

The Federated Messenger

December 2025



Christmas Greetings from the Staff

Whether it is global darkness that is causing stress or personal darkness we are dealing with, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12) We are celebrating the birth of the Light. Merry Christmas, Pastor Ed and Connie

Thank you Federated family for helping us "Thrive in 2025"! We have been blessed by your support, prayers, and encouragement during this transitional year...may we all join together in worshipping and thanking God for sending Jesus, His indescribable gift! (2 Cor. 9:15) Pastor Rick and Kelly

As 2025 comes to a close, it is impossible not to praise 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 are so grateful to be a part of this body of Christ. -Chris and Paula Adams, Ian, Andrew and Olivia too!

Merry Christmas, Fed family! It's been a crazy year for our family with moving, working on our house, and moving into a new position here at the church. God has been so faithful to our family through this season of transition. We are so grateful for all of you and your support, encouragement, and prayers for us! I pray this will be a wonderful season celebrating the coming of our savior. God bless you! – Pastor Steve Pettis

Winston Churchill said, "*Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.*" As we get older, the time for reflection gets greater and greater! Don't forget to reflect on all of our blessings during this joyous season! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! – Sam Ring

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 as we have walked through the pastoral transition this past September. You are truly amazing! A few family updates: Mal is in 6th grade at Fairview Middle School so he rides to school with Angi every day. He has continue to stay active as he has joined Journey this year (Angi and I are still shocked we have a kid in Youth Group) and continued in three sports at school, football, basketball, and Track & Field, as well as drum lessons. He enjoys being part of a team and the hard work that goes into it! Emeri is in 3rd grade at Fairview Elementary School and loves it. She enjoys cross country, track & field, and gymnastics, as well as starting piano lessons this fall. We are very blessed to have two healthy and active kids. Angi loves her job as a Guidance Counselor at Fairview Middle School. We have had a very blessed year and thank you all for your tremendous love and support!

This Christmas, our hearts overflow with joy and gratitude for each of you. What a blessing it has been to watch your children laugh, and grow in the love of Jesus this year! May the Light of the World fill your Christmas and New Year with His joy and love as you continue to seek Him! Merry Christmas! – Libby and Steve Anderson

Merry Christmas from the Preston family! Christy and I hope you have a joy-filled time with family this Christmas season. May Jesus, the light of the world, fill your hearts with peace and hope as you celebrate that He was born for you.

Springfield Senior Center



Tuesday, December 9

Springfield Senior Center will meet in the Family Center at 9:45 a.m. Our own Pastor Ed Huntley will have devotions.

We are delighted that the Girard High School Bell Choir will be with us to provide beautiful Christmas music.

A delicious lunch will be served at Noon. Come enjoy fellowship and fun all for a \$3.00 donation.



Come enjoy the day!

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! The swimming pool renovation project of course comes to mind as our major project of the year. Rejoice with me that we were able to complete this project as God provided many generous donors to be able to fully fund the project. The summer was filled with laughter and splashes in a refreshing, beautiful pool facility that wasn't possible without you who gave. Thank you!

While projects are always great to get accomplished, we seek to serve our campers and guests consistently. WLD Ranch exists to guide campers and guests to Jesus as the Truth in life through summer camp and other programs throughout the year. This year, we are celebrating that our total number of campers and guests for summer camp, overnight retreats, and various day events has finally returned to pre-COVID numbers! This has been quite the journey. In 2020, our total number of campers and guests dropped to less than half of the normal numbers. We served our few campers and guests with the same intentionality, but have been glad to see more and more people coming back to camp. What a joy to be able to serve the thousands of people who come through this ministry every year!

While numbers are important for both opportunities to invest in lives and for more guest and camper income, each person who comes to WLD Ranch is a life that we get to impact with the good news of Jesus and the hope

that is found in a relationship with our Lord and Savior. Rejoice with me that summer campers and retreat participants came to faith in Christ this year! Rejoice with me that summer campers, retreat guests, horse lesson students, and individuals throughout the year in various programs were encouraged to grow in their walk with the Lord! Rejoice with me that our staff and volunteers were able to let the light of Christ shine through them to all who came to WLD Ranch in 2025!

Now as we look forward to the coming year, we are excited to see what God will do! While we love to serve our campers and guests, and need ongoing ministry donations to help us be able to do so, we also have a variety of projects or purchases that would help us to be able to serve our campers and guests more efficiently and take care of some of the "behind the scenes" needs that allow for effective ministry to happen. Pray with us that God will provide in amazing ways during our year end fundraising efforts. Want to know more about our year end fundraising goals? Go to www.wldranch.com/give-to-the-ranch/ and follow our progress or prayerfully consider partnering with us this year to help us reach these ministry goals.

OUTDOOR EXPO 2026

Friday, January 30 and

Saturday, January 31
(Doors open at 5:30 pm)

Guest Speaker: Ray Howell



Ray Howell has successfully harvested many P & Y whitetails which are his favorite animal to hunt. He has also received several prestigious awards: Outdoor Life Top 25 Readers Choice Award, Pope & Young Club Stewardship Award, and Muzzy's Tall Man Award. Ray has also founded the Kicking Bear Foundation, which is a faith-based youth program that works to instill positive, life-changing values through involvement with bow hunting.

Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased in the Welcome Center on Sundays, Church Office or online with credit card (\$15.50) at www.fedchurch.net



OCC SHOEBOXES **by Beth Rigden**

Our shoeboxes are on their way to the child whom God has planned to receive it! It is wonderful to think that we can have a part in a child, who is thousands of miles away, hearing the Gospel. Just like the Bible speaks of the many parts of the Body having their role, so it is with OCC. We have packed and prayed and worked hard on our boxes. Now we release them to be sent to more than 100 countries where the children will hear the Good News at a Gospel outreach prior to receiving their box.

Long before the shoeboxes arrive in the various countries, there are volunteer National Leadership Teams that train pastors and community leaders who want to share the Gospel with the children. The leaders learn how to host a child-friendly outreach event and also how to teach the follow-up discipleship class, The Greatest Journey.

The Gospel is clearly presented and a Gospel booklet, The Greatest Gift is given to each child. For many children, not only is this the first time they have heard about Jesus, but this is the first book that belongs to them.

How truly amazing that we can be a part of this journey of a shoebox and a link in the chain for a child to become a child of God.

Please continue to pray for our gifts—pray that they will arrive safely to their intended child as they travel through customs and various terrains. Pray for the leaders in the different countries as they lead these outreaches. Pray for the children receiving the boxes that their hearts will be touched by God's Spirit.

Thank you for your support of the Federated OCC ministry in 2025. I'm looking forward to partnering with all of you again in 2026!

Coming in January 2026

Saturday, January 17 – Pro-Life Breakfast at the Bayfront Convention Center

Friday, January 23 – March for Life in Washington, DC

Call (814) 882-1333 for tickets and reservations



The Northwestern Food Pantry is located in Albion at 1 Robb and Powell Avenue (behind the Moose Club). **Distributions are monthly on the 3rd**

Saturday of the month from 9 AM to 1 PM OR the following Monday after distribution, 11 AM to 1 PM. All recipients are subject to income guidelines and must be residents of the Northwestern School District, BUT emergency needs will be met immediately. The phone number is 814-756-5000. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

Fundraisers

For Honduras 2026

1. **December 5th** – Craft Night in Church Dining Room (Sign up in the Welcome Center)
2. **December 13th** – 1 PM to 6 PM, Open House at Brenda's Jellies and Hot Pickles, 3583 Beaver St., Springboro, PA. Check out a wide selection of jams, jellies, hot pickles and candies. These will be great stocking stuffers for Christmas!
3. **December 28th** – Brunch and Fellowship before Church! Serving Brunch in the Family Center from 8:30 – 9:45 AM. Freewill donation.
4. **January 16th** – 6-9 PM, Girl's Night Out at Bay and Berry Café. Invite a friend or two and enjoy a paint-by-number event. Snacks and a drink are also included. Additional appetizers may be purchases. Check out www.bayandberry.com for reservations and details.
5. **January 18th** – Family Feed
6. **February 8th** – Pizza Kit sale, pickup just in time for the BIG game!
7. **February 22nd** – Bake Sale after services

Mark your calendar for these fun events that will benefit the Honduras Mission Trip!



◆ **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 Advent readings, led by Pastor Rick, Bob Pettis and others. Meet in the Church Basement Room 32.
- ◆ **Ladies Class** – Studying the book, “Your Story Has a Villain” by Jonathan Pokluda, led by Suzanne Barton, Room 10 in the church basement.
- ◆ **Faith Chapel Ladies Class** –following an inductive study on Romans led by Christina Corbett. All ladies welcome!
- ◆ **Sanctuary Class** – a verse by verse study of the book of Proverbs, 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** – Family Center Coat Room, exploring what the Bible says about topics relative to life, led by Mike and Cheryl Anderson.
- ◆ **Good News Class** – Family Center Office Room, studying a book of the Bible with Seth Huntley and Sam Ring leading.
- ◆ **Couples Class** – for married and engaged couples, led by Rick Fails and Jamie Greig in Room 31 in the church basement, studying the book of Revelation.
- ◆ **Heart and Soul Class** – led by Paul Burgess in Room 19/20 of the church basement, studying Biblical Covenants.
- ◆ **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

Congratulations to Tyler and Kayla Fralic on the birth of their daughter, Oaklee Mae, born November 6, 9 lbs. 11 oz. Oaklee is welcomed by big brother Grant.





Love INC
is in need
of a new
director.



The Executive Director/Clearinghouse Coordinator receives requests for help and completes or updates an intake form, then meets the need of the client by contacting appropriate agencies, businesses, churches, and whoever may have contact with the client and his/her need. This is a paid part-time position. The description of responsibilities is posted on the bulletin board by the Church Office. If you are interested in knowing more about this position, please contact Melissa at 814-774-5688.

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS-	FRI.	SAT.
	1 7 PM Men's Bible Study	2 3:30 PM SALT	3 10 AM Golden Circle 6:30 PM JOURNEY 7 PM Prayer Meeting	4 6:30 PM CR	5 3-8 PM Kids C-mas Shop, WLD 5-8 PM Craft Fundraiser	6 10 AM to 2 PM Kids C-mas Shop 5-8 PM Parent's Night Out
7 8:15 & 11 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 4 PM Teen Ensemble 5:45 PM Ignite	8 7 PM Men's Bible Study	9 9:45 AM Senior Center 3:30 PM SALT 6:30 PM Elders & Deacons Mtg.	10 10 AM Golden Circle 6:30 PM JOURNEY 7 PM Prayer Meeting	11 6:30 PM CR 	12	13 11 AM Women's Christmas Luncheon 1-6 PM Open House, Brenda's Jellies 
14 8:15 & 11 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 4 PM Praise Choir	15 12 PM Mobile Food 7 PM Men's Bible Study	16	17 10 AM Golden Circle 6:30 PM JOURNEY 7 PM Prayer Meeting	18 6:30 PM CR	19	20
21 8:15 & 11 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 4 PM Teen Ensemble 5:45 PM Ignite 	22 7 PM Men's Bible Study	23 5-6 PM Tree Fest 6 PM Christmas Eve Eve Worship	24 5-6 PM Tree Fest 6 PM Christmas Eve Worship	25 	26	27
28 8:30-9:45 AM Brunch 10 AM Worship NO Sunday School	29 7 PM Men's Bible Study	30	31 			

December Childcare Schedule

DATE	SERVICE	VOLUNTEER 1	VOLUNTEER 2
Dec 7	9:45 Toddler SS	Mary Ellen Hulley	Amy Swartzfager
	9:45 Check In Desk	Terena Snyder	
	11 Check In Desk	Terena Snyder	--
	11 Toddler Room	Amy & John Swartzfager	
	11 Kids Church Helper	Keah Bush	
Dec 14	9:45 Toddler SS	Amy Swartzfager	Katie Elvir
	9:45 Check In Desk	Liz Bright	--
	11 Toddler Room	Emily Corbett	Brooke/Violet/Savannah
	11 Check In Desk	Liz Bright	--
	11 Kids Church Helper	Jaelin Snyder	
Dec 21	9:45 Toddler Room	Mary Ellen Hulley	Amanda Nagle
	9:45 Check In Desk	Taylor Billings	--
	11 Toddler Room	Josiah Merritt	Amy Pettis
	11 Check In Desk	Taylor Billings	--
	11 Kids Church Helper		
Dec 28	10 Check In Desk		--
	10 Toddler Room	Melissa Greig	Violet/Savannah
	10 Kids church Helper	Jaelin Snyder	

Come join us in Fed Kids! Reach out to Libby, if you can help us fill these needed positions!