



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

September 23
Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Confirmation Information Meeting

Sunday, September 30 | 11 am
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 to the meeting 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

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

September 30-October 28

****Worship services return to the Family Life Center: 16349 Chillicothe Road ****

Sunday, September 30

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am
Worship and Sunday School
at the Family Life Center

Music by Combined Choirs

September 30 - Lectionary Readings

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Sunday, October 7

World Communion Sunday

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches

Communion is served

10 am
Worship and Sunday School
at the Family Life Center

Music by the Bell 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, *Pastor of Children's, Youth & Family Faith Formation*

* **Susi Kawolics**, *Pastor of Worship Planning & Adult 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—Mark 12:28-34

September 23 – Love of Self — Matthew 22:34-40

September 30 – Love of Neighbor— Luke 10:25-37

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: We will return to the Family Life Center for worship on September 30



Worship service will be at the Family Life Center next week at 10am. Worship will continue at the Family Life Center 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 today in the Lounge and next Sunday in the Family Life Center Hearth Room.

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

Fall Adult Education Offering: Spiritual Autobiography

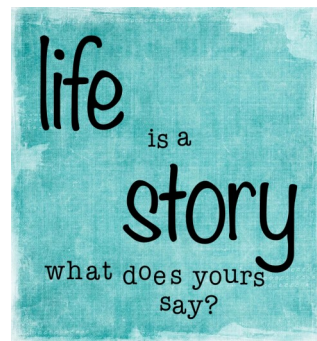
One of the exciting opportunities of faith is discerning the presence of God in the stories of our lives. How has God shown up for you? In what ways might you have experienced doubts? Where was God in the wonders and struggles of childhood; in decisions about where to live and what to do for work; in 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.

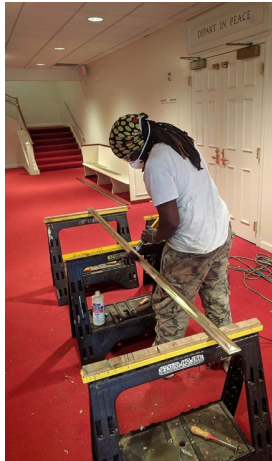
Sign up now! You'll be glad you did.





Capital Campaign Projects Update

Polishing of the Brass Railings was one of the *R&R* Campaign Gift Opportunities available to donors. Those different opportunities allowed people the unique chance to associate their gifts with a portion of the campaign. This particular Gift Opportunity was funded and the polishing is currently underway. In addition, the Sanctuary pews have been moved to the now-protected Chancel hardwood floor in order to accommodate the equipment needed to perform plasterwork on our Sanctuary ceiling.



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



"Cleveland's Storyteller"

Wednesday, October 10 | 7 pm
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 friend, 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



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.



Federated Forum

Monday, October 8 | 1:30 pm
Family Life Center

Presenter: Carol Lucas — "Walt's World"

For 43 years, Walt Disney gave us more than 100 award – winning films, documentaries and television shows and built an empire that lives today. In this Fascinating Lives and Legacies presentation by Carol Lucas, we'll learn about Walt's life and times, view his early cartoons and see how he and his peers worked their magic.

Come join us for a fun time as we learn about Walt's life and accomplishments. Who knows, maybe we'll get to know Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse "up close and personal!"



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.



Primetime Luncheon

Thursday, September 27 | 12:30 pm

Family Life Center

Join us for lunch and entertainment provided by Ron Papaleo, vocalist & keyboard. Ron Papaleo is a veteran musician and music educator with more than 40 years of experience.

For more information check September's edition of the Primetime newsletter.



This Week In Sunday School



| Theme | Bible Story | Truth | Theme | Bible Story | Truth |
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| Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool) | | | Discovery Island (K-5th Grade) | | |
| Colorific | Noah (God's Plan) Genesis 6:8-33, 7:1-24 | God keeps His promises | Extravagant Welcome | Prayer Jeremiah 29:12 | All are welcome to walk the labyrinth |

Parents can pick up their children after Sunday School in Room 220

Next Daniel Plan Sessions

Sunday, September 30 | 9:00 am
Family Life Center Hearth Room
Faith Lesson Two

Wednesday, October 3 | 9:00 am
Family Life Center Hearth Room
Food Lesson Two

Sunday, October 14 | 9:00 am
Family Life Center Hearth Room
Food Lesson Three

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 or call 440.247.6490 for the full up-to-date calendar of sessions.



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 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
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr High Youth Group) Mtg
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY September 24

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

TUESDAY September 25

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg

WEDNESDAY September 26

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg
5:15 pm Same Boat Friends Carpool to Dinner
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
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 27

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
8:00 am SPIRE Newsletter Preparation
8:30 am Men's Discussion Group
9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group
9:30 am Sit & Stitch
10:30 am Tributaries: Chair Pilates
12:00 pm Primetime Luncheon
6:00 pm Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY September 28

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

SATURDAY September 29

8:00 am Council and Staff Breakfast & Retreat
5:00 pm Fed Family Dinner & A Movie-Away

SUNDAY September 30—Worship at Family Life Center

9:00 am Daniel Plan Extended Session
10:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Jr High Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Confirmation Information Mtg
11:00 am RISE Worship Prototype Perusal
12:15 pm Church Council Special Mtg
5:00 pm JOY (Jr High Youth Group) Mtg
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr High Youth Group) Mtg
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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

Tom Fulton and Kathy Hardesty, 7459 Girdle Road, West Farmington, OH 44491 and Dave and **Jane Wegener**, 16750 Lucky Bell Lane, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023, on the death of Tom and **Jane's** mother, **Marty Fulton** on September 16. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 11 at 3:30 pm in the Bell Street Chapel.

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

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**.

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 in memory of Kitty Anderson and to honor Kitty and Don's marriage 64 years ago on September 25, 1954.

Fellowship Treats: Thanks to families in our congregation **whose names begin with N, O, P, Q or R** 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 30 - **members with last names beginning S or T**
October 7 - **members with last names beginning U, V, W, X, Y or Z**
October 14 - **members with last names beginning A or B**

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