



**FEDERATED CHURCH**  
 United Church of Christ  
 An Open and Affirming Congregation

April 29

# W e l c o m e !

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

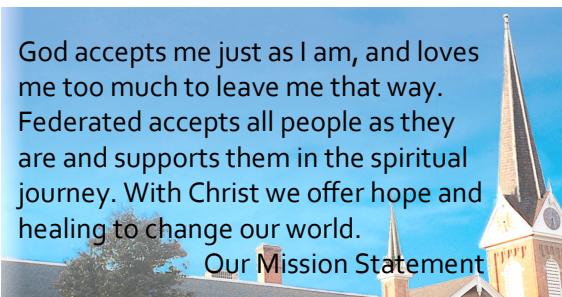
### Pardon our Dust

Things are starting to happen with the capital campaign projects... and that's exciting! It also means we will be dealing with construction and the cleaning of our church.

We are trying to keep the chaos to a minimum, but please excuse any clutter, mess, or inconveniences that are out of the ordinary. We promise it is only temporary and for a good reason!



**CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY**



God accepts me just as I am, and loves me too much to leave me that way. Federated accepts all people as they are and supports them in the spiritual journey. With Christ we offer hope and healing to change our world.

Our Mission Statement

### Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, May 6

**Communion Served**

**Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches**

**9 am** **Worship Service and Sunday School**

Music by The Ensemble

**11 am** **Worship Service and Sunday School**

Music by Chancel Choir

**May 6 - Lectionary Readings**

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

I John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 13—Mother's Day

**Music Appreciation Sunday**

**Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches**

**9 am** **Worship Service and Sunday School**

Music by Combined Choirs, Bell Choir, &

Children's Choir

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We welcome you to The Federated Church, a place to belong and a place to become. We are people just like you, who hope and love and hurt, and we have found that Jesus Christ makes a transforming difference in our daily lives. Your presence matters to us. We open our hearts to you.

## Our Staff is Here to Support YOU

We at Federated believe in service. We think of our congregation as Ministers to the World and our church staff as Ministers to the Congregation. Should you have questions or need information, please contact us at 440.247.6490. We look forward to serving you.

**Clergy** \*denotes part-time staff  
**Hamilton Throckmorton**, Senior Pastor  
**Mark Simone**, Associate Pastor, Family Ministries  
\* **Susi Kawolics**, Associate Pastor, Worship Planning and Faith Formation

**Administration and Staff**  
**Amy Eugene**, Senior Director of Operations  
**Melinda Smith**, Congregational Life Administrator  
\* **Trisha Holland**, Marketing & Communications Specialist  
\* **Dolly Herschel**, Primetime Coordinator  
\* **Darlene Nichols**, Pastoral Care Administrator  
\* **Laura Taylor**, Capital Campaign Assistant  
**Eric Mosley**, **Daniel Pecchio**, \* **Larry McGurer**, **Jake Magalski**, \* **Jimmy Morris**, Custodians

**Music Staff**  
**Joshua Konow**, Director of Music Ministries  
\* **Marcia Snavely**, Organist  
\* **Pat Haynish**, Director of Children's Choir  
\* **Thaddeus Quintin**, Director Federated Bell Choir

**Children's Ministries Staff**  
\* **Marty Culbertson**, Director of Jr. High Youth  
\* **Kiersti Critchfield**, Co-Director of Children's Ministries Birth-6  
\* **Emily Culp**, Co-Director of Children's Ministries K-6 and Director of Family Ministries  
\* **Alex Bell**, **Lianna Davis**, **Trisha Holland**, Childcare Providers

Our Ushers and Greeters are wearing red carnations. They are available to answer any questions you may have and will be happy to assist you in any way.



## Shopping Plaza Parking Alert

We were made aware that, even on Sundays, we are only allowed to park in spaces in the Village Shopping Plaza lot that are marked for 2-hour or public parking. **Our cars will be ticketed on any day at any time if we park in yellow-lined spaces designated by signs that read, "Plaza Employee Permit Parking Only."**

These prohibited spaces are on the south side of the lot and along the sides of Heinen's and CVS. Be sure to park in spaces in the "belly" of the lot – spaces are lined with white, and sometimes green, stripes.



## Spring Renewal Through Prayer: 10 'Languages' of Prayer

Thursday, May 3 | 7:00 pm  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Come and be *In the Company of Women*. We will be experiencing a variety of ways to pray, to be in a state of prayer, and to live prayerfully. Breathe some inspiration into your prayer life, and healing into our world.

We will have the opportunity to experience both prayer that is done in community and prayer practices to enhance individual prayer life. Give yourself the gift of joining into circles of shared wisdom, hope, and support.

Join Polly Manke, and Maren Koepf, as we explore languages of prayer.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 5 | 8:00—10:00 am  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Come Hear: Martin Dek—  
One of the Lost Boys of Sudan

In the Darfur Region of Sudan, a 20-year civil war killed two million people and displaced four million. 20,000 boys lost their families and were forced to flee.

They wandered hundreds of miles across the desert, and ended up in a Kenyan refugee camp where they spent ten years of their life. 4,000 of these "Lost Boys" have come to America as part of a refugee resettlement effort.

Cost: \$10 (includes hot breakfast)  
Call 440.247.6490 to make reservations.



## Daniel Plan on the horizon again!

This time there are no health screenings, and you did not have to participate the first time to join in now! Meetings will be once a month and will be informal and fun. We are looking forward to finding new inspiration to continue with our healthy living.



Come and join us for the Daniel Plan Essentials and learn new tips on living healthy through *faith, food, fitness, focus and friends!*

We hope you can make one of these initial meetings. Future meetings will then be planned.

Wednesday, May 2, 9:30 am  
Family Life Center Hearth Room

Sunday, May 6, 10:00 am  
Bell St. Lounge

Call 440.247.6490 to sign up. If you have questions, contact Jane Biggar at 216.469.6948 or jcbiggar4@gmail.com.

## GROUP Work Camp Needs

Hello Church Family,

We would like to invite you to become a work camp teammate for our summer trip to St. Ignace, MI, where we will be working with the Native Americans of the Mackinac Island Band of Ottawa and Chippewa. We have never committed to a work camp that has such great need and no resources for materials. **Our request is that you donate, if so led, to a Facebook fund set up for this purpose by May 11.**

Our work campers will work on converting a house that the band owns into a much needed community center. They have no place to meet for their ceremonies and ancient rituals, which are deeply set in their spirituality and faith. There is also no place for them to gather to

hear and pass on the stories of their elders, whom they revere and love. Huge portions of their story are lost with the passing of each elder and they are hoping that this center will allow more cultural transmission, as well as fellowship.

If you would like to know a bit more or donate, please look at our Facebook fund page at [facebook.com/donate/430579184069760](https://facebook.com/donate/430579184069760) (you can also find this link on the Federated website and/or Facebook page) or contact me or John Bourisseau. Incidentally, John's blood line extends back to his great-great-grandfather who lived in this area and married a Native American from this tribe. John is a full member of the Band. Thank you for considering.

- Mark Simone ([msimone@fedchurch.org](mailto:msimone@fedchurch.org))

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## Opportunity to help out at the “Need a Prayer?” booth at Blossomtime

The Chagrin Valley Council of Churches has rented a booth for the Blossomtime Celebration at Riverside Park from **Thursday, May 24 through Monday, May 28**. We will have information about the local churches and will be offering prayerful support to those who come by. We are inviting people from member churches to sign up for one-hour slots to staff the booth.

This is a great way to offer support to people who may be struggling. Here’s how:

- (1.) If you’re comfortable, you can pray with or for someone right there OR
- (2.) You can just talk to them, find out their need, and offer to pray for them later AND/OR
- (3.) We will also have paper and pencils so people can write down their prayer requests, and we will then disburse them to the churches for their members to pray.

For anyone interested, there will be a training offered on how to pray with people on **Wednesday, May 16 at noon and at 7 pm** – your choice. It will be led by Rev. Shaun Drefahl and held at **Bainbridge Community UCC** (17751 Chillicothe Rd in Bainbridge).

If you are available during any of those days and would be willing to staff the booth for an hour, please go to [fedchurch.org/events](http://fedchurch.org/events) to find the sign-up link.

Please help us to show God’s love and care for others by volunteering for this unique opportunity. Contact Rev. Susi Kawolics with any questions or concerns, or to sign up: [skawolics@fedchurch.org](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 ext. 310.



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### Flying the flag of the Earth

In April, we fly a flag of the Earth at the church front door to show our solidarity with the Earth and all living things. We show that prayer, education and action are part of our church. We show that creating a clean, sustainable, healthy environment is a priority.



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## A Message From JustHope

We ask for prayers for our Nicaraguan friends from Stitching Hope, the model farm and all the people we have come to know so well. To our knowledge all are well. We received the following message from JustHope, our partner who oversees all trips and provides for leaders, translators, drivers, cooks and host families on our projects.

*Dear friends,*

*We are deeply saddened by the current events taking place in our beloved Nicaragua. Thank you for all the positive messages of support we have*

*received during the turmoil of the last several days. JustHope's mission is to create global partnerships that combat extreme poverty and nurture sustainable community. We stand in solidarity and JustHope's work will continue as the Nicaraguans work out their future.*

*If you have a trip planned to serve alongside us in the coming weeks, we will contact you directly to advise you of travel restrictions and suggestions.*

*Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers. In hope & solidarity,  
Jennifer Payton, MPA  
Transitional Executive Director*

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## A New Federated Picture Directory!

More than 140 families have already signed up!

We need you to make it complete! The only way to get YOUR copy of the directory is to be in it.

Those who participate will receive both a FREE copy of the picture directory and a FREE 8x10 of their directory pose. You will have an opportunity to purchase additional photos if you wish. No pressure. We promise!

### Photography dates and times:

**Tuesday –Thursday, May 29-31 | 2–9 pm**

**Friday, June 1 | 12 pm – 7 pm**

**Saturday, June 2 | 10 am – 5 pm**

**Monday – Tuesday, June 4-5 | 2–9 pm**

**Thursday, June 14 | 2 pm – 9 pm**

**Friday, June 15 | 12 pm – 7 pm**

**Saturday, June 16 | 10 am – 5 pm**

Sign up after worship in the Lobby, by calling Melinda at the church, **440.247.6490 ext.124** or

online at [fedchurch.org/directory](http://fedchurch.org/directory). Plan to sign up early. *The prime appointments are being filled quickly!*

**Attention Extroverts (& Gregarious Introverts):** We can use volunteers to help with this project.

Greeting at a photography session is a great way to get to know others in your Federated family.

If you are available to volunteer for a three-hour shift on one of the days listed

above, please contact Barb Church at 440.552.6701 or [barbcusab@netscape.net](mailto:barbcusab@netscape.net).





Begins Sunday, June 3 at 10 am  
Family Life Center

Lessons are designed to be big, bold and engaging, and OUTSIDE! Art, games, nature, music, science scripture, yoga and MORE!

For more info: visit [fedchurch.org/SSS](http://fedchurch.org/SSS)  
or email [erinn.grube@gmail.com](mailto:erinn.grube@gmail.com)

## Business Office Changes

We have contracted with Judy Kreger, former Federated Church bookkeeper, to provide bookkeeping services while we develop a plan to address our long-term needs. Jessica Paradise, Business Administration Assistant, has moved on to other endeavors outside of Federated Church. Amy Eugene is filling her role until new plans are implemented.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amy Eugene at 440.247.6490 ext. 145 [aegene@fedchurch.org](mailto:aegene@fedchurch.org).

## Job Openings

Federated is looking to fill two summer positions: Summer Sunday School Intern and Seasonal Groundkeeper. Information about how to apply can be found at [fedchurch.org/jobs](http://fedchurch.org/jobs).

## This Week In Sunday School

Theme	Bible Story	Life App
<b>Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)</b>		
Big News!	Peter and John Acts 3:1-11, 16	I can tell others about Jesus
<b>Discovery Island (Grades K-6)</b>		
Good Samaritan—Art	Luke 10:25-37	Parables teach us about God's love.

*Family Ministries presents...*



**RSVP by May 8 to vote for the movie we show: [tinyurl.com/movienight512](http://tinyurl.com/movienight512)**

Contact: Emily Culp, Director of Family Ministries, [eculp@fedchurch.org](mailto:eculp@fedchurch.org) 440.247.6490 ext.212

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# Weekly Calendar

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Activities in ***bold italics*** take place at the Family Life Center. Rentals, Scout and non-church related community events are not listed.  
*Find the full calendar of events on our website at [FEDCHURCH.ORG/CALENDAR](http://FEDCHURCH.ORG/CALENDAR)*

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## SUNDAY April 29

- 9:00 am Loaves & Fishes: Sharing A Meal—away
- 9:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School
- 9:30 am Confirmation Class and GROUP & Serve at Loaves & Fishes—away
- 11:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School
- 12:00 pm Stephen Ministry Luncheon
- 5:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Mtg

## MONDAY April 30

- 8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll***
- 9:00 am Properties Committee Spring Cleaning
- 10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class
- 10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
- 4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm *Timeline Group Mtg***

## TUESDAY May 1

- 8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll***
- 9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
- 10:00 am *Yoga~Spirit~Renewal***
- 12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
- 7:00 pm Church Council Mtg
- 7:00 pm *AA Fireside Mtg***
- 7:30 pm Ensemble Rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY May 2

- 7:30 am *Contemplative Prayer***
- 8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll***
- 9:30 am *Daniel Plan Extended Session***
- 12:00 pm Women's Twelve to One AA Mtg
- 5:00 pm Properties Committee Mtg
- 7:00 pm *Co-Ed Hoops Basketball***
- 7:00 pm *Stephen Ministry Mtg***
- 7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg
- 7:30 pm Augustine Fellowship SLAA Mtg
- 8:00 pm *Al-Anon Regular Mtg***

## THURSDAY May 3

- 8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll***
- 8:30 am Men's Discussion Group
- 9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group
- 9:30 am *Sit & Stitch***
- 10:30 am *Chair Pilates***
- 3:30 pm Guitar Choir
- 5:00 pm Primetime Trip to Chagrin Falls Performing Arts Center—away
- 6:00 pm *Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg***
- 6:30 pm ACA Mtg
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm In the Company of Women: Spring Renewal Through Prayer

## FRIDAY May 4

- 8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll***
- 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group
- 12:00 pm Friday Big Book AA Mtg
- 1:00 pm Mahjong
- 1:00 pm White Privilege Friday Study Group
- 2:00 pm Primetime Bowling—away
- 8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

## SATURDAY May 5

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast

## SUNDAY May 6

- 9:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School
- 9:00 am Confirmation Class Breakfast—away
- 10:00 am Daniel Plan Extended Session
- 11:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School
- 6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg (Final)
- 8:15 pm *AA Sunday Open Mtg***

## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER: *Please include in your prayers this week...*

**Tom and Amy Groneman**, 130 Southwyck Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, on the death of **Amy's** father, Dix Dishong on April 18.

**Kathy Marous**, 16022 Pierce Street, Middlefield, OH 44062, who is recovering from eye surgery.

Friends and family of **Don Sheer**, who passed away last week. There will not be a service.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Alex Bell** and **Lianna Davis**.

For April, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **our Literacy Ministries: Seeds of Literacy and GED programs**.

### **The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:**

Darlene Nichols, 440.821.9963; Judy Batdorff, Barb Dellinger, Sally Ramsey, Sue Mansour, Brenda Ehle.

### **Altar Flowers:**

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Bo Burr by his wife, Anne and children, Scott and Corinne.

Flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry.

**Worship Support Volunteers:** We are thankful to those who made our services more meaningful last week! To help with upcoming services, visit [fedchurch.org/worshippupport](http://fedchurch.org/worshippupport)

**Ushers/Greeters:** *Nancie Skonezny, Curtis Grube, Bill Lentz, Shawn Rockhold, Don Burck, Joy Robertson, Jim Whitelaw, Linnea Rostek, Mary Ann Viveros, Janet Berlincourt, Jennie Krutilla, Harriett Rogers.* **PowerPoint:** *Keith Mast, Alan Shinagawa.* **Worship Leader:** *Ward Pierson.* **Other:** *Dawn Dole, Linda Nichols—Liturgical Dancers. Ted Rodenborn—Soloist. John Nichols—Percussionist. Chelsea Carlson—Harpist.*

**Fellowship Treats:** Thanks to **members with last names beginning A or B** for providing today's treats. Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship and enjoy! Each week, a group of the congregation is invited to bring treats to share. Please bring ready-to-serve finger foods in disposable containers. They can be set on the treat table in Fellowship Hall. Healthy choices are especially welcome. *No nuts.* Thank you in advance for your participation.

May 6 — **members with last names beginning C or D**

May 13 — **members with last names beginning E, F or G**

May 20 — **members with last names beginning H, I, J or K**

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