENTS \$10**

Celebrate the season with a festive mix of carols, swing, and a jazzy Big Band Nutcracker! A holiday concert sure to have you singing along.



**APOLLO'S FIRE- "WINTER SPARKS"**

**SAT, JAN 31, 2026 - 7:30 PM**

**TICKETS: ASSIGNED SEATS**

Virtuoso chamber works by Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, and Marais, featuring dazzling soloists on flute, oboe, violin, and viola da gamba.



**CLE CONCIERTO- "CELEBRATING  
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"**

**SAT, MAR 21, 2026 - 7 PM**

**TICKETS: \$25-\$45 | STUDENTS \$10**

Celebrate women composers of the 17th century featuring the music of Strozzi, Bembo, and Leonarda.



**AUSTIN WALKIN' CANE- "BBQ & BLUES"**  
**SUN, JUNE 7, 2026 | 4 PM**

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**TICKETS: \$30 | KIDS (12U) \$10**

A crowd-pleasing blues performance paired with our annual dinner. Featuring a community BBQ cookoff!



FOR MORE INFO: JOSHUA KONOW ([JKONOW@FEDCHURCH.ORG](mailto:JKONOW@FEDCHURCH.ORG))  
OR 216.247.6490X120 OR VISIT [FEDCHURCH.ORG/PAS](https://FEDCHURCH.ORG/PAS)



## Community Partners



### **Blood Drive** **Federated Church UCC**

Fellowship Hall  
76 Bell Street  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



## Grief Support

April 2, 2026 to June 4, 2026  
10 am to 11:30 Thursday's at  
Federated Church 76 Bell  
Street Chagrin Falls

Grieving the death of a loved one is a painful and life-altering experience. Grief is a process, not a condition to overcome. Here you will not be alone.



**Contact Us**

+440-279-2062 or  
216-407-2370

**Registration  
required**



**Visit our Facebook**

geaugalossgriefgroup  
e-mail:  
tjordan@geauga.oh.gov



## Celebrating, Convening, and Connecting Among Diverse Communities



**Treat yourself and friends to a visit to an extraordinary quilt & doll exhibit at the Family Life Center.**



When public platforms invite people whose voices are often overlooked to share their craft, and tell their stories, it communicates a powerful message, ***"You matter!"***

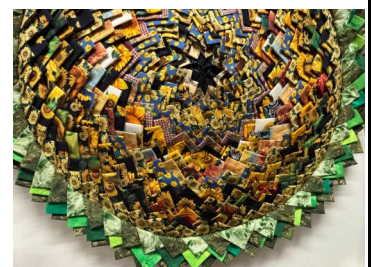
**All About Us: Our Quilts & Dolls Exhibit** spotlights the masterful works of the [African American Quilt and Doll Guild](#). Due to a generous grant from *Cuyahoga Arts and Culture* to the *Community Life Collaborative*, guests to the Family Life Center can enjoy a vibrant display of hand-crafted quilts and dolls, encountering the stories of creativity, tradition, and social justice.

These remarkable pieces celebrate culture, history, and community through the art of quilting. Guild Members convene monthly at the Warrensville Heights Public Library to exchange craft tips and resources, share sources of inspiration, and support one another.

A Quilting Workshop at the FLC is being developed for later in 2026. Watch for emails or details in Federated's Spire.

The Gallery remains open to the public **Mondays\* through Thursdays 10:30am-3:30pm from now through February 14, 2026**. For more information, leave a message at 440-708-1961 or visit the [Community Life Collaborative](#) website.

\*Closed Martin Luther King Day





Live Your Faith!



*Christmas Joy*



federated *act*

federated *support*

  
federated  
*live your faith*

# Fellowship Treats

Federated members take turns bringing treats for Fellowship Hour each Sunday, as scheduled by the Congregational Care Commission. Of course, anyone is welcome to bring treats at any time!

Please bring ready-to-serve treats in disposable containers. Healthy food choices are especially welcome. *Please no nuts.* Thank you for helping to make our Fellowship time delicious and enjoyable!

**January 4– last names beginning with A and B**

**January 11– last names beginning with C and D**

**January 18– last names beginning with E, F, and G**

**January 25– last names beginning with H, I, J, and K**



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