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Chautauqua-in-Chagrin

Chagrin Arts is pleased to announce Chautauqua-in-Chagrin 2017, an eleventh summer season filled with stimulating lectures in the heart of the Chagrin Valley. It's a summer series that will pique your interest and stretch your mind. Enjoy the speakers with audience Q&A to follow.

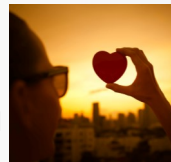
Federated is hosting the lecture portion of all four evenings. We welcome these prominent speakers as part of our mission to serve our community and to educate ourselves on matters important to society and to our world.

Here is what is on the schedule this year. Tickets may be purchased online at www.chagrinarts.org.

Our Cities: Building Better Communities

Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary

What are cities doing to ensure all of its residents, no matter what their socio-economic status, are being treated with dignity, equity and respect? Councilman Zone will provide insight into the NLC's Task Force on Economic Mobility and Opportunity, and Rev. Campbell will discuss the impact the Charter for Compassion has had on American cities.



The Supreme Court

Tuesday, June 27 at 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary

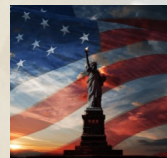
The role of the Supreme Court has changed in our broader democracy and presidential appointments have impacted the decisions that affect all Americans. What are some of these historical perspectives and what are some of the "what if" scenarios for the Court's role in our democratic and electoral processes?



Immigration

Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary

The laws and faces of immigration are constantly changing. Mr. Leopold will provide an introduction to immigration law as it currently stands and Judge Polster will bring his judicial expertise and experiences as a visiting judge in New Mexico handling primarily unlawful reentry sentencing hearings.



Popular Music Controversies and its Impact on Pop Culture

Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Popular music of the past and in the present has often been linked to controversy, from the early days of rock and roll to today's popular music. This documentary-style presentation will provide a trip down memory lane about popular music controversies from the early days of rock and roll to the present, such as Link Wray, Elvis Presley, and the Beatles.



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, June 4—Communion

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
New Members Join

Long-time Members Celebrated

10 am Family Worship and Sunday School

Music by Joint Choir

Sunday, June 11

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

10 am Family Worship and Sunday School

Sunday, June 18

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Family Worship and Sunday School

Sunday, June 25

Service Led by Colorado Kids

10 am Family Worship and Sunday School

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What in God's Name is Going on Here?



Hear, Here Join Us for Our Campaign Kick-Off Celebration

for our "Rejoice & Renew" Campaign
Sunday, June 4 at 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Enjoy fine food and fellowship with other members. Listen to inspirational talks.

View our newly produced campaign brochure and video and learn first-hand of our needs, our hopes, and our dreams.

You'll hear it all here.

Please plan to attend and discover what in God's name is going on here.



Giving Us Your Daily Bread Isn't The Only Way You Can Support Our Campaign.

There are a whole host of options and ways that you can make a gift or an additional gift to our campaign. Learn how gifts of stocks, bonds, real estate, personal property, insurance, trust arrangements and bequests through your will can make a huge impact in helping us reach our goals.

To learn more, please plan to attend our:

Creative Giving Seminar

Monday, June 5 at 6:00 pm in the **Lounge**

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing" | Thessalonians 5:16-17

Throughout Federated's Capital Campaign, you will see and say the following prayer in a variety of ways. Please include our Capital Campaign Prayer in your daily prayers.

*Life-giving God,
All that we are and all that we have are gifts from you,
to do your will and extend your Dominion here on earth.
Make us eternally grateful. Ignite within us joyous enthusiasm.
Inspire us to respond exuberantly to the needs of Federated.
Fill us with generosity that we may share these gifts from you
sacrificially, cheerfully and proportionally.
Lead us to do your will in our pledging to this campaign.
Enable us to rejoice in your grace, and renew Federated's ministries and missions.
Remind us that where our treasure is, our hearts are also.
Shepherd us to fulfill your desire in all that we are and do. Amen.*



From the Desk of Chris Ludwa

A Look Back, A Look Ahead

It's hard to imagine that nearly three full years have flown by since I began this position in August of 2014, or frankly that I am departing so soon. As I said in my announcement, I hadn't really planned on leaving and was having a grand time living into this role as Music Director of both Ensemble and Chancel Choir, despite its rigorous two-evening-a-week commitment. But sometimes God flings open a door you didn't even know was there, and nudges you through it. So off I go, knowing that I have served God and this church to the best of my ability, and as the Boy Scouts say, "Perhaps left it a little better than I found it." And I found it in great condition, if undergoing some growing pains. As I think about what we've done together, here is that which springs to mind.

- A concert series that ranged from featuring our own talented singers and instrumentalists to nationally renowned groups. Each of these was carefully curated and prepared to create a spiritually moving experience that transcended the Christian experience and spoke to a human one. In each of these, we had guests in our "home" who had an encounter with God, even if they didn't call it that.
- The opportunity to continue the work of my predecessors in drawing on numerous musical styles that included global, rock, folk, gospel, classical, romantic, and more. While everyone has their favorite style, I felt fortunate to be at a church where it was all embraced and where parishioners were aware that it "wasn't all about THEIR experience, but about OURS."
- The joy of getting to work with such a wonderful music staff in Thaddeus, Pat, Amanda, and Marcia. The truly collaborative nature of our music-making reflected the ideals of good church- where every idea has validity and is honored. Plus, I loved worship planning with Hamilton and Susi each week, where the creative process would flow.
- A friendship and colleagueship with Bob Brandt, the Lead Custodian and my 4th floor suite-mate. An avid musician as well, he and I have had numerous discussions on all matter of topics, and I appreciate the way he stewards this building.
- Numerous recordings and video-recordings that accurately reflect the live experience so many have had with us in worship, thanks largely in part to Bruce Gigax and Ted Rodenborn for their generous donation of time and talent to capture the quality of music here at Federated.
- A special shout-out goes to Nancy Isham, who has spent hours upon hours ensuring that the music library is updated, whose more than 2,000 titles is an incredible resource.
- And to the choirs of Federated, whose dedication to the worship experience through hundreds of rehearsals speaks volumes about their own spiritual walk and their dedication to God through use of their talent. Perhaps ironically, THEY are the unsung heroes of this place, along with so many others here, who keep the church alive. Not only do they sing the notes, they repeat them until nuanced, they slave away at the words, they perfect the pronunciation (except R's), they work on dynamics, and above all, they try to reflect upon what they are singing so it is sincere and heartfelt.



We each come to church needing to be the sheep, following God's gentle nudge to be bold enough to look in the dark corners of our world, craving God's warmth and protection. But we are also the instruments of God's peace (in our case literally and figuratively), needing to do our part to manifest God's presence in the world. I have every confidence that if those two views are embraced as you go forward, that the next director will take Federated to even higher musical heights, and even closer to God's beautifully crafted plan for this church in this community.

In Peace,
Chris Ludwa

Church Council News

Church Council's May meeting began with prayers and an update on Rev. Throckmorton's health. As of this writing, we are pleased he is out of the hospital and recovering slowly but steadily. We did a round in which each council member described a highlight memory of their experiences at Federated. Not surprisingly, many of the shared memories included a sermon by Hamilton that held a special personal meaning. What is your special memory at Federated?

Chris Ludwa let us know that with a heavy heart because of his love for the choir and congregants at Federated, he would be leaving his position as director of music effective June 4 in order to take a professorship with Kalamazoo College. We are sad to lose Chris and all of his energy, commitment and talent, but wish him well in his new position that will afford him a rich new opportunity. Council sent a special thanks to Chris for the performance of A Masterwork in Art and Music at the April 23 service.

Preparations were discussed for the Congregational Meeting on May 7 to vote on the three planned projects within the capital campaign that are budgeted at more than \$100,000. We are delighted by the affirmative vote by the congregation.

We received an update on the Bainbridge Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting in April where we asked for a variance to host the YMCA Day Camp this summer at the Family Life Center (FLC). The Board postponed a decision until May and the YMCA is trying to make changes in their format that will accommodate neighbors who fear the noise would be a disturbance. This holds a significance for Federated beyond the YMCA request, as we want to be good neighbors, but also want to fully use our property for the many activities held at the FLC for the benefit of our congregation and the larger community.

Council sent a thank you to the Trinkets and Treasures volunteers, who raised a record \$25,000 this year. What a fabulous event for both the money raised and the sense of community created. It was also noted that you could walk into FLC the day after the event and never know the whirlwind of activity that occurred thanks to the tremendous team effort of staff and volunteers to clean up.

Amy Eugene attended the ALICE certification training. We expect to expand this training to others to ensure we provide a safe and secure environment for worship in addition to being welcoming to all who wish to join us.

The next Council meeting will be June 6. Please let me know if you have any questions either by email robin.harbage@gmail.com or phone 440.725.6204.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Harbage
Moderator



2017 Lay Leaders

Church Council

Sunny Doxey, Ken Horner, Rob Goble, Robin Harbage (Moderator), Ann Lentz, Elaine Witmer, Becky Gruss, Maren Koepf, Ward Pierson, Erinn Grube, Shawn Rockhold

Commissions

Congregational Care

Jane Biggar (co-chair), Bonnie Goldston (co-chair), Ann-Marie Heston, Carol Kelly, Jan Mast, Alexandra Ziots, Karen Zoltowicz, Judy Maloni, (1) opening

Mission & Service

Sharen Bakke (co-chair), Heather Harris (co-chair), Linda Zelazny, Judy Lineweaver, Linnea Rostek, Lynne Kessell, Leslie Fincun, Gay Quintin, Don Hoke

Spiritual Formation

Cassie Moran, Gary Sherck, Barbara Patton, Mary Senechal, Holly Northcraft Spann (chair), Stacy Cianciolo, Doug Harlan, Cathy Digel, (1) opening

Telling Our Story

Katie Swanson-Harbage (co-chair), Tom Meyer, Bob Munson (co-chair), Mary Ann Leonard, Diana Weber-Gardner, (4) openings

Worship & Music

Cindy Hollister, Kiko Weinroth, Nancy Isham, Sally Ramsey, Gary Dole, Toni Harris, Nancie Skonezny, Curtis Grube, (1) opening

Elected Committees

Finance

Marty Eble (chair), Brady Hively, Steve Patton

Human Resources

Cherie Friedman, Jim Young, (1) opening

Legacy

Peter Franz, Bill Gaskin, Paul Neidhardt, Roger Pettibone (chair), Alex Taylor

Membership

Megan Campbell (chair), Rose Brown, Kate Walsh, (1) opening

Nominating & Leadership

Jason Watson, Peggjo Jo Shinagawa (chair), Chris Bednar

Properties

Paul Koepf, Keith Mast, Bill Lentz

Appointed Committee

Stewardship Committee

Eric Goodman, Mike Quintin, (1) opening

Western Reserve Assoc. Delegates

Susan Lampson, Jim Ogle, Kate Walsh

Ohio Conference Delegates

Susan Lampson, Kate Walsh

Federated Updates

Special Mission Assistance Fund has a New Name

The Mission and Service Commission has declared that the fund to offer emergency assistance to members of our church family and surrounding community will be named *The Good Samaritan Fund*, (formally called the *Blue Envelope Fund*). Your generous support of this designated fund allows us to help people get through a difficult time. Maybe it is help with a utility bill, a furnace repair or just a tank of gas. Whatever the need, we are able to give someone the boost they need to get through a crisis.

Thank you all for supporting the mission of *The Good Samaritan Fund*! If you currently give to this fund by using the special mission envelopes in your weekly envelope box, your donation will be directed to the same account, only the name has changed!

Peace to all,
Marty Culbertson, Mission and Service Commission Liaison

Summer Worship Schedule

Join us a single worship service at 10:00 am every Sunday at the Bell Street Sanctuary. This schedule will continue through the summer until we resume two services on Rally Day, September 10.



SPIRE Deadline

Want to see something appear in the July/August 2017 edition of The SPIRE? Send your information to communications@fedchurch.org **no later than Thursday, June 15**. Thank You!

In honor of those who died in service to our country, the American flag is being flown for the Memorial Day weekend.



Quarterly Financial Report

1st Quarter: January—March 2017 with 2016 Actual

Jan - Mar 2017 Total

	Actual	Budget	over/(under) Budget	2016 Actual
Income*				
Pledges and Donations	\$523,169.35	\$424,000.00	\$99,169.35	\$448,659.87
Rental and Other Income	\$34,843.92	\$27,840.00	\$7,003.92	\$42,018.52
Total Income	\$558,398.16	\$452,140.00	\$106,258.16	\$490,678.39
Expenses				
Payroll Expenses	\$228,157.73	\$226,568.00	\$1,589.73	\$224,176.76
Programs & Education	\$5,668.34	\$6,245.00	(\$576.66)	\$5,321.75
Missions	\$8,469.85	\$26,724.00	(\$18,254.15)	\$25,046.46
Office & Administration	\$19,460.93	\$19,957.00	(\$496.07)	\$23,177.43
Properties Expense	\$57,243.75	\$59,055.00	(\$1,811.25)	\$61,811.95
Insurance Expense	\$7,266.00	\$8,250.00	(\$984.00)	\$7,398.00
Rental Expenses	\$4,543.37	\$5,250.00	(\$706.63)	\$6,277.05
102 Bell St. Costs	\$3,566.11	\$3,801.00	(\$234.89)	\$3,977.39
Other Expenses	\$12,661.62	\$1,983.00	\$10,678.62	\$2,426.29
Total Expenses	\$347,037.70	\$357,833.00	(\$10,795.30)	\$359,613.08
Net Operating Income	\$211,360.46	\$94,307.00	\$117,053.46	\$131,065.31

*The income budget is based upon the seasonality of giving. The pledge income includes all prepaid pledges.

Mission & Service

Scholarships Needed for the Annual Youth Group Trip to Colorado

We hear it time and time again... "This trip has made my son into the man he is today" or "My entire family has benefitted from our child's participation in the Colorado Trip" and "This experience has empowered my daughter, I cannot thank you enough." That is why the scholarships we provide are so important! We want to reach as many kids as possible and we can do it with your help!

The Colorado Trip for 2017, which starts on June 17, is fast approaching. We once again have a need for Scholarship Funds for some of our participants. Most of these kids will need full scholarships to help with proper clothing, boots and supplies as well as trip costs. The congregation has always seen the wisdom of supporting this amazing faith journey; I pray that you will be able to do the same this year. Kids and their families pay what they can and they work very hard on fundraisers throughout the year, but this trip is not possible without your generous contributions.

If you feel called to help us, please make checks payable to the Federated Church and mark the memo line "Colorado Scholarships."

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. — Marty Culbertson



Faith Formation

Men's Discussion Group
Thursdays at 8:30—10:00 am
Bell St., Lounge

All men are welcome! What does the Gospel Lectionary verse for the coming Sunday mean to us? We each find our own inspiration to share. Wherever our reading leads is always varied.

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Contemplative Prayer
Wednesdays at 7:30 am,
Family Life Center, Labyrinth

Join us for 20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by 15 minutes of "lectio divina" (prayerful reading of scripture). People are invited for both, but can leave after prayer and before scripture if need be. Please feel free to come to the Contemplative Prayer Group, whether you have attended before or not.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Susi Kawolics at 440.247.6490 ext. 310, or skawolics@fedchurch.org.



Friday Morning Bible Study

The Friday Morning Bible Study is a group of women, of all ages, that meets at the **Bell St. Lounge during the summer months on Fridays at 9:15—11:00 am.**

We usually read the coming Sunday's lectionary readings and discuss them. Our focus is to gain insight and meaning from these readings and try to discern how they might influence and impact our lives. Based on the interests of those who attend, we occasionally do a book study as well.

Through sharing of our thoughts, feelings, experiences and prayers, we strive for clarity of purpose in our lives while offering support to one another as we journey through life. The group is comprised of Federated members and non-members alike. All are welcome.



Contact Harriett Rogers at 440.247.5845 or harriett.rogers41@yahoo.com for more information.

Federated Happenings



Friday Mahjong

The lively weekly Friday Mahjong games continue at 1:00 pm in the Lounge. We would like for you to join in!

No prior knowledge is needed. If you are interested... just show up! We will split up into groups of three or four to play. If you have a game, please bring it along.

This activity is sponsored by the Congregational Care Commission. If you have questions or want more information about weekly mahjong, contact Ann-Marie Heston at amngh@icloud.com.



Special Celebration Treats

We love celebrations! Congregants sometimes request to serve a cake during fellowship hour after Sunday services to commemorate a special event like an anniversary or birthday. Before doing so, please consult with the Congregational Care Commission to be sure there isn't a conflict, such as a bake sale fundraiser. Congregants should provide and serve their own cakes and cleanup after serving.



Storage for TNT

Can you help provide storage for next year's Trinkets 'N Treasures sale? If so, contact Mimi Bathgate, the TNT Coordinator at 440.338.8773 or mbathgate@windstream.net.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, June 5 | 2:00—7:00 pm
Bell St., Fellowship Hall

Donors can sign up for a scheduled time with the Red Cross by going to: www.redcrossblood.org. The event is listed under the date and Federated Church. Or, you can stop by when you have free time and be a walk-in donor!

Sign up with a friend – what a wonderful way to introduce Federated to them! All blood types are in demand.

To volunteer your help with the canteen the day of the blood drive or for any other questions, please contact Carole Mason at 440.338.3573 or at wfmason36@gmail.com. Thank you!



Federated Happenings

primetime@fed Federated Forum

Monday, June 12

1:30 pm Refreshments, 2:00 pm Program

Presenter: Tom Meyer

Tom Meyer, the Investigator, is a Federated member and a 40-year broadcast news veteran with a reputation as one of the best investigative newsmen in the business. It's a reputation he earned by believing that it's not what you cover, but what you uncover that makes the difference. A number of Tom's investigations have led to consumer reform, changes in the law, policy changes, firings, criminal investigations, arrests and indictments.



Employment Connections is Ending

After nearly 30 years of existence, the Employment Connections Ministry will end.

Its history: Bruce Campbell ran Employment Connections for 25 years. Bruce held the volunteer group virtually every Sunday, regardless of holidays or vacations. Greg Polyak has been a facilitator for 18 years and the head facilitator since the summer of 2011 before Bruce died in May 2012.

Other notable facilitators have been Ralph Lindeman who was the "Prodigal Son" facilitating for 25 years on and off, Ken Braun (an HR executive) who seemed to know at least 3 people in every industry, and Dan Sommers who for the last 5 or 6 years was my right hand man. Not to let others go unnoticed but there have been a fair number of part-time, or short-lived facilitators whom I wish to thank for their dedication to this volunteer group.

Employment Connections helped ANYONE with ANY job related issues and helped people find their path to a better and more fulfilling career.

The volunteer group has even helped some from feeling a total loss of self esteem, getting divorced and even committing suicide all due to job related issues.

With all good things, an end must come.

Greg Polyak,
Lead Facilitator of
Employment Connections



Search for Our Next Director of Music Ministries

We are sending our warm wishes to Chris Ludwa and his family as they make their big move to Michigan! Chris will be Assistant Professor of Music at Kalamazoo College and Director of Kalamazoo Bach Festival. His last day here at Federated is June 6.

Church Council's HR Committee is forming a search committee to oversee the recruitment process for our next Director of Music Ministries. We are planning for the interviews to take place over the summer with a new director in place by September.



If you have questions, please contact Jim Young at jamesyoung195@gmail.com or Cherie Friedman at Cherie@friedmansearch.net.

Men's Cook-Out

Thursday, June 20 | 6:00—8:00 pm

At West Woods. Cost is \$5.00. Call the church to sign up at 440.247.6490.



Federated Happenings

Summer Treats

From Memorial Weekend until Rally Day in September, the congregation is invited to bring in treats to share on Sunday mornings. Please bring your finger food donations in - all cut up and ready to eat. Please no nuts. Set them right out on the food table in Fellowship Hall and take your containers and leftovers home when you leave after the service.

The Congregational Care Commission and volunteers will be taking the summer off from tending the kitchen, so thank you in advance for keeping things tidy!



Reminder for Daniel Plan Participants

More than 70 Federated parishioners have signed up to participate in the Daniel Plan program this summer! All participants should have by now received an email with more information on the program and six sessions.

This announcement is just a reminder to participants about the informational meeting with the Cleveland Clinic on Thursday, June 1, in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm. Clinic representatives will explain more about the program and can answer many of your questions.

If you signed up but haven't yet received an informational email or have questions, please contact Darlene Nichols, Federated's Pastoral Care Administrator, at 440.247.6490 ext. 123 or dnichols@fedchurch.org. Also, though it is too late to sign up, if interested you can give Darlene your name to be placed on a waiting list in the event that a spot in the program becomes available.



The Congregational Care Commission is looking forward to exploring the five essentials of the Daniel Plan with you - faith, food, fitness, focus and friends!

Special Thanks

Thank You For Providing Treats!

The Congregational Care Commission extends a BIG thank you to these groups who have cheerfully provided treats for fellowship hours since last Rally Day! They have all helped make Federated an enjoyable and delicious place to worship on Sunday mornings. And they also cleaned up after the fellowshiping was finished!

Church Council Staff	Spiritual Formation Commission
Ensemble	Telling Our Story Commission
Chancel Choir	Worship and Music Commission
Olson Bell Choir	Angel Ministries
primetime@fed Ministry	Stephen Ministry
Congregational Care Commission	JOY Kids
Mission and Service Commission	Children's Ministries

We also send a sweet hug to all the congregants who have brought in treats to share. Everyone is busy bustling about on Sunday mornings, so we are especially grateful that you took the extra time to bring food to Church to help nourish our stomachs and friendships during fellowship hours.

Dear Federated Friends,

It was a long winter experiencing several health issues which required hospital care, rehab and more rehab. You could say it was almost surreal.

However, the amazing concern and kindness from our friends at Federated and our neighbors filled us with hope and encouragement. Visits from our ministers, prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers and food made us feel truly blessed by your support.

With gratitude,
Elsie Lutman

I would like to say thank you for the flowers sent to me when I went for a medical test at University Hospital. Also, thank you for sending me the card and email, for all the prayers and for thinking of me. I am doing great and feel much better since the hospital visit. I am healthy and staying strong.

Thanks,
Heather B. Wagley

Special Thanks

Thank You For a Successful 8th Annual Trinkets 'N Treasures!

In order for Trinkets 'N Treasures (TNT) to be successful, it takes people who donate, people who volunteer and people who shop. Thank you to everyone who made it possible for us to raise a grand total of **25,127.78**. At the end of our sale, the following charities benefited from our remaining donations: St. Paul's Church, EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute, Cancer Discovery Shop, Womensafe, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Chagrin Falls Library and Volunteers of America

First of all, thank you so much to the people who donated so graciously from their homes to share with others. Without your generosity, there could be no TNT. This year we had almost 100 volunteers who gave of their time, energy and enthusiasm. These volunteers included Boy Scouts and members of JOY, who worked very hard, hauling and sorting.

Special thanks to the wonderful people who took leadership roles in our 2017 Trinkets 'N Treasures. Their expertise, hard work and enthusiasm made the work fun and rewarding.

Marnie Albers	Kathy & Dennis Kieta	Jeff Pierce
Cindy Barclay	Gloria Lapsansky	Wendy Pierce
Bob Bathgate	Diana Lindeman	Sandy & Mike Polz
Jan Blank	Sally Kaas Lyle	Linnea Rostek
Norma & Trent Bobbitt	Judy Maloni	Jim & Linda Squire
Nancy & Nelson Fenner	Jan Mast	Jim Whitelaw
Don Hoke	Joyce McFarland	Caroline Young

A big salute to our church staff. Special thanks to Trisha Holland for her invaluable help with our advertising and promotion. Also, to members of our custodial staff, Bob Brandt, Jimmy Morris, Robert Keleman and Daniel Pecchio, without whose help we would not have been able to make TNT happen.

Thank you to each of the volunteers for your hard work and enthusiasm. We really had a great time working together.

Phoebe Atkinson	Phyllis Ference	Judy Kobick	Tammy Riddle
Isabella & Sydney Atkinson	Janet Fitch	Susan Krajewski	Mary Lou & Skip Riegel
Bob Barkley	Carol Grubb	Carol Laird	Judy Riemenschneider
Leesa Belcher	Nancy Haag	Bob Lapsansky	Joy Robertson
Marilee & John Biel	Robin Harbage	Lars Larsen	Harriett Rogers
Jane Biggar	Allison Hawkes	Pat Leech	Jeri Shaffer
Nancy & Dave Carpenter	Dolly Herschel	Ann Lentz	Lee Sherck
Sam Cross	Ann-Marie Heston	Mary Liechty	Nancie Skonezny
Mary Dixon	Mary & Jack Hobbs	Liz Manchester	Sue Stanton
Sunny Doxey	Jean Hood	Mike Moore	Hamilton Throckmorton
Mary Eason	Lynne Kessell	Lynne Muzik	Kay Wellman
Jean Endle	Dan Kershner	Darlene Nichols	Bill & Linda Zelazny
Jay Ericson	Pat King	Kathy Rayer	

If I have missed anyone who worked at Trinkets 'N Treasures, please forgive me and know that you really were appreciated. It was a privilege to work with each and every one of you wonderful people.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our shoppers. We hope that you found your own special trinkets and treasures.

God bless you all,
Mimi Bathgate



Family & Youth Ministries

Summer Sunday School is On!

Summer Sunday School at Federated will soon begin! Sunday School for children going into grades K-6 will be offered every Sunday through the summer starting June 4 and concluding August 27 (please note: there will be NO Sunday School offered May 28 for Memorial Day weekend or September 3 for Labor Day weekend).

Children will start in the Sanctuary at the 10:00 am service with their parents, and be dismissed to Sunday School after the "Time with Children." Please pray for our children and this exciting adventure in the life of our church!



Vacation Bible School at Chagrin Falls UMC

June 26-30 | 5:30-8:00 pm

\$30/Child \$75 Family Maximum

All children (Age 3 to Grade 5) are welcome. Invite a friend, neighbor or cousin, because it's tons of fun. Come and join us for an exciting week of learning that we are created by God and built with purpose in Sound Wave Sing and Play, Bible Discovery, Game Makers, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station and Funshop Finale. Dinner will be provided each evening.

Questions? Contact the CF UMC office at 440.247.5848.



Annual Colorado Kids Golf Outing

Sunday, June 11 | Tee Times Start at 1:00
At Grantwood in Solon

☐ **Yes I want to golf — \$ 95 per Golfer**

(Includes golf w/cart, hot dog, chips and soda at the turn, and a cookout provided by Colorado Kids families)

Please put me in a foursome with others: Name _____

or I have my own foursome

1) _____ 3) _____ 2) _____ 4) _____

☐ **Dinner Only — \$ 15 per person, or \$45 per family**
Number of persons attending _____

Sponsorships Available \$100 / Accepting Prize Donations

(All funds go to support the scholarship needs for the Colorado Kids and this journey)

Name _____

Phone number _____

Make checks payable to Federated Church and note "Golf Outing" on the memo line. Return this form with payment to the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact Marty at 440.552.8549.



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