



FEDERATED CHURCH
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

September 16
Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

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

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.

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, September 23-Worship at Bell St
Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
10 am Worship and Sunday School
in Fellowship Hall and Classrooms
Music by Children's Choir

September 23 - Lectionary Readings
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22
Psalm 54
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 30-October 28
****Worship services return to the Family Life
Center: 16349 Chillicothe Road ****

Sunday, September 30
Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
10 am Worship and Sunday School
at the Family Life Center
Music by Combined Choirs

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.



Sermon Series for September: The Phoenix Affirmations

The vision for Federated Church this year is "Behold how they love one another." In keeping with this theme, our worship planning team has decided to offer a sermon series on The Phoenix Affirmations – a set of twelve principles based on the greatest commandment: Love God, Love Self and Love Neighbor.

The Phoenix Affirmations were created to articulate a vision for what the Christian faith is called to stand for. These twelve principles fall into groups of four under the headings of the Three Great Loves identified by Jesus. For a full version of these affirmations, visit:

progressivechristianity.org/resources/the-phoenix-affirmations-full-version/

We will be looking at these through the lectionary readings on the following Sundays:

September 16 – Love of God—James 3:1-12
September 23 – Love of Self — James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a
September 30 – Love of Neighbor— James 5:13-20
October 7 – Recap of Affirmations for World Communion Sunday — Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Please join us for this series as we delve deeper into how to live in Christian love for God, for ourselves, and for others. May we take these commandments so to heart that the world might say – "Behold, how they love one another."



Important Note: Worship at Bell St on September 23



Worship service will be at **Bell St next week, September 23**. Join us at 10am in Fellowship Hall, and take the opportunity to tour the renovations to the Sanctuary after the service.

We will return to the Family Life Center on September 30 at 10am, and continue to worship there through October 28.

RISE Task Force Update

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

Members of the RISE Task Force have been searching 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.

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 16, 23 and 30).

For more information contact Maren Koepf at marenkoepf@gmail.com, Sharon Bakke at sharen.bakke@gmail.com, or Curtis Grube at curtisgrube@yahoo.com

Fall Adult Education Offering: Spiritual Autobiography

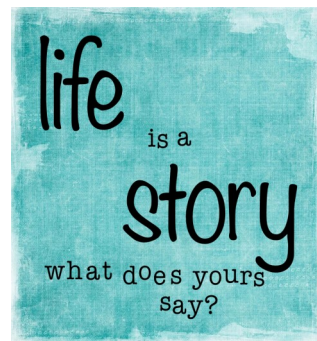
One of the exciting opportunities of faith is discerning the presence of God in the stories of our lives. How has God shown up for you? In what ways might you have experienced doubts? Where was God in the wonders and struggles of childhood; in decisions about where to live and what to do for work; in the meeting of a life partner; in your relationship with your children; in the death of a dear friend or relative?

This gathering, led by Hamilton Throckmorton, is an opportunity for you to tell the story of your life, uninterrupted, and to see it with the eyes of faith. You will also have the chance to hear the stories of others, and to respond with support and love.

The class will meet on five successive **Thursday evenings, from October 11—November 8, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Lounge at Bell Street**. To attend, you will need to register by calling Hamilton (440.247.6490 ext. 100).

Registration will be limited to eight participants. Because of the nature of the class, drop-ins are not possible: each participant will commit to attend every session. If you know you have other commitments on one or more of the evenings, it will be necessary to wait until the class is offered again.

Sign up now! You'll be glad you did.





Capital Campaign Projects Update

Using various gifts of support, we are – *together* – making the capital campaign projects possible. That support continues to come in all shapes and sizes: praying, volunteering, leading, and financially committing. *Each type of support* is just as important as the other and our church is blessed to be the recipient of them all.

The Lobby, Fellowship Hall, and other areas on that level are being painted, and the Sanctuary is being prepped for the same.

Much as we might not be comfortable with it, God rarely puts us on a straight and narrow path. Our Capital Campaign Projects are no exception! Please keep Keith Mast, Rebecca Gruss, Paul Koepf, and Amy Eugene in your *prayers* as they juggle the ins and outs of all of our current capital projects. Your thanks and confidence bolsters them forward!



The 2018 Christmas Eve Offering

Each Christmas Eve, the Federated Church collects a special offering to benefit an organization, based locally, nationally, or globally, whose specific goals are to improve the lives of those in need, in turn enriching our world. We welcome proposals for one-time funding support to help with capital projects, program development, enhancement or expansion. The Christmas Eve offering is just the beginning of what we hope will be a year-long partnership of mission engagement with the recipient.

You will find the application at fedchurch.org/ministries/xmaseve.

It must be completed and received in the Church Office by **Monday, October 22, at 5:00 pm** to be considered.

If you have questions, please contact Marty Culbertson at mculbert@fedchurch.org

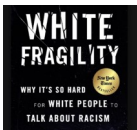
GROUP Kick-Off

TODAY, 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 from 6 to 8pm. GROUP is for all teens 9th grade and up. Really wacky games, food and a peek at our new year. Plus, we welcome our awesome freshmen to GROUP.



SJAM Movie Night

Monday, September 17 | 7 pm
Family Life Center Youth Room

The **Social Justice Advocacy Ministry** will resume its monthly movie and discussion nights on the third Monday of each month beginning **September 17** from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Family Life Center Youth Room.

We will show video of Robin DiAngelo's speech on "*White Fragility -- Or Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism.*" **Dr. Velda Love**, the UCC's Minister for Racial Justice will lead our discussion. Refreshments will be served.

Additionally, we will be meeting after service **today** at 11:15 in the Youth Room .

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



New Members Class [aka Inquirers Class]

Saturday, October 13 | 9:00am-2pm
Bell Street

Our next new members' class, also known as an Inquirers Class, is coming up soon. If you are new to Federated you won't want to miss this opportunity to explore the programs and purpose of The Federated Church, and to take a fresh look at the meaning of Christ for our times.

Classes are held in the Fall and the Spring. For the fall class the content is streamlined so that it fits into a single day. This is a great option for young parents who find it difficult to attend the spring evening classes. Lunch will be served and childcare is available upon request. Those who attend the class and wish to join Federated will be received into membership on **Sunday, October 21**.

Sign up by calling the church at 440.247.6490 or by e-mailing Melinda Smith at smithm@fedchurch.org

Neighbors in Need Offering To Be Collected Sunday, October 7

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systematic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the NIN offering.

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, 703.434.9851
kristinlefeber@gmail.com, for
more information and to RSVP.



Confirmation Information Meeting

Sunday, September 30 from 11 to 11:30
in the Youth Room at the Family Life
Center

Confirmation is offered for all Federated teens, 9th 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

"Cleveland's Storyteller"

Wednesday, October 10

7pm Family Life Center Great Hall

A Special Event will be held to benefit the Homeless Standdown Program featuring Cleveland Storyteller Keynote Series, our own Federated member, Dan Ruminski. Listen while Dan entertains you with engaging stories of the leaders who defined Cleveland's history of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Find out how they lived, learn their lessons and listen to behind the scenes stories that illuminate a thriving time in local history!

No ticket required, all are welcome! A free will offering will be collected at the door and light snacks will be served.

For more information or questions, contact Cathy Watterson, 216.978.1037

This Week In Sunday School

Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Colorific	Abraham and Sarah Genesis 12	God keeps His promises	Extravagant Welcome	Labyrinths John 14:6	All are welcome to walk the labyrinth



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 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
2:00 pm Memorial Service for John Elliott
6:00pm High School Youth GROUP Kick-Off Picnic
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY September 21

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

MONDAY September 17

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
10:00 am Primetime Tai-Chi
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm SJAM Movie Night

SATURDAY September 22

11:00 am Junior High Youth Group Trip to Cedar Point

TUESDAY September 18

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
6:00 pm Worship & Music Commission Mtg
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg
7:00 pm Men's Third Tuesday

SUNDAY September 23- ***Worship at Bell St

10:00 am Worship Service at Bell St
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Jr High Sunday School-cancelled
11:00 am RISE Worship Prototype Perusal
11:00 am Tours of Bell St Renovations
1:15 pm Colorado Kids Scramble Golf Tournament
6:30 pm High School Youth GROUP
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

WEDNESDAY September 19

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
11:30 am Primetime Trip Around Chagrin
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Membership Committee Mtg
7:00 pm Telling Our Story Commission 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 20

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 Tributaries: Chair Pilates
6:00 pm Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg

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

Joan Elliott, 34300 Brookmeade Court, Apt. 115, Solon, OH 44139, on the death of her husband, **John Elliott** on August 28. His Memorial Service will be held this afternoon at the Family Life Center at 2:00 pm.

Chuck King, IV, 7510 Chagrin Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023, who is hospitalized.

Sandra Meyer, 1106 Sheerbrook Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, who will begin treatment for breast cancer this month.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Marty Culbertson** and **Kiersti Critchfield**.

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**.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are in celebration of Martine Scheuermann's birthday. Happy Birthday, Martine! In love and faith, Marty.

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

Fellowship Treats: Thanks to families in our congregation **whose names begin with L or M** for providing today's treats. Please join us after worship and enjoy!

Each week, certain members are 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 the Chapel area. Healthy choices are especially welcome, but please *no nuts*. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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**

October 7 - **member with last names beginning U, V, W, X, Y or Z**

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