



# FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ  
An Open and Affirming Congregation

September 9  
**Welcome!**

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

**Rally Day**  
is family fun day  
Sunday, September 9 - 11am-1pm

Lunch will include:  
Veggie Burgers,  
Beef Burgers and Hot Dogs  
Grilled to perfection!  
veggies and beverages.

CHURCH PICNIC AND FUN  
BEGINS IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
(ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM)

FRESHLY MADE DONUTS AND SUNDAES FROM THE  
**DONUT LAB**  
MINI DONUTS ON DEMAND

Cartoonist by:  
**RANHILE**

We will create a giant mural using  
Chalk on the pavement!  
Drawings of Church Life  
Family, Faith and Fun!

**BUBBLES!**  
LOTS of BUBBLES!

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

\*\*All worship services are currently being held at the Family life Center: 16349 Chillicothe Road.\*\*

### Sunday, September 16

10 am  
Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
Worship and Sunday School  
at the Family Life Center  
*Music by Combined Choirs*

### September 16 - Lectionary Readings

Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-9  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

### Sunday, September 23

10 am  
Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
Worship and Sunday School  
in Fellowship Hall (Bell Street)  
*Music by Children's Choir*

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Please note that on September 23 we will be worshipping at Bell Street \*\*\*

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*  
\* **Bridget Petitti (temp)**, *Marketing & Communications Specialist*  
\* **Dolly Herschel**, *Primetime Coordinator*  
\* **Darlene Nichols**, *Pastoral Care Administrator*  
\* **Laura Taylor**, *Capital Campaign Assistant*  
**Ed Willmott**, *Properties & Events Manager*  
**Jake Magalski**, \* **Larry McGurer**,  
\* **Wilson Taylor (temp)**, *Custodians*

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

**Children's Ministries Staff**  
\* **Marty Culbertson**, *Director of Youth Faith Formation*  
\* **Kiersti Critchfield**, *Director of Children's Faith Formation*  
\* **Alex Bell**, **Lianna Davis**, *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.



## New Phone Extensions for Staff

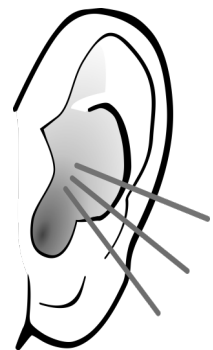
With our new phone system, we have new extensions to go with it.

You can reach the following members of staff by calling **440.247.6490** and entering the extension number.

**Hamilton Throckmorton**—ext. 100  
**Mark Simone**—ext. 101  
**Susi Kawolics**—ext. 102  
**Darlene Nichols**—ext. 103  
**Amy Eugene**—ext. 110  
**Melinda Smith**—ext. 111  
**Ed Willmott**—ext. 112  
**Bridget Petitti**—ext. 113  
**Business Office**—ext. 114  
**Laura Taylor**—ext. 115  
**Joshua Konow**—ext. 120  
**Kiersti Critchfield**—ext. 130  
**Marty Culbertson**—ext. 131  
**Dolly Herschel**—ext. 133

## We Hear You!

We hear your concerns over sound quality at the Family Life Center worship services and appreciate your patience while we work on options for better sound!



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## Important Update: Fall Worship Continues at the Family Life Center



Due to capital campaign construction at Bell Street, we will continue to hold worship services at 10am at the Family Life Center through **October 28th**.

**\*\*Please note that worship will be at Bell St on September 23rd\*\***

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## October SPIRE Deadline

Do you have something you'd like to see appear in the next edition of the SPIRE? Please email your information to Bridget Petitti at [communications@fedchurch.org](mailto:communications@fedchurch.org) by **Saturday, September 15** and include "SPIRE" in the subject line. Thank you!

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## Marketing Communications Coverage

While Trisha Holland is away on maternity leave, Bridget Davis Petitti will be keeping up with our communications and marketing projects. Please continue to send all bulletin and communications related items to

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## RISE Task Force Update

Help Us to Re-Imagine the Sunday Experience!

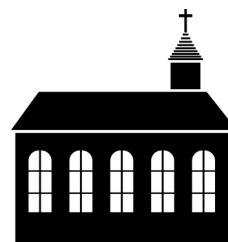
Members of the RISE\* Task Force have been relentless in their search for ways to inspire the kind of Sunday Experience that cultivates a rich sense of the presence of God and meets the spiritual needs of our community.

We are in an information-gathering mode. Since our last communication, several prototypes have been presented to various commissions, congregants, and friends of Federated. Feedback and suggestions from all have been incorporated into the prototypes.

These prototypes will be available for your perusal after worship the three Sundays after Rally Day (September 16th, 23rd and 30th). You can view the different prototypes and offer your support and additional input for aspects and options you hope we pursue!

### \*RISE = Re-Imagining the Sunday Experience

For more information contact Maren Koepf at [marenkoepf@gmail.com](mailto:marenkoepf@gmail.com), Sharon Bakke at [sharen.bakke@gmail.com](mailto:sharen.bakke@gmail.com), or Curtis Grube at [curtisgrube@yahoo.com](mailto:curtisgrube@yahoo.com)





## Capital Campaign Projects Update

When all is said and done, this is going to look spectacular! So much brighter, cleaner and open with the new layout and the windows no longer covered. The new hardwood floor will protect the 130+ Mark the Chancel faith journey tributes that our congregation wrote in August. God is our foundation through this church!



### Altar Flower Donors Needed

There is an opportunity to donate altar flowers for **Sunday, September 16th**. This is a lovely way to honor or memorialize a loved one. You may take the flowers with you after the service or the Angel Flower Ministry can rearrange them into smaller bouquets and deliver them to those who may need a little cheer. Please contact **Sue Mansour** at (440) 668-9399 or [sueman@roadrunner.com](mailto:sueman@roadrunner.com), **no later than Monday, September 10th, please.**

### Flower Vases Wanted

The Angel Flower Ministry rearranges donated Altar Flowers and delivers them after worship on Sundays. Each year we deliver more than 250 arrangements.

We are in need of vases 9" or less in height with an opening that is no more than 2" wide; bud vases are perfect! Please leave donations in the plastic container near the front door of the Family Life Center on Sunday mornings. Contact **Peggie Jo Shinagawa** at 440.543.5974 or [pjshinagawa@windstream.net](mailto:pjshinagawa@windstream.net).

## Next Daniel Plan Sessions

Thursday, September 13 | 9:00 am  
Family Life Center Youth Room  
*Faith Lesson One*

Sunday, September 16 | 9:00 am  
Family Life Center Hearth Room  
*Friends Lesson Two*

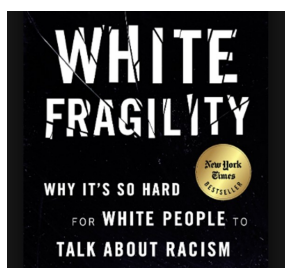
Jump in at any time to learn about living a healthy lifestyle. Everyone is welcome - those who have been participating all along plus those who would just like to learn more about the program!

Go to [fedchurch.org/calendar](http://fedchurch.org/calendar) or call 440.247.6490 for the full up-to-date calendar of sessions.

## Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, September 16 | 11:15 am  
Family Life Center Youth Room

SJAM offers opportunities for advocacy, activism and education. All are invited to attend our meetings! Also, we will resume our monthly movie and discussion nights on the third Mondays beginning **September 17th** at 7pm in the Family Life Center Youth Room. Barry Stees will lead the discussion on a condensed showing of "White Fragility".



If you'd like to be on our email list to receive notices, please contact Rev. Susi Kawolics, [skawolics@fedchurch.org](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org), or 440.247.6490 x 102.

**It's Here!**

## The Colorado Kids Scramble Golf Outing

At Pleasant Hills

Sunday, September 23

Tee times start at 1:15 pm

**A great afternoon of golf, food and prizes!**

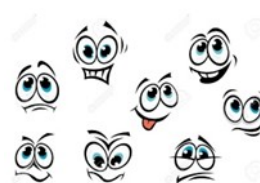
**Cost is \$95 per golfer.**

**Support the kids and this amazing faith journey.**

Contact Marty at [mculbert@fedchurch.org](mailto:mculbert@fedchurch.org)

## GROUP Kick-Off

Sunday, September 16 | 6:00 pm  
Family Life Center



### High School Youth!

We will be looking for you at the GROUP Kick-Off Party at the Family Life Center on Sunday, September 16 from 6 to 8pm. GROUP is for all teens 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Really wacky games, food and a peek at our new year. Plus, we welcome our awesome freshmen to GROUP.

## Fall Sunday School Starts Today!



*"This is the day the Lord has made, let us REJOICE and be glad in it."*

Today marks the beginning of Fall Sunday School for our K-5 graders!

Sunday School for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade youth will start on September 16th during 10am worship at the Family Life Center.

## Confirmation Information Meeting

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 11:30 in the Youth Room at the FLC.

Confirmation is offered for all Federated teens, 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Classes will begin in October.

Families are welcome as we lay out the entire confirmation program and schedule, and answer any questions you may have.

Please RSVP to Mark Simone at [msimone@fedchurch.org](mailto:msimone@fedchurch.org)

## Fed Family Dinner and a Movie

Saturday, September 29 | 5:00 pm  
Home of the LeFeber Family

Come share a meal with other Federated families. Stay for a kiddo friendly movie downstairs and a thoughtful, spiritually-natured film for discussion upstairs. Childcare will be arranged if needed.

Contact Kristin LeFeber, [kristinlefeber@gmail.com](mailto:kristinlefeber@gmail.com), 703.434.9851 for more information and to RSVP.

## This Week In Sunday School

Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Colorific	Moses in the Sea Exodus 3:17-18, 14	God keeps His promises	Extravagant Welcome	Early Believers Acts 2:43-47 4:32-37	All are welcome at church

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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***

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## SUNDAY September 9

**10:00 am** *Rally Day Worship Service*  
**10:00 am** *Sunday School*  
**11:00 am** *Rally Day Picnic*  
**11:00 am** *SJAM Racial Justice Group Mtg*  
**8:15 pm** *AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg*

## MONDAY September 10

**8:00 am** *Spirit Walk & Roll*  
10:00 am Primetime Pillows for Hospice  
10:00 am Primetime Tai-Chi  
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg  
**1:30 pm** *Primetime Federated Forum*  
**3:15 pm** *Primetime Ministry Team Mtg*  
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
**7:00 pm** *Congregational Care Commission Mtg*

## TUESDAY September 11

**8:00 am** *Spirit Walk & Roll*  
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg  
**10:00 am** *Tributaries: Yoga*  
6:30 pm Spiritual Formation Commission Mtg  
**7:00 pm** *AA Fireside Mtg*  
7:00 pm Mission & Service Commission Mtg

## WEDNESDAY September 12

**7:30 am** *Contemplative Prayer*  
**8:00 am** *Spirit Walk & Roll*  
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg  
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
**7:00 pm** *Stephen Ministry Mtg*  
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg  
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg  
**8:00 pm** *Al-Anon Regular Mtg*

## THURSDAY September 13

**8:00 am** *Spirit Walk & Roll*  
8:30 am Men's Discussion Group  
9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group  
**9:00 am** *Daniel Plan Extended Session*  
**9:30 am** *Sit & Stitch*  
**10:30 am** *Tributaries: Chair Pilates*  
**6:00 pm** *Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg*  
6:30 pm ACA Mtg  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY September 14

**8:00 am** *Spirit Walk & Roll*  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
12:00 pm Friday Big Book AA Mtg  
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

## SATURDAY September 15

11:00 am Memorial Service for Faye Weber  
3:30 pm Memorial Service for Dottie Berlincourt

## SUNDAY September 16

**9:00 am** *Daniel Plan Extended Session*  
**10:00 am** *Worship Service*  
**10:00 am** *Sunday School*  
**10:00 am** *Jr High Sunday School*  
**11:00 am** *RISE Worship Prototype Perusal*  
**11:15 am** *SJAM Mtg*  
**1:00 pm** *Memorial Service for John Elliott*  
**6:00pm** *High School Youth GROUP Kick-Off Picnic*  
**8:15 pm** *AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg*

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

Friends and family of **Dottie Berlincourt** who passed away on August 21. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 15 at 3:30 pm in the Bell Street Chapel.

**Joan Elliott**, 34300 Brookmeade Court, Apt. 115, Solon, OH 44139, on the death of her husband, **John Elliott**, on August 28. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 16 at 1:00 pm at the Family Life Center.

**Bill Lentz**, 8211 Fairmount Road, Novelty, OH, who is recovering after being hospitalized.

**George Tesar**, 110 Quail Hollow Drive, Moreland Hills, OH 44022 who is now recovering from lung surgery related to a bicycle accident in July.

Friends and family of **Faye Weber** who passed away on July 22. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 15 at 11:00 am in the Bell Street Chapel.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Pat Haynish** and **Thaddeus Quintin**.

For September, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Family Promise of Greater Cleveland**.

**Fellowship Treats:** Thanks to **our congregation** for providing today's treats. Please join us after worship and enjoy! Each week, our members are invited to bring treats to share. Starting September 16 we will return to an alphabetical rotation. Please bring ready-to-serve finger foods in disposable containers. They can be set on the treat table in the Chapel area. Healthy choices are especially welcome, but please *no nuts*. Thank you in advance for your participation.

September 16 — **members with last names beginning L or M**

September 23 — **members with last names beginning N, O, P, Q, or R** **\*\* (Reminder: Worship is at Bell St)**

September 30 — **members with last names beginning S or T**

Join us after service today for family fun day !

There will be plenty of food, games and special attractions, and most of all, time for fellowship and fun! We're looking forward to seeing **YOU** there!

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