

FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



Celebration of Epiphany

Thursday, January 4, and Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 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 Rick Porter (Thurs.), Marv Zoucha, Chris Dixon, Tim Warren and Dennis Vollbracht and Tessa Miller, 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.

The Order of St. Andrew serves as Federated’s deacons. 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, or on Channel 1304 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings at 8pm.

In case of an emergency, the pastors’ cell phone numbers are:

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please hold Lee and Jaci Augustin and loved ones of Norry Augustin in your prayers. Norry died Dec. 31. We gave thanks to God and celebrated his life here at Federated Church on Jan. 5.
- ◆ Please hold Betty Hledik and loved ones of Ken Hledik in your prayers. Ken died Jan. 2. We gave thanks to God and celebrated Ken's life here at Federated Church on Jan. 6.
- ◆ Janet Lyon in your prayers as she recuperates from leg surgery at Columbus Hospital.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, January 7

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 8

- 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study, EC 8
- 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew, Sanderson Home
- 5:15pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Pack 212, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Children's Ministry Teachers Meeting, EC 8

Tuesday, January 9

- 7:00am Tues. Morning Book Group, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall
- 4:00pm Emerson Elementary After-school Tutoring

Wednesday, January 10

- 1:00pm Needlecraft Ministry, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm Wed. Youth After School, Gym, Upper Room
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, January 11

- 5:30pm Youth Ministry Teachers Meeting, AD 1
- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, January 12

- 8:30am MOPs Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, January 13 No events scheduled

Sunday, January 14

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, Sanctuary
- 10:45am New Officer Orientation, EC 5
- 11:30am CE/YMC Meeting, EC 4

Caring & Connecting

From the Order of St. Andrew: Thank you to all who helped decorate the sanctuary. Poinsettia plants remaining in the sanctuary were delivered on December 28th to area nursing homes.

If you use Facebook - be sure to "Like" Federated's Facebook page to get quick and easy information about upcoming worship services and special events!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org, or contact the church office (402)564-2812.

Education Hour Resumes Today!

Pre-K through high school are welcome to Christian formation and fellowship at **10:30 a.m.** in the Education Center and Upstairs Youth Rooms

Adult Education starts a new series this week "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love" This video series asks the question "is there a distinctively Christian way to engage the 'outsider' or 'stranger'?" This study will help participants understand how to recognize and re-train natural fears of difference.

Meet in the Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m.

Next Sunday, January 14

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers
Celebration of the Baptism of the Lord

Adult Education Hour Jan. 14

Chaplain Ted from the Rescue Mission will speak during Education Hour in the Sanctuary

Mission and Outreach

Disaster Clean Up Buckets to Arkansas If you or someone you know is travelling near the Little Rock, Arkansas area, please let Rev. Annika know annika@federatedcolumbus.org. Disaster Clean Up Buckets need to go to a warehouse there.

Emerson Elementary After-school Tutoring—we are on break and will restart on Jan. 9th.

Wednesday Youth Club Resumes this Wed, Jan. 10!

Learning & Fellowship

2018 All Church Book Read has TWO options this year! Option One: [100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation](#) by Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Wondering what you missed years ago in confirmation class? This book can help! Option Two: [Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race](#) by Debby Irving. This book may challenge you, but it is worth it. Read one book or both! Books on sale now in the Narthex. Contact Rev. Annika with questions.

Tuesday Christian Discussion Group has started "[Jesus, A Pilgrimage](#)" by James Martin, SJ Tuesday mornings with breakfast at 7 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The book takes the reader on a pilgrimage to places in the Holy Land where Jesus lived and ministered.

Mark your calendar for the
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, February 26th
(after the 9:30am Worship Service)

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

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

Carol Bennett (Thurs.) and Ann Cattau (Sun.) Organ & Piano

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

Congregation Sings Verse 1 and Refrain

Soloist sings Verses 2, 3, & 4 with Congregation Joining on Refrain after each verse (Sun.)

Jeremy West, soloist

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. (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

*** 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.

*** HYMN NO. 68**

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

WOMEN'S CHORAL ANTHEM (Sun.)

Three Kings Went Riding

Bob Arp, Director

E. BUTLER

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 2: 1 - 12

Marilyn Vrana, Liturgist

(pew Bible New Testament page 2)

SERMON

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 5 & 6)

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

* DOXOLOGY ‡

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

P.M. TESTERMAN

* 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)

***Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies. O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!***

POSTLUDE

After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday fellowship time with refreshments at Café La Fed, hosted this week by Circle 1 of Women's Fellowship.

Education Hour Resumes This Week!

All are invited to grow in faith through worship and education!
Sunday School for Preschool through 12th grade at 10:30 a.m.

ALL ADULTS are invited to a new series in **Adult Education**
with Rev. Annika in the Sanctuary