



THE SPIRE

THE FEDERATED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

July/August 2018

All-Church Potluck

Tuesday, July 10 | 6:00 pm
Frohring Meadows

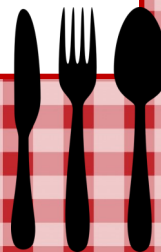
Come and enjoy the summer with an old-fashioned church potluck.

Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend. The more, the merrier!

Outdoor games welcome. Take a walk. Enjoy nature.

Bring a dish to share. Paper products and water provided.

Sponsored by the Congregational Care Commission.



JULY/AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, July 1

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

Communion served

10 am Worship & Sunday School

Music by Beth, Sarabeth, & Susannah Rutkowski

Sunday, July 8

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

10 am Worship & Sunday School

Music by Bruce Gigax

Sunday, July 15

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches

10 am Worship & Sunday School

Music by Nancy Isham, Kate Breen, and Anne Layne

Sunday, July 22

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches

UCC Christmas (in July) Offering collected*

(*Please note the date change from July 15)

10 am Worship & Sunday School

Music by Ted Rodenborn

Sunday, July 29

Work Campers lead service

10 am Worship & Sunday School

Sunday, August 5

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

Communion served

10 am Worship & Sunday School

Sunday, August 12

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches

10 am Worship & Sunday School

Sunday, August 19

Rev. Malcolm Himschoot (UCC National Offices) preaches

10 am Worship & Sunday School

Music by the Fed Four

Sunday, August 26

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Worship & Sunday School

Music by Elise Leitzel

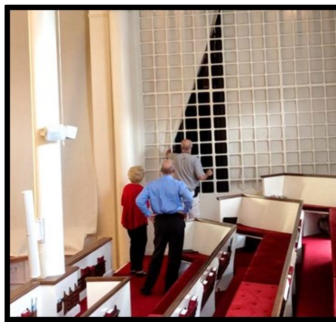
****Summer worship services will be held at the Family Life Center: 16349 Chillicothe Road.****

Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign Projects Update

So far, the Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign has raised **\$2,917,341** and we are beginning to see the fruits of our labors. Repairs and renovations have started with the roof, the organ and the HVAC systems.

Your piece of the puzzle may be project oversight, working with a group to brainstorm solutions, budget control, being a campaign faith witness, giving a gift which is used for the new roof, being patient while the staff and lay leaders adjust to daily changes, designing banners, or offering prayers for the continued guidance of our volunteers, staff and contractors. We are blessed that all of the pieces are falling into place. Thanks be to God!

More project updates on page 2.



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Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign Projects Update—Part 2

There are lots of projects going on around here!

The excavation outside our building and next to our driveway is for the new AC unit for our Fellowship Hall. The contractors are putting in a concrete pad and walls to shield equipment from view as required by the Chagrin Falls Architectural Review Board. This AC unit will be installed at the end of July. There are five separate units that serve our Bell Street facility: Fellowship Hall area, remainder of the first floor (Large Music Room, etc.), Sanctuary, Chapel, and Education/Office wings. The unit for the Education/Office wings will be rebuilt, not replaced, due to cost constraints. The Sanctuary and Chapel units will be replaced in August.

At the same time, the steeple repairs are currently being done. In addition, there is still work to be done on the “flat” part of the roof over the Sanctuary. The contractors will access open space above the Sanctuary ceiling through holes in the roof to add insulation – making this space “cold” instead of “warm,” which will address the condensation issues. After that is done, the roof will be finished.

While all of this is going on, the general contractor is on-site every day except Tuesday. He is very responsive and tuned-in. Keith Mast is also here three days/week to answer questions. We are so grateful!



All-Church Campout Recap

“Jack fell down and broke his crown and threw it out the window, the window, the second story window!” was just one of the many lines sung around the campfire of the *All Church Campout* at the Family Life Center (FLC) June 9—10. While we obviously had lots of fun singing, hiking, roasting marshmallows and playing kickball, we also experienced sweet moments exploring the Labyrinth, praying by firelight and being lulled to sleep as steady rain rapped on our tents.

Much thanks to the Quintin families who were the main organizers of the event! Dorothy noted, “We were thrilled to have so many come out to enjoy the FLC and spend time

together outside. 17 people in five tents spent the night and twice that number joined the fun at one point or another.”

Plans are already bubbling to host a reprise evening only event; one packed full of all the good camping stuff (food, fellowship, fires) but skipping the lying all night on the ground part. But, don’t fret, if you enjoy sleeping on the cold, hard, unforgiving earth we hope to do that again, too. God has blessed us with amazing space at the FLC and we are grateful for all the ways we can enjoy God (and each other) there.



From the Desk of Hamilton

Dear Friends,

The summer has started auspiciously. Let me fill you in on some of what's going on.

In the first place, work has begun on restoring and enhancing our Sanctuary. Much work has already been done on refurbishing the organ pipes, and we will likely soon be installing the new organ console. Considerable work has also been done on the roof, and we await the completion of a new HVAC system.

A task force has been appointed by Church Council to look into how we might enliven our communal experience on Sunday mornings. With a focus on the four pillars of the church, the task force is discerning how we might enhance all of those pillars: our worship, our spiritual formation, our sense of community and our service in the church and the wider world.

Another group of church members and staff has been reflecting on how we might enhance our children's and youth ministries. So while we are busy revamping our facilities, we are also thinking intentionally about the heart of the church, and how we might fulfill our mandate from God to live out the blessings we have been given in service to each other and the world beyond us.

In that context, I want to extend my thanks to all of you for the ways in which you give yourselves to God's service. I am particularly grateful this month, as summer begins, for the ways in which worshipers help in the set-up and tear-down for worship in the Great Hall at the Family Life Center each week. Especially as worship finishes each Sunday morning, many people stack chairs and replace hymnals so that the work

doesn't all fall to our custodians. It's an extremely helpful contribution.

Given that word of thanks, I also want to extend an invitation to everyone to find a ministry that contributes to the church's flourishing and to your own personal flourishing. I want to mention one opportunity in particular. This summer, on Saturday, July 14, the Congregational Care Commission will provide a half-day retreat for Federated members and friends to learn more about what it is to be an Angel Visitor. There are numerous church people who are unable to get out, and who would find their lives enriched by those who are willing to make a commitment to bring the light of Christ into their homes. If you sense a call to this sort of ministry, please let Darlene Nichols

(dnichols@fedchurch.org) in our Church Office know. It's a remarkably rewarding ministry (*More info on p.6*).

I pray that you might be fulfilled and graced this summer by the presence of God. May God bless you and keep you!

Yours in Christ,

Hamilton
Hamilton



Church Council News

God's still-speaking voice offering light in the darkness continues to engage the missions and ministries of Federated. In order to keep our missions and ministries fresh and responsive, Church Council continues to pursue actions in organizational development. We continue to refine our discernment processes to ensure the wise and responsible allocation of the church's resources.

June brought restructuring and refreshing of positions to serve the church even more efficiently and effectively. Our Human Resources Committee facilitated performance reviews for our ministers. Also, Council moved to create a new Properties & Events Manager position to manage the myriad details associated with hosting over 300 events per month, as well as a new bookkeeper/accounting position (rather than the external contracted service), all at no net increase to the church.

The Rejoice & Renew (R&R) Capital Campaign projects roll all across the summer months. Part of the roof is completed. You may have noticed the masonry wall outside the Fellowship Hall. The Chagrin Falls Architectural Review Board required some aesthetic enhancements regarding our new HVAC units.

Council moved that Laura Taylor continue through September in her crucial role as Capital Campaign Assistant. Laura's positivity and faith spur momentum, communication and generosity driving successful outcomes! Meanwhile, thanks to so many generous and timely cash contributions to our Capital Campaign, funds for 2018 are generating interest.

A series of visioning teams are working with Tim Lybarger, design coach, to help frame their potential ministry team's purpose, to consider community needs they will serve and resources required, and to discover ways to move Federated's mission forward. Each one connects to a sponsoring commission or to Church Council. This work expands our capacity for growth.

A subcommittee of SJAM proposed the church initiate the UCC process to be designated as a "green church." Council recognized the value of this proposal and recommended a visioning team format to frame the work.

Council designated a new task force called Reimagining the Sunday Experience (RISE) to work with our visioning team coach to discover the spiritual needs of the community and collaboratively cultivate rich worship experiences for all.

Next Council Meeting: August 7, 6:30 pm in the Lounge

Current Lay Leaders

Church Council

Ken Horner, Rob Goble, Robin Harbage, Elaine Witmer, Maren Koepf (Moderator), Erinn Grube, Shawn Rockhold, Doug Harlan, Beth Rutkowski, Peggie Jo Shinagawa, Dan Kershner

Commissions

Congregational Care

Ann-Marie Heston, Karen Zoltowicz (Co-chair), Alexandra Ziots, Jane Biggar (Co-chair), Carol Kelly, Carole Halberg, Diane Tuuri, Judy Riemenschneider, (1) opening

Mission & Service

Lynne Kessell, Gay Quintin, Leslie Fincun, Linda Zelazny (co-chair), Judy Lineweaver, Don Hoke, David Telfer (co-chair), Bill Shaul, (1) opening

Spiritual Formation

Barbara Patton, Stacy Cianciolo, Dorothy Quintin, Cassie Moran, Kristin LeFeber, Cathy Digel, Sunny Doxey, Thea Mazingo, Mary Senechal (chair)

Telling Our Story

Harriett Rogers, Diana Weber-Gardner, Bob Munson (co-chair), Katie Swanson-Harbage, Todd Smith (co-chair), Pete Bednar, Laura Taylor, (2) openings

Worship & Music

Sally Ramsey, Gary Dole (chair), Nancie Skonezny, Curtis Grube, Sibyl McBride, Nancy Isham, Dave Strauch, Laura Reed, (1) opening

Elected Committees

Finance

Becky Gruss (chair), Steve Patton, (1) opening

Human Resources

Jim Young, Chris Bednar, Bill Franz

Legacy

Paul Neidhardt, Roger Pettibone (chair), Peter Franz, Alex Taylor, Ralph Hegsted

Membership

Kate Walsh, Rose Brown, Ann Lentz

Nominating & Leadership

Martine Scheuermann, Dave Butz, Phil Fogarty, Bob Abley

Properties

Paul Koepf, Keith Mast, Bill Lentz

Appointed Committee

Stewardship Committee

(3) openings

Western Reserve Assoc. Delegates

Susan Lampson, Jim Ogle, Kate Walsh

Ohio Conference Delegates

Susan Lampson, Kate Walsh

Federated News & Updates

Custodian Services Changes

"There is nothing permanent except change." - Heraclitus, Greek Philosopher

And, change is not easy. Within custodian services, we continue to restructure the organization to meet the needs of the congregation, while working within budget constraints. We've eliminated the full-time custodian position and wish Daniel Pecchio well in his next endeavors. We've eliminated the role of Custodian Lead (vacant) and instead created a new position, Properties and Events Manager. We're also outsourcing cleaning services at the Family Life Center (FLC) which will allow for cost savings as well as improvements.



On behalf of Jake Magalski, Jimmy Morris, and Larry McGurer, thank you for your continued support as we navigate this bumpy terrain. We are grateful to those of you who have volunteered your time to help with setup and tear down of events. Thank you! If you have any questions or concerns, please let Amy Eugene know, Senior Director of Operations, at aeugene@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 ext. 145.

New Job Opening— Properties & Events Manager

Federated is looking to hire a full-time Properties & Events Manager. This role, among other responsibilities, oversees custodian services, ensures that worship, events and meetings are setup and torn down according to plan, and collaborates with our Maintenance & Grounds Lead (Jake Magalski) to ensure properties are safe and operating effectively and efficiently.

Details about the job and information about how to apply can be found at fedchurch.org/jobs. Questions? Contact Amy at aeugene@fedchurch.org



Temporary Coverage Needed — Marketing & Communications Specialist

Federated is looking for somebody to temporarily fill parts of our Marketing & Communications Specialist position (i.e. making bulletins/newsletters or updating the website) this fall. Priority will be given to those already affiliated with Federated. This is a paid, part-time position and will last a couple of months.

More details available at fedchurch.org/jobs. If you are interested, have questions, or know of somebody who could be a good fit, please email Amy Eugene at aeugene@fedchurch.org or Trisha Holland at communications@fedchurch.org.

Fellowship Treats

During the summer months the entire congregation is welcome to bring in treats to share during fellowship hour after worship services at the Family Life Center.

Please bring treats that are cut-up and ready to serve. Healthy food choices are especially welcome! *Please no nuts.* Food can be set out on the table in the Chapel area when you come to church. Thank you for helping make our fellowship hours delicious and enjoyable!



September SPIRE Deadline

Do you have something you'd like to see appear in the next edition of the SPIRE? Please email your information to Trisha Holland at communications@fedchurch.org by **Wednesday, August 15** and include "SPIRE" in the subject line. Thank you!

Federated News & Updates

Reimagining the Sunday Experience

The Federated Church embodies rich capacities to expand and thrive for this generation and the next! The world still aches with real pain and a growing disconnection while God's work through Federated offers profoundly relevant and inspirational refreshment at every turn.

So, why aren't more Christians of all ages drawn to our current Sunday experience? That's what the newly created task force, RISE (Reimagining the Sunday Experience) is eager to discover and explore. We want to create the kind of Sunday experience that cultivates a rich sense of the presence of God and meets the spiritual needs of our community.

Over the next few months we will be listening to congregants, guests and friends of Federated to discover current perspectives on our Sunday morning context and conditions so as to reveal what would add value to the experience.

So be prepared when a member from RISE reaches out for your thoughts. Stay tuned for more updates.

"See, I am doing a new thing? Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." - *Isaiah 43:10*

Members of the task force include:

Sharen Bakke, Hamilton Throckmorton, Curtis Grube, Maren Koepf, Zachary LeFeber, Ann Lentz

St. Paul's Food Pantry Donations

Federated has a collection for non-perishables in the Bell St. Lobby that is brought over to St. Paul's Community Church. When bringing goods for the food pantry, please make sure they are appropriate, quality products. *We cannot send outdated, opened, or homemade foods.*

Thank you for your thoughtful and generous donations to this ministry!



Building Closure

The Bell Street location and the Family Life Center will both be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day.



Federated Happenings

Angel Visitor Retreat

Saturday, July 14 | 9:00 am—12:30 pm
Family Life Center

Have you ever felt a calling to reach out to Federated Church family members who may need a comforting presence? The Angel Visitor Ministry is planning an educational (or continuing education) retreat.

Come and learn about the Angel Visitor Ministry and also learn some enlightening life skills.

We are encouraging attendance from all current Angel Visitors, retired Stephen Ministers, and anyone who has ever considered serving as a visiting friend through this caring and compassionate ministry in God's needy world.

A continental breakfast will be provided. Questions? Contact Jeri Shaffer or Darlene Nichols. We appreciate RSVPs to either Jeri (440.247.7783 or jerishaffer427@gmail.com) or Darlene (440.247.6490 ext. 123 or dnichols@fedchurch.org).



Federated Happenings

Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM) Team—Update and Events

The SJAM ministry team continues to be active throughout the summer with social justice events and opportunities. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, August 12 at the Family Life Center Youth Room at 11:15 am.**

Anyone is welcome to join. SJAM continues to offer opportunities for advocacy, activism and education. If you'd like to be on our email list to receive notices, please contact Rev. Susi Kawolics (skawolics@fedchurch.org).

Recap of our May/June activities:

Members from Federated and South Euclid UCC (SEUCC) completed Phase One of *Sacred Conversations to End Racism*. The curriculum, developed by Dr. Velda Love from the National UCC office, is being rolled out nationally to all UCC churches. Rev. Delmarshae Sledge from SEUCC facilitated the group and Bill Shaul from Federated represented the 'pilot' effort for the curriculum. There were meaningful discussions and eye-opening resources. Phase Two is being finalized and additional Phase One groups will start soon. More info to come. Contact Bill at theshauls@msn.com if you are interested in participating in future groups.

About 30 people attend our "Call Me Malcolm" movie night in May. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Malcolm Himschoot in August.

We were represented at the Cleveland Pride March on June 2 in Downtown Cleveland, as well as the National Wear Orange Day and Open Mic. Thanks to all who marched in solidarity with our LGBTQ sisters and brothers, and also those who support action against gun violence.

On June 12 at noon we joined hundreds of other churches across the world in "49 Bells" – tolling the bells in memory of the 49 victims of the Pulse shooting in Florida two years ago. We also showed the DVD, "Love the Sinner," dedicated to those victims, before the bell tolling.

We supported the HOLA fundraiser on June 16, which not only raised awareness about what is happening to our Latino neighbors, but also raised money to support their organization. Thanks to all who attended and who made contributions.

During the summer, we are switching from Monday movie nights to Sunday after-worship movies or speakers, followed by discussions. Our first one was on June 24 – "Race-The Power of an Illusion" – led by Barry Stees, Dan Kershner and Bill Shaul. The documentary demonstrated how race is a relatively recent social construct and not a genetically based concept. About 15 people stayed to watch the documentary and engage in discussion afterwards.

Upcoming events for the summer:

Sunday, July 15 at 11:15 am (after worship) in the Family Life Center Youth Room – Speaker on Anti-Gun Violence

Kevin LaMonica, one of the leaders of March for Our Lives Cleveland, will be sharing his personal experience being involved in this powerful student-led movement against gun violence. March for Our Lives is a response by the students of Parkland, Florida after the school shooting that took the lives of 14 students and 3 teachers. Kevin is a rising senior at Shaker Heights High School who, along with other local students, organized March for Our Lives Cleveland. This show of solidarity on March 24 was attended by thousands, including members of our Federated Church. He continues his dedication to gun reform with a summer internship at the Begun Center for the Prevention of Violence at Case Western Reserve University.

Please join Kevin and learn more about what he and his fellow students are doing to keep the momentum going. Find out more about March For Our Lives and its nationwide summer bus tour to register young voters. You might just want to get involved!

Sunday, August 19 at 11:15 am (after worship) in the Family Life Center Youth Room – Movie TBD, Speaker: Rev. Malcolm Himschoot

Rev. Malcolm Himschoot from the UCC National offices, and the subject of the documentary "Call Me Malcolm," will be preaching during the worship service on August 19 and then stay for our program afterwards. You can watch his documentary on YouTube at tinyurl.com/callmemalcolm if you haven't had a chance to see it. More details to come.

Next Daniel Plan Sessions

Daniel Plan meetings are open to all - those who have been participating all along plus anyone who would just like to learn more about the program! Jump in at any time to learn about living a healthy lifestyle.

For the full up-to-date calendar of sessions, go to fedchurch.org/calendar or call 440.247.6490.



Sunday, July 1 | 9:00 am
Family Life Center Hearth Room
Friends Lesson One

Wednesday, July 11 | 9:00 am
Family Life Center Hearth Room
Fitness Lesson One

Sunday, July 15 | 9:00 am
Family Life Center Hearth Room
Faith Lesson One

Federated Happenings

Children's Choir

Children's Choir Director, Pat Haynish, invites *all children* in grades 1-7 to participate in the Federated Children's Choir!

Rehearsals will begin **Monday, August 27 in the Large Music Room from 4—4:45 pm**. The choir will perform about once a month and will be featured in a Christmas Musical on December 9! Choir members often use instruments, ribbons and other props to accompany their Sunday performances!

Please come and join the fun! For more information contact Pat Haynish, phaynish@sbcglobal.net.



In the Company of Women - Midsummer's Delights

Thursday, August 2 | 7:00 pm
Family Life Center Labyrinth

Come enjoy a midsummer's evening of connection and sharing. We will gather for a joy-filled exploration of God's grace in our outer world and reflections of that in our inner world.

Be refreshed and renewed in body mind and spirit. And in the knowing that, indeed, God is at work in our lives and in the world.

Give yourself the gift of sacred space with women of all ages to simply and significantly share stories, hopes, prayers and support and become refreshed by God's spirit speaking in and through each one gathered.

Please Join Polly Manke, holistic coach, and Maren Koepf, educator, as we reclaim the joy, abundance, and bounty of midsummer's delights.

Veteran's Day Honor Celebration

Do you know what a "John Wayne" is? How about "MIDRATS"? Have you ever eaten "fish eyes," "pogey," "S.O.S.," or "mystery meat"? Do you know where the term "slush fund" or "the whole nine yards" comes from? Then you or one of your loved ones must have served in the United States Military.

If you have a story to tell about your service, have a photo in uniform, a letter, news article, or memorabilia to share, we want to hear from you so that you will be recognized and honored during and after worship on **Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11**. To make things easy, you can pick up a form at the church or use the one below to help us learn a little about you or your loved one. It would be most helpful to give us a photocopy (rather than the original) of any photo or memorabilia you are sharing with us to use.

We want to make this a memorable, meaningful and informative day. Additionally, anyone willing to help set up, decorate, or serve in the "Mess Hall" after services on November 11 can contact Kathy Rayer at 440.338.5089.

Veteran's Day Information *(Return to the Church Office when complete)*

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Branch of Military: _____

Rank/Title: _____ Dates of Service: _____

If you have a story of you or your family members to share, or a photograph to add, please attach it with your form.

Mission & Service

Parish Nurse Corner

Hello generous parishioners,

With summer church services being held at the Family Life Center, I moved our donation box to the Lobby out there. The needs for summer are about the same: cooler socks (especially for men), deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, body and foot powder, soap, wipes, A&D ointment, etc. All of these items can be found at Dollar Tree—*everything* there is one dollar and most things are nearly “full-sized.”

I am thinking about starting a bus pass program, as transportation is a major issue for poor people trying to find and keep jobs. If there is some interest in contributing to this program, please indicate so on the memo line of your check by writing “Bus to Work.” A one-day pass costs \$5.50 for adults, and \$2.75 for disabled folks and seniors. This pass will enable St. Paul’s clients

to go to job interviews, and if there is enough support, to continue going to work. I will make sure any donations to this program will be used to buy and distribute bus passes for that purpose only.

Also, I want to thank our two very special volunteers who are substituting for me when I am on vacation. They are Bill Shaul, retired pediatrician, and Leslie Fincun, retired social worker. They have been a wonderful addition to our program, ensuring continuity when I am gone. Anybody from a health-related field would do very well in this role and would receive a full orientation before going solo. And I make sure supplies are purchased before I leave. Thank you to Bill and Leslie!

Any questions? Please call me at 440.655.2098.

- Kathy Kolcaba

Christmas in July Offering

To Be Collected Sunday, July 22

(Please note this date change)

The Christmas in July offering (sometimes called Veterans of the Cross Offering) is an expression of appreciation of caring to those who have served as UCC clergy (and certain lay employees) who are now retired or disabled and financially strained.

The offering helps provide pension supplements, health premium subsidies, and emergency assistance to active or retired clergy families and Christmas gifts to hundreds of UCC retirees and those who are disabled.

The Mission and Service Commission thanks you for your prayerful consideration and donations.



Ink Cartridge Recycling

Just a reminder that the Colorado Kids are part of the win-win of recycling ink jet cartridges. Don't throw them away... Recycle!

Bring the used cartridges to the church and place them in the box behind the Reception Desk in the Bell St. Lobby.

Over the last 15 years more than \$5,000 has gone to help fund the Colorado Faith Journey! That is at least one group meal a year!



Toiletries Collection

Our Summer Sunday School kids are collecting travel/hotel sized toiletries for a service project they will be doing later in the summer.

We could use your help gathering mini bottles of shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream, etc.

If you would like to contribute, there is a collection box at the Family Life Center. Thanks!



Family and Youth Ministries

Exciting News for JOY!

Happy Summer, all!

I have to share this exciting news for our 6th grade kids (and their friends) for the new program year beginning in September!

For the first time in my nearly 22 years of Youth Ministry here at Federated Church... we will be expanding JOY (Jesus Oriented Youth) to include the 6th grade class. With the exception of Chagrin Schools, 6th graders are in the junior high/middle schools in our local districts. So, this year we are widening our circle of JOY and welcoming the incoming 6th grade class.

This means that Church School on Sunday mornings for 6th, 7th and 8th grade will be with me at 11:00 am on the 3rd floor. It's a time for faith discovery and the kids will be asked to look at all the wonderful Bible stories they have been learning over the years through their

discerning "eyes" and adding to the building blocks of their faith foundation. We meet every Sunday except for Communion Sundays, since they have been through their Communion Class with Hamilton and Mark... it is time for them to participate in this sacrament.

In the afternoon on Sundays (usually) there is JOY! Our regular schedule is 5:00—6:30 pm at the Family Life Center. Lots of fun games, serious discussions and food... (Pizza is a favorite)! The JOY year is filled with lots of mission opportunities and great ways to connect our daily lives with our faith!

The JOY advisors and I are really looking forward to the 6th grade kids being a part of our Sundays!

Peace,
- Marty Culbertson, Director of Jr. High Programming



**Summer Sunday School at the Family Life Center -
Our Summer ENJOYING God.
"This is the day the Lord has made,
let us REJOICE and be glad in it."**

Sunday School is ALL NEW, outside, hands on and full of JOY as we discover the Spirit of God in unusual ways.

Dress for the weather, meet us in the Art Room at 10:00 am and find us outside at the end of service. (In case of inclement weather, we will be inside for the entire hour.)

July 1: enJOYing God in Ourselves

July 8: enJOYing God with Friends

July 15: enJOYing God through Color

July 22: enJOYing God through Art and Nature

July 29: enJOYing God with the "forgotten senses" (touch, taste, smell)

August 5: TBA

August 12: TBA

August 19: TBA

August 26: TBA

September 2: No Sunday School

September 9: Rally Day!
The new program year begins.

Family and Youth Ministries

This Month in **KIDS COVE SUNDAY SCHOOL (BIRTH - PRE-K)**

	Theme		
JULY 1	God Bless Our Country	JULY 29	God Made the Weather
JULY 8	God Made Our Church	AUGUST 5	God Made Dinosaurs
JULY 15	God Made Me	AUGUST 12	God Made Oceans
JULY 22	God Made Families	AUGUST 19	God Made Bugs
		AUGUST 26	God Made Space

Kids Cove nursery will be available all summer at the Family Life Center for little ones up through pre-school age.

Please drop off and pick up in the Toddler Room.

Highlights from Summer Sunday School





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Hamilton Throckmorton, *Senior Pastor*
Mark Simone, *Associate Pastor, Family Ministries*
* Susi Kawolics, *Associate Pastor, Worship Planning & Faith Formation*

Administration and Staff

Amy Eugene, *Senior Director of Operations*
Melinda Smith, *Congregational Life Administrator*
* Trisha Holland, *Marketing & Communications Specialist*
* Darlene Nichols, *Pastoral Care Administrator*
* Dolly Herschel, *Primetime Coordinator*
* Laura Taylor, *Capital Campaign Assistant*
* Larry McGurer, * Jimmy Morris, Jake Magalski,
* Wilson Taylor (temp), *Custodians*

Music Staff

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

Children's Ministries Staff

* Marty Culbertson, *Director Junior High Youth Program*
* Kiersti Critchfield, *Co-Director of Children's Ministries, Birth-6*
* Alex Bell, Lianna Davis, Trisha Holland, *Childcare Providers*
* denotes part-time staff

The Family Life Center

**The premier Chagrin Valley venue
for all of your events**

Weddings Receptions Celebrations

- Centrally located in the beautiful Chagrin Valley
- Multi purpose hall with 6,000 sq. feet
- Full service commercial kitchen with outside catering available
- 40 wooded acres, waterfall, extensive perennial gardens

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