The Federated Messenger

December 2026



Christmas Greetings from the Staff

Merry Christmas Federated Family from the Beall's! First of all, I want to thank you all from my whole family for the love and support we continue to feel! A few family updates: Mal is in 7th grade at Fairview Middle School so he rides to school with Angi every day. He has continued to stay active with Journey, Ignite, volunteering as a Ranch Hand at WLD Ranch, and continued in three sports at school, football, basketball, and Track & Field, as well as drum lessons. He loves being part of a team and the hard work that goes into it! Emeri is in 4th grade at Fairview Elementary School and loves it. She enjoys cross country, track & field, and gymnastics, as well as weekly piano lessons. She also started the trombone in the school band. We are very blessed to have two healthy and active kids that both love the Lord. Angi loves her job as a School Counselor at Fairview Middle School. We have had a very blessed year and thank you all for your tremendous love and support!

Blessings to our wonderful Federated Family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is fulfilling all the prophecies and promises of God through His first and second coming! –Pastor Ed and Connie

As 2026 comes to a close, it is impossible not to praise and thank the Lord for all the ways He has moved and worked in our church over this past year! Praying His continued blessings over our Federated family this holiday season. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we are so grateful to be a part of this body of Christ! -Chris and Paula Adams, Ian, Andrew and Olivia too!

Merry Christmas, church family! What a joy it is to celebrate the birth of Jesus with our Fed kids remembering Isaiah 9:6: *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* May the peace of King Jesus fill your homes and bring you joy this Christmas! - Steve and Libby Anderson and family

We praise God for His coming to the earth through Jesus and for allowing us to be part of a spiritual family who wants to celebrate Jesus' coming together! Thank you for your love and support for us and we pray that you will experience in a new and fresh way the wonder of The Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us! Love from the Plucknetts!

Merry Christmas from the Ring family! This past year has been a busy and growing year. We look forward to what God has in store for 2027. May God grant you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Joyful New Year!

Rejoice! The Savior has been born for us! Christy and I hope you have a joy-filled time with family this Christmas season. May Jesus fill your hearts with peace and hope as you celebrate His birth.
~Joseph Preston

Merry Christmas, Fed family! As we enter into the Advent season, I'm reminded of God's goodness to us! I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve here at The Federated Church as your Associate Pastor, and I feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful family. If you have some time, you should head over to my house and check out the best Pettis Christmas display! 10555 Reservoir Rd. Albion, Pa. God bless you all, and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas season! –Pastor Steve

Dear Federated Church family, Merry Christmas from my family to yours! It's been a full year since we've been here, and we are grateful for your support and prayers for our crew. Praying that you'd see the Lord's hand at work in your life and in the lives of those around you this holiday season! Love, The Hunter Family (Kendall, Becca, Eli, Titus, Leah, and Malachi)

Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch...

by Joseph Preston

As we enter December, we look back at the past year and celebrate all the amazing things that God has allowed to happen at the Ranch! Along with the opportunity to serve thousands of people in various programs (summer camp, retreats, field days, community events, horse riding lessons, etc.), we've also had a great year of getting projects done and improving various facilities, equipment, and other resources around the property. Due to some major donations over this past year, we have been able to accomplish some "behind-the-scenes" projects as well as more "visible" projects. The "behind-the-scenes" projects I'm thinking about at the moment are that three of the camp's houses got some work done (gutters, roof improvements, and an addition). The recent "visible" projects that you will notice when you come on the property are the new storage shed by the Rawhide Station (the main pavilion) and the new small pavilion that we will call The Depot, placed in the yard near the main entrance and exit driveways. This small pavilion will serve as a Bible Round Up location and a fun space for visiting with friends. Whether "behind-the- scenes" or "visible," God's provision is always evident and we are grateful for so many people who support the ministry of WLD Ranch through prayer, encouragement, and giving.



We are now beginning to raise funds for some upcoming building projects, including a new pavilion to replace the Wilderness Shack and provide more sheltered play space, improvements at the archery range, and other facility improvements. Your prayers are greatly appreciated as we continue to enhance the property, facilities, programs, and resources of WLD Ranch for continued ministry for years to come while always pursuing the mission of guiding people to Jesus, all for God's glory. Along with year-end fundraising, we will hold some fundraising events, including a January 9th breakfast event, so watch for more information soon!



We hope to see you at the Kids' Christmas Shop on December 4th and 5th! Registration is also open for the Winter Weekend (January 15-16) for kids in 2nd to 7th grades. Learn more about upcoming events at the Ranch at www.wldranch.com or www.facebook.com/wldranch.



Springfield Senior Center

Tuesday, December 8

Springfield Senior Center will meet in the Family Center at 9:45 a.m.

Pastor Ed Huntley from The Federated Church will have devotions. The Bell Choir from the Girard High School will be here to share their music with us. The Girard High School Bell Choir is a student music ensemble, directed by Mr. Richard Staaf, and is part of the school's marching band and music program.



Exercises will be led by Jule and a delicious lunch will be served at Noon, all for $3.00.

Senior Center will NOT meet in January and February

Christmas Worship Services at The Federated Church

- December 23 Christmas Eve Eve Worship, 6:00 PM Sanctuary
- December 24, Christmas Eve Worship, 6:00 PM Sanctuary



The 6th Annual "Tree-fest at the Fed" and a Live Nativity will be open from 5:00-6:00 p.m. both nights

OCC SHOEBOXES

by Beth Rigden

Our Operation Christmas Child boxes are on their way! Please continue to pray for the child who receives the box—that their heart will be open to the Gospel message as it is presented.

The impact of our efforts is seen in these numbers:

EVERY 24 HOURS, THROUGH THE OCC MINISTRY:

32,656 Children hear the Gospel
16,538 Children enroll in The Greatest Journey (Discipleship Class)
9,737 Children accept Jesus
12,660 Children graduate from The Greatest Journey
9,389 Children commit to Pray & Share
In 24 hours!!

Remember that prayer is the most important thing we put in our box. Continue with those prayers as our boxes travel across the world. Pray for favor as they go through customs. Pray that they will safely arrive in the town or village. Many modes of transportation are used. Pray that the right box will be put into the hands of just the right child. Each child is told "Jesus loves you" as they are handed the box. It's all about Jesus!

Thank you for your participation in 2026. Looking forward to another year of collecting and packing in 2027!



It's time to rid your homes of all the plastic bags you've been collecting for benches! **December is the last month for collection.** Thank you for assisting us for the past few years. **We have received 14 benches.**

JAPAN MISSIONS TEAM FUNDRAISER

The **Japan Missions Team** will be selling **Christmas cookies** for a fundraiser. Sign up in the Welcome Center to order beginning **Sunday, November 29th.**



The Federated Church

Outdoor Expo 2027

January 29 & 30

(Doors Open at 5:30 PM)

Guest Speakers:

Kurt and Morgan Bitikofer

We are excited to have this father/daughter team share their stories of their fishing expeditions all over the world. Captain Kurt Bitikofer has a passion for fishing which he loves to share with others!





Tickets are $15.00 each and can be purchased in the Welcome Center, the Church Office or online with credit card ($15.00) at www.fedchurch.net



- **Celebration Class** This class is for people celebrating their "mature" years in the church dining room, studying the scriptures on the current sermon series.
- **Men's Class** – Studying the book of Proverbs, led by Bob Pettis and others. Meet in the Church Basement Room 32.
- **Ladies Class** – Studying "The Heart of Change" led by Tobi Magill and Suzanne Barton, Room 10 in the church basement.
- **Faith Chapel Ladies Class** –following an inductive study on Romans 6-8 (Part 2) led by Tracy Shinko. All ladies welcome!
- **Sanctuary Class** – a verse by verse study of the book of John, led by Jerry Hills in the sanctuary.
- **Everyone's a Theologian -** What do Christians believe and why? This series on Systematic Theology is designed for new believers and anyone wanting to grow in their understanding of God's truth. Meet in **Room 29,** Church Basement
- **College & Young Adult Class** – Room 28 in the Church Basement, exploring what the Bible says about topics relative to life, led by Mike and Cheryl Anderson.
- **Good News Class** – Family Center Office Room, studying the book of Philippians with Seth Huntley and Sam Ring leading.
- **Midlife In Christ Class –** led by Rick Fails and Jamie Greig in Room 31 in the church basement, studying James.
- **Heart and Soul Class –** led by Paul Burgess in Room 19/20 of the church basement, studying "The Promise of Heaven", by David Jeremiah.
- **The Upper Room Class** – led by Pastor Mal Beall and Paula Adams. Open to Young Adults both single and married. Meeting in the big room upstairs in the church and studying a variety of topics.

Kids Church is for children 4 years old thru 5th grade in the Family Center. The children should be signed in at the Family Center desk by a parent/caregiver **before** services and promptly picked up afterward.

Infant and Toddler care: During the 8:15 a.m. service, unsupervised Infant/Toddler rooms are available for families to use. Also, there is a nursing mother's room available during both services at the back of the sanctuary. Infant and Toddler care ***is*** available during the 11 a.m. service in the Family Center. MORE VOLUNTEERS are needed to care for the children. If you can help, please contact the Church Office or the Welcome Center Desk.



Saturday, December 5th from 5-8 PM

Parents, enjoy an evening out while your children ages 12 months to 5th grade enjoy a Kids Christmas Party with Miss Libby and the Fed Kids crew! Registration required! Sign up your children at the Kids Check-In Desk.

Decorating days for the "6th Annual Tree Fest at The Fed" will start on Sunday, December 20th after 1 PM and finish on the evening of Monday, December 21st. Sign up at the Welcome Center desk to participate.



If you are interested in being part of the Pill Bottle Recycling Program, please contact **Amy Bovaird at 814-431-4266 or Suzanne Barton at 814-392-4383.**

Meet in the Church Dining Room December 7, 1-4 PM



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 3:30 PM SALT	2 10 AM Golden Circle 6:30 PM JOURNEY 7 PM Prayer Meeting	3 10 AM Fed Moms 6:30 PM CR	4 3-8 PM Kids C-mas Shop, WLD	5 10 AM to 2 PM, Kids C-mas Shop, WLD Ranch 5 PM Parents Night Out
6 8:15 & 11 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School Family Feed for Honduras Trip	7 1-4 PM Pill Bottle Ministry 7 PM Men's Bible Study	8 9:45 AM Senior Center 3:30 PM SALT 6:30 PM Leader-ship Meeting	9 10 AM Golden Circle 6:30 PM JOURNEY 7 PM Prayer Meeting	10 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM CR	11	12 11 AM Ladies Christmas Luncheon 
13 8:15 & 11 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 4 PM Praise Choir	14 12 PM Mobile Food Pantry 7 PM Men's Bible Study	15	16 10 AM Golden Circle 6:30 PM JOURNEY 7 PM Prayer Meeting	17 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	18	19
20 8:15 & 11 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	21	22	23 5-6 PM Tree Fest 6 PM Christmas Eve Eve Service	24 5-6 PM Tree Fest 6 PM Christmas Eve Service	25 	26
27 10 AM Combined Worship No Sunday School	28 7 PM Men's Bible Study	29	30	31 		

DATE	SERVICE	VOLUNTEER 1	VOLUNTEER 2
Dec 6	8:15 Kids Church Helper		
	9:30 Check In Desk		
	9:45 Toddler Room	Amy Swartzfager	Mary Ellen Hulley
	9:45 Nursery	Sydney Anderson	Nolan Gilroy
	10:45 Check In Desk		
	11 Toddler Room	Amy & John Swartzfager	Connie Solomon
	11 Kids Church Helper		
Dec 13	8:15 Kids Church Helper		
	9:30 Check In Desk	Liz Bright	--
	9:45 Toddler SS	Mary Ellen Hulley	Amy Swartzfager
	9:45 Nursery	Jacki Manley	
	11 Toddler Room	Emily Corbett	Brooke/Violet/ Savannah
	10:45 Check In Desk	Liz Bright	--
	11 Kids Church Helper	Jaelin Snyder	
Dec 21	8:15 Kids church helper		
	9:30 Check In Desk	Taylor Billings	--
	9:45 Toddler Room	Mary Ellen Hulley	Becky Hulley
	9:45 Nursery	Amanda Nagle	
	11 Toddler Room	Josiah Merrit & Amy Pettis	Connie Solomon
	10:45 Check In Desk	Taylor Billings	--
	11 Kids Church Helper	Azalea Ring	
Dec 27			
	9:45 Check In Desk	Terena Snyder	
	10 Toddler Room	Melissa Greig	Violet/Savannah
	10 Nursery	Kayla Fralic	
	10 Kids church Helper	Jaelin Snyder	