

FEDERATED CHURCH

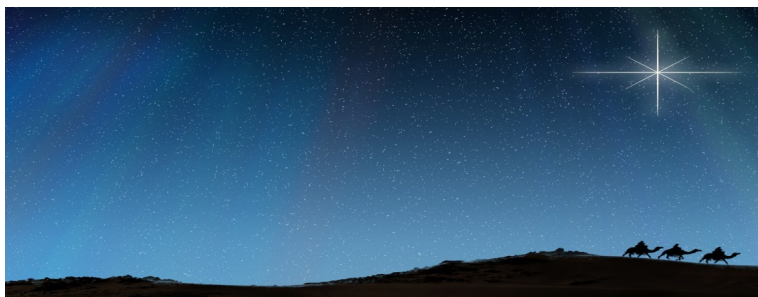


INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



Celebration of Epiphany

Thursday, January 3, and Epiphany Sunday, January 6, 2018



Welcome to Worship at Federated!

If you are new to Federated, please tell us on a “Visitors Card” & in a red Friendship Folder.

Children are welcome in worship at Federated. Children’s Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. The Library/“Cry Room” is child friendly. Child care is available Sundays in the Nursery.

Ushers are here to help you — please ask them if you need hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals — ushering this month are **Ushers are here to help you and** Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available. Ushering this month are Rick Porter (Thurs.), Tim Warren, Marv Zoucha and, Hunter Yang, Youth Usher.

We are called Federated because on July 2, 1914, Columbus’ Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined to serve as one congregation.

Prayer requests can be shared on **Prayers Cards** in the pew pockets or **Prayer Chain** requests to the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call the Order of St. Andrew. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org for videos of worship and bulletins, and on TV at Noon on Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays and Sunday at 8pm.

In case of an emergency, the pastors’ cell phone numbers are: Annika: (402) 942-1636 and Edward: (402) 302-2812.

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JOYS & CONCERNS

◆ From Carol Bennett: Thank you to my Federated family for sharing part of my 80th birthday celebration with me. I also want to thank you for all the cards, gifts and flowers. I am so blessed!

◆ Please hold Marcia Veach in your prayers while she is at Columbus Community Hospital.

◆ Thank you for your prayers for Susan Stroope, Rev. Annika's mother, who fell on Dec. 23 and broke her arm. Though she was not able to travel to Columbus for Christmas, Susan's follow up with doctors determined that she will not need surgery at this point.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, January 6

- 9:00am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
- 9:00am Sunday School, Ed. Center, Upper Room
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 7

- 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, Library
- 5:15pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Children's Ministry Teachers Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 8

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, EC 7
- 11:30am OSA Prayer Chain Meeting, Sanctuary
- 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson
- 6:30pm Christian Ed & Youth Min. Committees, EC 8
- 7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting, EC 7
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 9

- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, Gym

Thursday, January 10

- 5:00pm Special Olympics 5 on 5, Gym
- 5:30pm Youth Ministry Teachers Meeting, AD 1
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, January 11

- 8:30am MOPS Meeting, EC/Gym/Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, January 12 - No events scheduled

Sunday, January 13

- 9:00am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
- 9:00am Sunday School, Ed. Center, Upper Room
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Stewardship 2019

Thank you to all who have made a 2019 pledge!
105 households have pledged!
56% have increased their pledge!
We appreciate your support for Federated Church's mission and outreach to the community and beyond.

- The Stewardship Committee



ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:00 a.m. Sunday All Ages Education Hour resumes January 6th!

Childrens' classrooms are in the Education Center and Youth are on the Second Floor

January Adult Education - Ed Room 4

The coffee is on! Happy New Year! Adult Education begins a new series reflecting on how God is understood in the Bible, through history, and around the world.

On Sunday, January 20, we welcome the Rev. Dr. Scott Jones, Senior Pastor of First Central UCC Church in Omaha. Scott published his memoir this past fall, which shares his journey of growing up in Oklahoma in a Baptist family. When Scott discerned a call to ministry, and also embraced his identity as a gay man, his journey took unexpected turns. Scott will have copies of his book available.

Mission and Outreach

Walk to Jerusalem Do you keep track of your steps each day? Do you attend an exercise class? Great! All of these activities will count on the 2019 *Walk to Jerusalem*. In partnership with Columbus Community Hospital, Federated folks are invited to submit all of your steps and exercise activities to count toward miles to Jerusalem! This is a great for the season of Lent, combining spiritual, mental, and physical practices that honor God and all of us as creations of God. Look for more info in upcoming bulletin and newsletters. Questions? Contact Rev. Annika annika@federatedcolumbus.org or (402) 564-2812.

Meals on Wheels Thank you to the volunteers who delivered October 29 - November 2. **Federated's next week of service is January 14 - 18, 2019.** Coordinator will be Renee Bellum 402-563-2441.

Thank you to all who have signed up to serve a meal at the Rescue Mission in 2019! Only a few more dates need to be filled: Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Dec. 13. A signup sheet is in the Narthex.

Mark your calendar for the
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, February 26th

(immediately following 10:00 a.m. Worship Service)

Please return any tea towels to the Kitchen, that you may have taken home to clean! Thank you!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.

PRELUDE

Mary Had a Baby
Song for a New Year
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

ARR. DAWSON
MARTIN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **(Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.)**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 60

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
All: and the glory of the Lord has risen around you.
One: God's glory will appear over you;
All: nations shall come to your light.
One: Let us worship God.

* OPENING HYMN No. 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are (verses 1 & 2)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Forgive us when we forget your covenant with us. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert, doing the work of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

One: All are invited to offer silent prayers.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Amen. Take heart, raise your heads and your hearts and trust in God.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

* HYMN No. 68

What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright (verses 1 & 2)

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sun.) *All children are invited forward for a special message.*
Edward Yang, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families

* HYMN No. 68

What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright (verses 3 & 4)

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As sisters and brothers in Christ, we are no longer strangers but friends.
Let us celebrate God's mercy by sharing a sign of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

CHORAL ANTHEM (Sun.)

Long, Long Ago
Bob Arp, Director

J. KNOWLES

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING OF SCRIPTURE

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 2: 1 - 12

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGE 2

SERMON

Nothing New Under the Star

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

*** As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN No. 63

As With Gladness Men of Old (verses 1 & 2)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Congregants are served communion in the pews. Please hold the bread and cup to partake together. Federated celebrates an open table, meaning all who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Only grape juice is served for communion, though the service sometimes refers to "wine." Gluten-free wafers are at the center of bread trays. Children are welcome to receive communion with the permission of parents and guardians as part of the family's on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in pew holders.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (UNISON)

All: Gracious God, you feed us with the bread of life, and renew us for your service. Help us to share Christ's invitation to be faithful disciples going forth from this table. Amen.

* HYMN No. 63

As with Gladness Men of Old (verses 3 & 4)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Puer Nobis

ARR. SMITH

* DOXOLOGY †

P.M. TESTERMAN

***O Glorious God, to you we bring: Praise, treasure, time as offering;
Come, Holy Spirit, with us dwell; Born is the Christ, Emmanuel! Amen.***

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

All: Holy God, you have offered us a place at the table. We ask that you bless these resources so that they support ministries of compassion and justice. Amen.

* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

* CLOSING HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are (verse 5 & Refrain)

POSTLUDE

As with Gladness

ARR. MANZ

After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday fellowship time with refreshments at Café La Fed, hosted this week by the Worship & Music Committee.

Education Hour Resumes This Week!

At 9:00 a.m., all are invited to grow in faith through worship and education! **Sunday School** for Preschool through 6th grade is in the Education Center; confirmation and high school meets in the upstairs rooms.

ALL ADULTS are invited to a new series in **Adult Education Room 4/5** with Rev. Annika

* As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.

† tune on page 592 of hymnal

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