



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 6

Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Have you signed up yet?

More than 160 families have already reserved their Lifetouch Directory photography session!

We need you to make our newest picture directory complete. Participants will receive copy of the directory and an 8x10, both FREE! You will have an opportunity to purchase additional photos if you wish. No pressure! The *only* way to get your copy of the directory is to participate.



Appointments are filling up, so we recommend reserving your spot NOW. Sign up **after worship in the Lobby**, online at fedchurch.org/directory or by calling Melinda at 440.247.6490 ext.124.

Remaining photography dates/times:

- Tuesday, May 29 | 7:10–8:40 pm (*only 5 left!*)
- Wednesday, May 30 | 5:30–8:40 pm (*only 5 left!*)
- Thursday, May 31 | 4:10–8:40 pm
- Friday, June 1 | 2:40–6:10 pm (*only 6 left!*)
- Saturday, June 2 | 3:30–4:40 pm (*only 6 left!*)
- Monday, June 4 | 4:40–8:40 pm
- Tuesday, June 5 | 4:10–8:40 pm
- Thursday, June 14 | 2:30–8:40 pm
- Friday, June 15 | 12:00–6:40 pm
- Saturday, June 16 | 11:40 am–4:40 pm

Ahead At The Fed

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

11 am **Worship Service and Sunday School**
Music by Combined Choirs, Bell Choir, & Children's Choir

May 13 - Lectionary Readings

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:22-53

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

UCC Strengthen the Church Offering

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

9 am **Worship Service and Sunday School**
Music by The Ensemble

11 am **Worship Service and Sunday School**
Music by Chancel Choir

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
Daniel Pecchio, * **Larry McGurer**,
Jake Magalski, * **Jimmy Morris**, Custodians

Music Staff
Joshua Konow, Director of Music Ministries
* **Marcia Snavelly**, 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.



Capital Campaign Update

There are exciting updates as we approach construction time! An ad-hoc group of the Properties Committee (consisting of Heather Harris, Paul Koepf, Joshua Konow, Hamilton Throckmorton, Bruce Gigax, Maren Koepf, Marcia Snavelly and others) has been meeting to ensure that the Chancel area upgrades are planned in a way that allow for flexibility in the future.

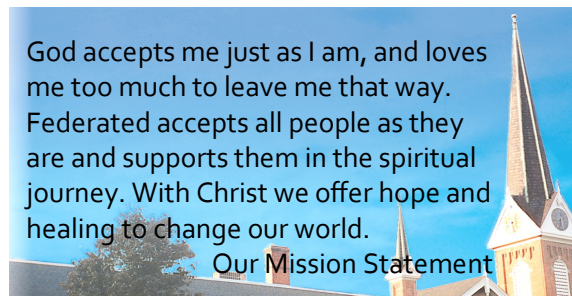


This group has recently enlisted the services of local multi-media artist Nathan Kunst to create a professional 3D, color rendering of their plan. Nathan is a co-founder/owner of Dojo Studios in Cleveland and a Cleveland Institute of Art (CIA) graduate.

Our thanks go to Paul Koepf who connected with Nathan through a program at CIA. We are delighted to support graduates of local educational institutions and are glad that Nathan is available to do the work we need within our allotted timeframe. We also thank this group for their open commitment to our long-term future. And thanks be to God!

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



Considering Membership? Spring Inquirers Class is coming up!

We believe that faith is developed through practice in Christian community. If you are looking for a community in which to develop and explore your faith, we invite you into membership here. Our Inquirers Class provides a wonderful opportunity to take a fresh look at the meaning of Christ for our times, and explore the programs and purpose of The Federated Church. It is also a great chance to meet some other people who are considering membership at Federated.

Membership is a statement of your commitment to Federated and its mission. It also affords you the opportunity to vote on issues that matter to our faith community and to serve as an elected or appointed lay leader. Interested? Then we invite you to attend our Inquirers Class. Please note that attending the classes can be exploratory; it does not obligate you to join our church. Childcare is available on request.

We offer Inquirers Classes in the fall and spring. Here are the dates for our next class. Plan to attend both evenings.

**Wednesday, May 23, 7:00pm – 9:30pm,
Bell Street**

**Wednesday, May 30, 6:30pm – 9:30pm,
Bell Street (light dinner served)**

This class will be received into membership at Federated on **Sunday, June 10 at the 10 am** worship service held at the Family Life Center at 16349 Chillicothe Road.

If you have any questions about the church and its mission, or the classes, please contact Hamilton Throckmorton, (440.247.6490 ext. 110, hamthrock@fedchurch.org) or Susi Kawolics (440.247.6490 ext. 310, skawolics@fedchurch.org).

Sign up at the Reception Desk after worship, by calling the church at 440.247.6490 or by emailing Melinda Smith at smithm@fedchurch.org.

Come explore Labyrinth as tool for Prayer, Healing, Transformation

Four Thursdays: May 10, 17, 24 and 31

2:00 pm at the home of Pat Fox: 96 Greenbriar Dr., Aurora, OH.
Contact Pat at 440.543.6042 or foxjosten@gmail.com.

- OR -

7 pm at the Family Life Center. Contact Rev. Susi Kawolics
at 440.247.6490 x 310 or skawolics@fedchurch.org.

Discussions will be based on the book: *The Sacred Path Companion—
A Guide to Walking the Labyrinth to Heal and Transform* By Lauren Artress



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 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 or 440.247.6490 ext. 310.



Pardon our Dust

CONSTRUCTION UNDER CONSTRUCTION UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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!

GROUP Work Camp Fund

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've never committed to a work camp with 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 Friday, 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 go to facebook.com/TheFederatedChurch and click on our fundraiser page which is pinned to the top. **Our goal is to raise \$5,000 and so far we have over \$4,000 online! Amazing!**

You can also contact me or John Bourisseau directly. 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)



SJAM May Movie Night

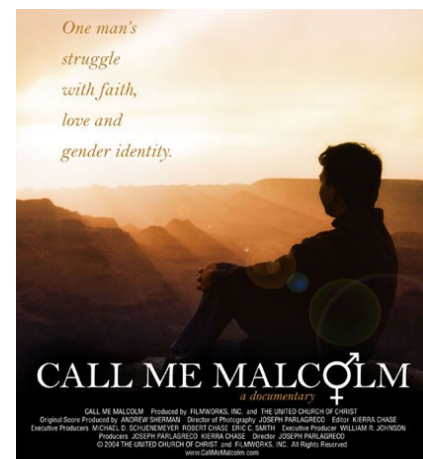
Monday, May 21 | 7:00—9:00 pm
Family Life Center Youth Room

Movie: "Call Me Malcolm"

Come witness an amazing story of the human spirit and God's spirit, and the liberating struggle to realize and express with confidence the marvelous gift of one's truest sense of self, offering us a glimpse into the real lives of real people who are transgender.

Everyone is invited to attend the movie and conversation. Come, join us and bring a friend!

Contact Susi Kawolics for more information:
skawolics@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 ext. 310





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
or email erinn.grube@gmail.com

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.



No More Cell Phone Recycling

Beginning at the end of May, Federated will NO LONGER collect and recycle old cell phones.

We will continue to recycle ink cartridges and eyeglasses at the Bell St. reception desk. We thank everyone who has donated over the years.



This Week In Sunday School

Theme	Bible Story	Life App
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)		
Work of Art	Joseph gets a coat Genesis 37	God has a plan for me
Discovery Island (Grades K-6)		
Good Samaritan— Cooking	Luke 10:25-37	Parables teach us about God's love.

Family Ministries presents...



RSVP NOW by May 8 to vote for the movie : tinyurl.com/movienight512

Contact: Emily Culp, Director of Family Ministries,
eculp@fedchurch.org 440.247.6490 ext.212

Weekly Calendar

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

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
1:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Final Mtg
6:30 pm ***GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Final Mtg***
8:15 pm ***AA Sunday Open Mtg***

MONDAY May 7

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
6:30 pm ***GROUP Work Camp Mtg***

TUESDAY May 8

8:00 am ***Spirit Walk & Roll***
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am ***Yoga~Spirit~Renewal***
2:00 pm Angel Visitors Workshop Planning
6:30 pm Spiritual Formation Commission Mtg
7:00 pm ***AA Fireside Mtg***
7:00 pm Mission and Service Commission Mtg
7:30 pm Ensemble Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY May 9

7:30 am ***Contemplative Prayer***
8:00 am ***Spirit Walk & Roll***
12:00 pm Women's Twelve to One AA Mtg
5:00 pm Properties Committee Mtg
6:00 pm ***Al-Anon Anniversary Dinner***
7:00 pm Colorado Trip Mtg
7:00 pm M&M Timeline Group Mtg
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg
7:30 pm Augustine Fellowship SLAA Mtg

THURSDAY May 10

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***
2:00 pm Book Study (daytime) The Sacred Path Companion—away
3:30 pm Guitar Choir
4:30 pm Family Ministries Mtg
6:00 pm ***Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg***
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm ***Book Study (evening) The Sacred Path Companion***
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY May 11

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
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY May 12

6:00 pm Family Ministries Movie Night

SUNDAY May 13—Mother's Day

9:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School
8:15 pm ***AA Sunday Open Mtg***

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

Those in Federated's extended family who are confined and will share elements from today's Communion table shared by our Communion to the Confined Ministry.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Hamilton Throckmorton** and **Mark Simone**.

For May, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Back Bay Mission**

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

Myia Sterling, 440.338.4893; Joyce Gorretta, Carol Kelly, Elsie Lutman, Janet Peters, Sonja Solar, Nelson Fenner.

Altar Flowers:

The altar flowers this morning are given by the Davidian family in loving memory of Anahis, wife, mother, grandmother on the twenty-second anniversary of her death.

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

Ushers/Greeters: Joy Robertson, Gary Dole, Karen Zoltowicz, Jim Whitelaw, Harriett Rogers, Bill Lentz, Curtis Grube, Nancie Skonezny, Dan Sommers. **PowerPoint:** Eric Reed, Alan Shinagawa. **Worship Leader:** Darlene Nichols and Dawn Herdman.

Fellowship Treats: Thanks to **members with last names beginning C or D** 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 13 — **members with last names beginning E, F or G**

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

May 27 — **All congregants are invited to bring treats during the summer months**

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