



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

September 30
Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Confirmation Information Meeting TODAY

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 attend the meeting as we lay out the entire confirmation program and schedule, and answer any questions you may have.

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

September 30-October 28

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

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

October 7 - Lectionary Readings

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalms 26

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 8

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 14

Rev. Nayiri Karjian, General Minister of EOA/WRA of the UCC 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, *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:

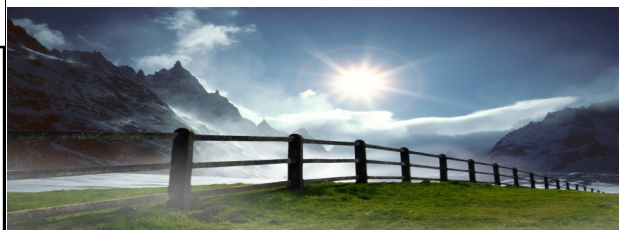
progressivechristianity.org/resources/the-phoenix-affirmations-full-version/

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

September 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."



A Message from Hamilton

Hamilton Throckmorton will be on study leave this week, and back in the office on October 9.

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 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



Federated Day Mission MEDWISH

Saturday, October 6 | 8:30 am

Our first Day Mission for this new programming year will be held on Saturday, October 6. We will be meeting at Bell St at 8:30 am and returning a little after noon. We will assist in unloading, packing, and distributing medical supplies.

We are limited to 20 people total, with a minimum age of 13. If you would like to attend or receive more details, contact Mark Simone msimone@fedchurch.org

Fall Adult Education Offering: Spiritual Autobiography

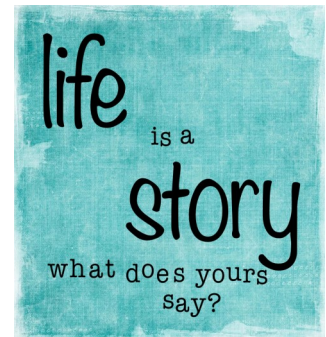
One of the exciting opportunities of faith is discerning the presence of God in the stories of our lives. How has God shown up for you? In what ways might you have experienced doubts? Where was God in the wonders and struggles of childhood; in decisions about where to live and what to do for work; in 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 has been the name of the game this week! More brass hand-railings are being polished and we are taking advantage of the absence of the pews to prep the Sanctuary linoleum floor for polishing and finishing. The machine Ed is operating in the photo below uses 250 pounds of pressure to clean and strip the floor of old wax in preparation for a new seal.



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



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.

**we can
help**

Cleveland's Storyteller

Wednesday, October 10th | 7pm
Family Life Center Great Hall

A benefit event for the 2019 Homeless Stand Down



Dan Ruminski
will entertain with engaging stories of the leaders who defined Cleveland's Gilded Age. All proceeds will be donated to the 2019 Homeless Stand Down.

- No ticket required, bring your friends and family!
- A free will offering will be collected at the door
- Light snacks will be served
- We will also be collecting **winter jackets, winter boots, and winter gloves in good condition**

For more information or questions, contact
Cathy Watterson,
216.978.1037



Homeless Stand Down
The Homeless Stand Down (HSD) is a one-day event providing access to resources for individuals and families facing poverty and homelessness. The Homeless Stand Down provides homeless individuals, families, and veterans a day of respite from the elements, renewal of the human spirit, and reconnection to needed services that assist in the totality of human wellness and sustainability.



New Members Class Iaka Inquirers Class!

Saturday, October 13 | 9am-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

Fed Family Campout

Saturday, October 13 | 4 pm
The LeFeber Home

Come enjoy all the fun of camping without actually camping! We will have lawn games, hiking, cozy fall food, a camp fire program and a tree house. Enjoy quality time together as Federated Families!

RSVP: Kristin LeFeber,
kristinlefeber@gmail.com,
703.434.9851.



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!"



This Week In Sunday School



Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Colorific	Noah (God's Promise) Genesis 8:1-9, 17	God keeps His promises	Extravagant Welcome	Communion Matthew 26:17-30	All are welcome to Communion

Next Daniel Plan Sessions

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 30

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*

MONDAY October 1

8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
10:00 am *Primetime Tai-Chi*
4:00 pm *Children's Choir Rehearsal*
7:00 pm *Advent by Candlelight Planning Mtg*

TUESDAY October 2

8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
9:30 am *Pastoral Care Mtg*
10:00 am *Tributaries: Yoga*
12:30 pm *Primetime Bridge*
7:00 pm *AA Fireside Mtg*

WEDNESDAY October 3

7:30 am *Contemplative Prayer*
8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll*
9:00 am *Daniel Plan Extended Session*
12:00 pm *Twelve to One AA Mtg*
5:15 pm *Same Boat Friends Carpool to Dinner*
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 October 4

8:00 am *Spirit Walk & Roll-cancelled*
8:30 am *Men's Discussion Group*
9:00 am *Ladies Prayer Group*
9:30 am *Sit & Stitch*
10:30 am *Tributaries: Chair Pilates*
5:30 pm *Chagrin Documentary Film Fest Screening*
6:00 pm *Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg*
6:30 pm *ACA Mtg*
7:00 pm *Choir Rehearsal*

FRIDAY October 5

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*

SATURDAY October 6

8:30 am *Federated Day Mission Departs*

SUNDAY October 7

10:00 am *Worship Service*
10:00 am *Sunday School*
11:15 am *SJAM Mtg*
2:00 pm *Chagrin Documentary Film Fest Screening*
5:00 pm *JOY (Jr High Youth Group) Mtg*
5:45 pm *GROUP Leadership Team 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....*

Joyce Moore, 1297 Bell Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, who will begin treatment for cancer.

Don Sperry, 507-5 Deer Run, Aurora, OH 44202, who will be having a knee replacement on October 4.

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

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:

Bob Abley, Jeanette Barclay, Mary Ann Boysen, Paul Neidhardt, Marge Overman, Carol Poe.

Fellowship Treats: Thanks to families in our congregation **whose names begin with S or T** 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.

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

October 14 - **members with last names beginning A or B**

October 21 - **members with last names beginning C or D**

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