



February 2019

# THE SPIRE

## THE FEDERATED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

### RECLAIMING THE PUBLIC FORUM FOSTERING FAMILY CONVERSATIONS ON DIFFICULT TOPICS

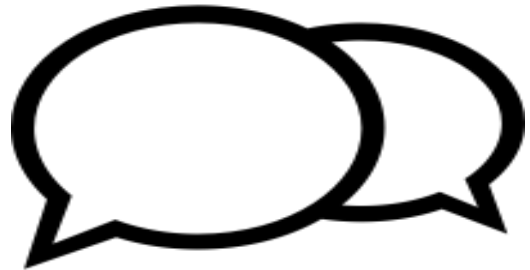
~~Wednesday, January 30~~ | 7:00-8:30 pm

Bell Street, Fellowship Hall

POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER.  
NEW DATE IS  
MONDAY, APRIL 29

You are invited to a discussion exploring how to approach difficult topics with children. The news seems to be dominated by disturbing events: school shootings, family separations at the border and weather catastrophes. It can be difficult to have an honest conversation when we don't completely understand ourselves.

Please join us as we explore age-appropriate ways to broach these subjects, address anxiety, reconcile the role of faith in these events and help kids find their own way to make a tangible difference.



**Speakers: Dr. Tira Stebbins and Rev. Mark Simone**

*Childcare for school-age children will be available.*

*Please RSVP for childcare reservations to Kiersti Critchfield at [kcritchfield@fedchurch.org](mailto:kcritchfield@fedchurch.org).*

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, February 10 | 12:45 pm | Bell St. Sanctuary**

The church's Annual Meeting will be held on February 10.

A meal will be provided prior to the meeting starting at 11:30 as a fundraiser by the Colorado Kids.

**Your presence is important!** We need a quorum of 100 members to approve the 2019 budget and candidates for leadership positions throughout the church.

## Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign Update

We are so thankful for the successful Christmas season in our new space and are basking in the glow of the finished capital projects that are a result of the Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign. Because of how wonderfully crazy the construction was during the spring, summer and fall, we all enjoyed a capital project break during the holiday season.

In the meantime, the campaign office continues to work on the stewardship of funds that have been committed. In the two months since our "Return to Bell" Sunday on November 18, the church processed \$239,770 in payments, which leaves \$670,000 in pledge payments outstanding. The list of pending projects, awaiting these funds and already designated funds, will be presented at the Annual Meeting held on February 10.



It was a pleasure working with the 2018 Properties Committee members, as well as the finance and operating staff, and we look forward to working with the 2019 group this year.

## How to be a Good Neighbor

On MLK Jr. Day, about 25 Federated members gathered at Mt. Zion UCC for a potluck lunch and discussion. We received an extravagant welcome from about as many members of the Mt. Zion congregation. After dropping off dishes for the lunch and greeting one another, Reverend Paul Hobson Sadler encouraged us to go to the buffet by tables.

After the lunch, two facilitators led us in small group discussions on the topic of "How to Be a Good Neighbor,"

using the story of the Good Samaritan and Jesus's Great Commandment from Matthew's Gospel. Representatives from each group relayed comments and stories.

We are excited about the choir exchanges in services coming up. On February 24, Federated's Choir will join Mt. Zion for worship. On March 3 we will host the choir from Mt. Zion at our 10 am service.



# From Hamilton's Desk

Dear Friends,

Several weeks ago, I attended a conference led by Lutheran minister Peter Marty, who is also the editor and publisher of *The Christian Century*, the most stimulating clergy journal I receive.

In one of Marty's presentations, he talked about words they make it a practice *not* to use at their church. One of the words they never use is the word "visitor." He thinks it important that we use the word "guest" instead. If I'm a guest in the church, you approach me differently than if I'm a visitor. A visitor might get a "hello." A guest would be more likely to be fully received into the community. You're a visitor at a museum. You're a guest in someone's home.

Peter Marty also made it clear that it's not just newcomers who are guests, either. We're all guests at church, guests of our host, Jesus Christ. So whether you've been coming to Federated for 60 years, or this past Sunday was your first time here, we're all guests. AND we're all representatives of our host, Jesus, giving lavish welcome to each other here in this place.

A second word Marty's church avoids is the word "pass" or "pass away" when someone's life has ended. Instead, they use the word "die." From their vantage point, "passing" is simply too vague and indistinct. It doesn't acknowledge the terrible finality of death, and its irreversible break with what is. Yes, we have the glorious promises of resurrection to sustain us and give us hope. But first comes the awful rupture that comes with the end of someone's life.

One other word they avoid is the word "family" to describe the congregation. They still use the word to talk about various ministries and programs—a particular program might be designed for "young families," for example. But they don't use that word for the congregation itself. When I heard him say this, I was startled. "Family is a great way to think of the church," I thought. "Here, we're sisters and brothers. Here, we make it a point to care about each other the same way we care about those who are most important in our lives."

And all of that is true. In our churches, we do want to care for each other the way we care for those we most love. The trouble with the word "family," though, he said, is that, while it might be a great way for insiders to talk about their experience of the congregation, it doesn't translate well for those who are not presently part of the congregation. Families, he said, are essentially closed groups. As much as we may love friends and neighbors, it's also true that we'll never be part of their families. A family is a tough thing to break into. So Marty's church finds other ways to talk about the congregation, ways that intentionally convey to those not presently in the church that they would find the church a welcoming, healing, connecting place.

I found Marty's thinking eye-opening and helpful, reminding me that some of my assumptions can stand to be questioned. I'd be interested in your response.

Yours in Christ,

*Hamilton*

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, January 27

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches  
Presentation of Christmas Eve Offering  
10 am Traditional Worship & Sunday School  
*Music by Federated Choir*  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

### Sunday, February 3

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
Communion served  
10 am Traditional Worship & Sunday School  
*Music by Federated Bell Choir*  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

### Sunday, February 10

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
10 am Traditional Worship & Sunday School  
*Special Music by the Children's Choir*  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

### Sunday, February 17

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
10 am Traditional Worship & Sunday School  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

### Sunday, February 24—Youth Sunday

Rev. Mark Simone preaches  
Commissioning of Lay Leaders  
10 am Traditional Worship & Sunday School  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
*Music by RISE to Shine Band*





# Church Council News

It's time to prepare for a new year and hope-filled possibilities!

As chair of Stewardship Committee, Martine Scheuermann shared up-to-the-minute statistics on our pledge receipts for 2019. It is encouraging to learn that new pledges far exceed lost pledges and that the commitments are nearing the amount pledged in 2018. Although "Commitment Sunday" was November 18, when we brought our pledge commitments forward in worship, the Stewardship Committee and Church Council continue hundreds of calls, emails, and other reminders well into January in order to reach goals for maintaining the previous year's budget. Since our annual budget is based precisely on dollars committed, we count on each one's big-hearted contribution in order to uphold the steady operations and dynamic programs and missions that make Federated a beacon of faith, advocacy, and community care. We hold the capacity to grow our impact collectively. Kudos to our spirited and dedicated Stewardship Committee for cultivating generosity!

The Nominating and Leadership Committee seeks members who are eager to serve as lay leaders, collaboratively and strategically moving our mission forward. If you are called to bring your voice, energy, and perspective to a commission or committee, please contact Phil Fogarty at [pfogarty2468@gmail.com](mailto:pfogarty2468@gmail.com), Bob Abley at [babley@yahoo.com](mailto:babley@yahoo.com) or Martine Scheuermann at [martinehome@att.net](mailto:martinehome@att.net) and express your area of interest. Together, we serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

Church Council also appointed an ad hoc committee to review our Pastors' Terms of Call documents. We want to ensure the documents use common UCC formatting and language representing the reciprocal commitments between congregation and pastors. The updated Terms of Call will reflect each pastor's position and responsibilities.

Phase two of the Properties Feasibility Task Force continues to research and develop detailed scenarios and cost analyses for sustainable use of our three properties (Family Life Center, 102 Bell, and 76 Bell). A full report is scheduled for April 2019. Stay tuned.

God is still speaking. We continue to listen and respond in faith.

- Maren Koepf, Moderator

## 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 Riemschneider, (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**

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

#### **Telling Our Story**

Harriett Rogers, Diana Weber-Gardner, Bob Munson (co-chair), Katie Swanson-Harbage, Todd Smith (co-chair), Laura Taylor, (3) openings

#### **Worship & Music**

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

### 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**

Laura Taylor, Martine Scheuermann, Mike Quintin

### **Western Reserve Assoc. Delegates**

Susan Lampson, Jim Ogle, Kate Walsh

### **Ohio Conference Delegates**

Susan Lampson, Kate Walsh

# Federated News & Updates

## SPIRE—Paper Copy Request

Are you reading this newsletter on paper or online?

We print more than 450 copies of the SPIRE each month and we want to make sure we're using our resources wisely! To deliver the SPIRE to your door requires paper, ink, volunteer hours to fold and label, postage, and love. We've got lots of love, it's the other resources that are becoming either costly or scarce.



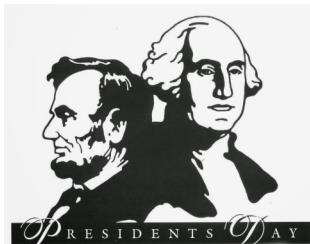
The latest editions of both of our newsletters, Primetime and THE SPIRE are always available online at [fedchurch.org/publications](http://fedchurch.org/publications). For your convenience, a link to that webpage is part of the weekly Thursday morning eblast. You can access the latest editions before the printed copies even make it to the post office! *(If you do not currently get the eblast and would like it sent to your inbox, contact Melinda using the information below.)*

We also understand that some people prefer the printed copies because they are easier to read or are handy to keep track of upcoming church events. We want to honor that. So we will continue to mail newsletters to anyone who **requests** the paper editions.

If you are someone who prefers a paper copy of THE SPIRE, please contact Melinda Smith at 440.247.6490 x111 or [smithm@fedchurch.org](mailto:smithm@fedchurch.org) and she will be sure that a paper copy of THE SPIRE continues to get mailed to you each month.

### Holiday Building Closure

All Federated buildings will be closed Monday, February 18 in honor of Presidents' Day.



### March 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](mailto:communications@fedchurch.org) by **Friday, February 15** and include "SPIRE" in the subject line. Thank you!

### Custodian Corner

Have you noticed the clean bathrooms?! We have two new, part-time custodians, Larry Wervey and Brian Jacobs. Both bring a strong work ethic and desire to keep Bell St. at a whole new level of clean! Those attributes, coupled with Jake Magalski's leadership, and Larry McGurer's steadfast dedication to Federated, are helping us turn a much-needed corner in the areas of cleaning and maintenance. We still have some holes to fill but we're on our way!

Additionally, we've implemented an online work order system that helps us track the things that are broken and need fixed! If you need custodial support or come across something that needs repaired, please email [properties@fedchurch.org](mailto:properties@fedchurch.org). In urgent situations, please call the custodian cell phone: 440.228.2391.

### Fellowship Treats

The Congregational Care Commission is again scheduling treats during Sunday fellowship hours. Members of the congregation take turns bringing in treats.

Please bring treats that are cut-up and ready to serve. Healthy food choices are especially welcome! *Please no nuts.* Thank you for helping make our fellowship hours delicious and enjoyable!

**February 3** – last names beginning with L or M

**February 10** – last names beginning with N, O, P, Q or R

**February 17** – last names beginning with S or T

**February 24** – last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y or Z

# Faith Formation

## One Book, One Community Lenten Book Study

This year the Spiritual Formation Commission has selected a book titled, *What We Talk About When We Talk About God* by the Rev. Rob Bell for our Lenten book study.

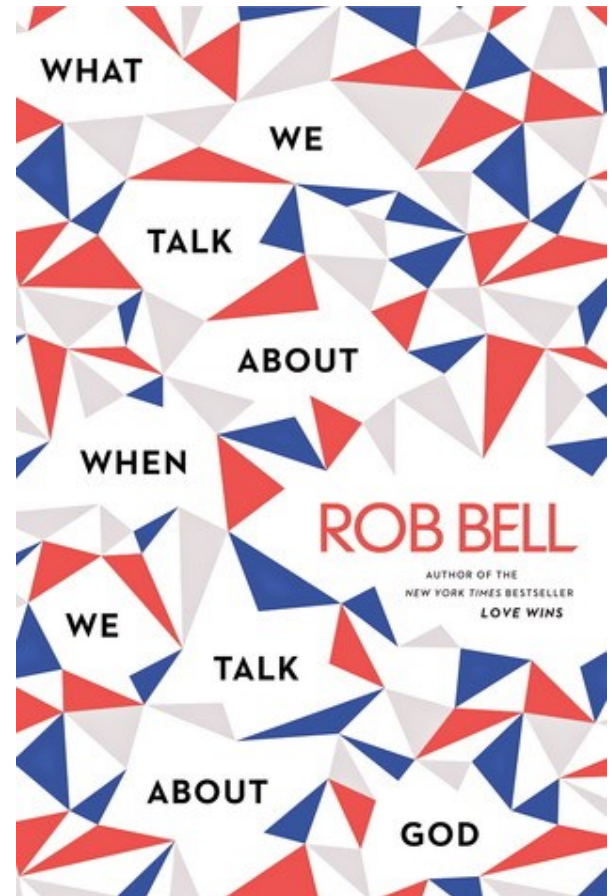
Our commission members have read the book and hope this will be a catalyst for lively conversation and thoughtful questioning.

Perhaps an excerpt from the book says it best.

*"I've written this book because there's a growing sense that when it comes to God, we're at the end of one era and the start of another. An entire mode of understanding and talking about God is dying and something new is being birthed."*

So what is it that the Rev. Bell thinks is dying and what is being birthed in our world? Using this book as a catalyst, we invite you to join with us as we think about and discuss how we understand God, and from this understanding, how we talk about God.

The study will begin early March. Look for upcoming book group sign-ups in the weekly bulletins. We will have copies of the book for sale at the time of signing up while copies last.



## Couples Retreat

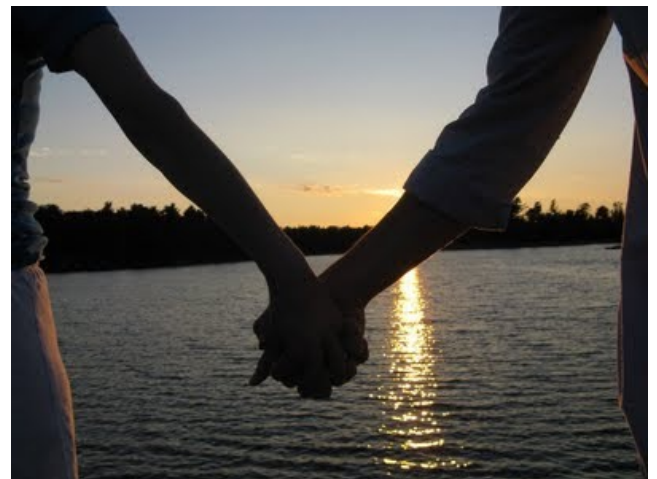
February 15—16

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton and Mary Senechal will be offering a retreat for Federated couples. This is an opportunity to deepen and strengthen your relationship, a chance to rekindle what's special for you.

The focus will be on the richness of God's presence in your marriage or relationship. It will be a chance to connect more deeply, laugh together, and increase the joy between you. We will enable time for deep listening, reflecting on meshing different personality styles, and focusing again on what's central.

The retreat will begin on the evening of Friday, February 15, with dinner at 6:00 pm in the Hearth Room of the Federated Family Life Center, and will then move to the Youth Room where we will gather from 7:00—9:30 pm. We will resume our time together in the Youth Room at 9:00 am on Saturday with a light breakfast. We will follow with lunch at noon, and conclude by 3:30 that afternoon.

To sign up, contact Hamilton at [hamthrock@fedchurch.org](mailto:hamthrock@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490, ext. 100. We hope you will join us!



# Federated Happenings

## Pan-African Flag and Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Activities

Church Council has approved flying the Pan-African flag throughout February for Black History Month.

In light of the broader witness to our welcome and to broaden what our denomination has identified as "*An Open and Affirming Congregation*," it is appropriate to fly a flag representing the struggles of black people and their history of fighting discrimination and their efforts to achieve equality during Black History Month.

Several events highlight our observance, as listed below.

### Mount Zion Event—Monday, January 21

See the inside cover on p.2 for a recap of this event.

### Book Study—Various dates in February

We will read and discuss Richard Rothstein's book, *The Color of Law*. There will be three groups in our study, each devoted to a single session for discussion after reading. All groups meet at Bell St.

**Friday, February 15, 1:00-3:30 pm**, Room 350, led by Kathy Franz

**Sunday, February 24, 11:00 am-1:30 pm**, Lounge, led by Darlene Nichols

**Tuesday, February 26, 7:00-9:30 pm**, Room 350, led by Barry Stees

You may sign up for one of these group sessions after the 10:00 am service on January 27, February 3 or February 10. Or contact Susi at 440.247.6490 x102 or [skawolics@fedchurch.org](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org).

### Movie Night—Monday, February 25, 7:00 pm, FLC Hearth Room

We will show a small portion of *Race, The Power of an Illusion, Part 3--The House We Live In*.

**Sally Martin**, the Housing Director for the City of South Euclid and **Frank Ford**, the Senior Policy Advisor at Western Reserve Land Conservancy and Chair of the Cleveland Vacant and Abandoned Property Action Council will speak on seeking racial justice in real estate and housing policy.

### Choral Exchange—February 24 and March 3

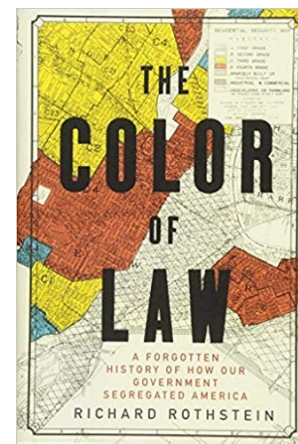
The Federated Church Choir will sing at the Sunday service at Mt. Zion United Church of Christ on February 24. On March 3, we will host a group from the Mt. Zion choir at our 10:00 am service.

### Other SJAM news

### Interfaith Prayer Vigil at ICE Headquarters on Thursdays

On Thursday, January 10, Rev. Susi Kawolics led the weekly vigil on the ICE Grounds. She appreciates all those who came out in support and braved 24 degree cold! These vigils, led by various clergy concerned for immigrants in our community take place every Thursday at 4:00 pm at the Immigration, Customs & Enforcement (ICE) office located at **925 Keynote Circle in Brooklyn Heights**. Please join us any Thursday if you are able. Your presence matters!

If you are interested in finding out more about our SJAM activities or to get on our email list, please contact Rev. Susi Kawolics at 440.247.6490 x102, or [skawolics@fedchurch.org](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org).





# Federated Happenings

## Mahjong

Every Friday

1:00 pm | Bell St. Lounge

We welcome you to join in a lively game of Mahjong. No prior knowledge needed. If you are interested... just show up!

We will split up into groups of three or four to play. If you have a Mahjong set, please bring it along.



If you have questions, contact Ann-Marie Heston at [amngh@icloud.com](mailto:amngh@icloud.com).

## Primetime Federated Forum

Monday, February 11

1:30 pm Refreshments; 2:00 pm program

Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Presenter: Sallie Messerly

Program: Mind Body and Spirit

Sallie Messerly, a representative from the UH Hospitals, will present a program dealing with an overview of how to be physically, mentally and spiritually healthier, deliberately. She will demonstrate how complex the human body is, how the body's systems work together, and how stress affects your overall health.



Let's look at how the choices we make can help us feel better. We will think about love for a minute, and hopefully we will all walk away with a smile on our face.

## Grandparents/Grandkids Valentine's Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 9 | 9:00—11:00 am

Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Our Christmas breakfast drew 31 kids and their grandparents (and a couple of parents!) for a wonderful holiday program and story. Now we look ahead to celebrating the love that comes with Valentine's Day.

Join us for pancakes and sausage as we look at the story of St. Valentine, complete an art project and share the special gifts of love.

Please register with Mark Simone at [msimone@fedchurch.org](mailto:msimone@fedchurch.org) or 440.463.9439 so we can have plenty of food and project materials on hand.



## Trinkets & Treasures is Around the Corner

Save the Date! Set-up for our annual Trinkets and Treasures rummage sale will start on Saturday, April 27.

The sale will run Wednesday, May 1 through Saturday, May 4.

Please encourage family and friends to set aside items to donate as they clean closets and reorganize their homes. We are also looking for additional storage spaces that could be used prior to set-up for the sale. Do you have or know of a nice dry barn or little-used storage unit?



Contact Mimi Bathgate at [mbathgate@windstream.net](mailto:mbathgate@windstream.net) or 440.665.6903 or with questions, suggestions or to volunteer.



# Federated Happenings

## Wondrous Wednesday "Careers in the Arts"

Wednesday, February 13  
6:00 pm dinner; 7:00 pm program  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Have a fun evening with Mary Hobbs and Mary Ann Boysen as they describe how their lives evolved through careers in the Arts.

For example, did you know that Mary Hobbs started out in the fast-paced world of fashion design? She met quite a few characters!

Both artists will have some of their artwork for us to see during the evening.

A free dinner will be held at 6:00 pm. Both Marys will share their trials and adventures with us at 7:00 pm.

Call 440.247.6490 to RSVP if you would like to enjoy the dinner so that we prepare enough food. We hope you see you there!



## Men's Breakfast

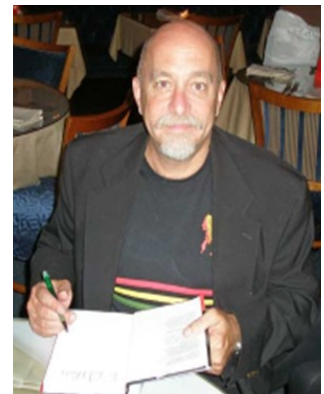
Saturday, February 2 | 8:00—10:00 am  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Come Hear Michael Heaton talk about  
"Growing up Catholic"

- Cleveland Plain Dealer Writer
- Minister of Culture column
- Author and Screenwriter

Cost: \$10 (includes hot breakfast)

Call 440.247.6490 to RSVP.



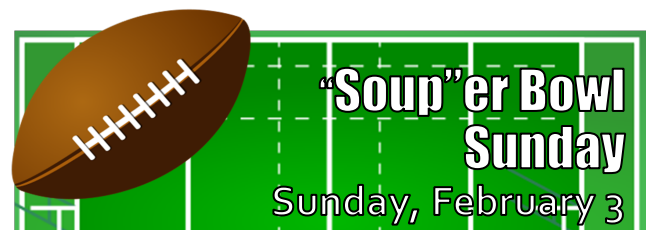
# Mission & Service

## Federated Day Missions Visits MedWish

Saturday, February 2

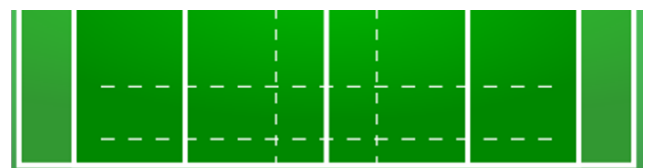
Medwish called and asked where we had been! After a successful visit to help sort medical supplies in October, MedWish called to see if we would return. So, we will once again take a Federated Day Missions trip to help sort supplies that have been donated to MedWish.

We'll meet at the Bell St. parking lot at 8:30 am, and then car pool to MedWish. We work until noon and should return before 1:00 pm. Please sign up with Mark Simone at msimone@fedchurch.org or 440.463.9439, or Marty Culbertson at mculbert@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x131.



JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) kids will be serving yummy soup and treats in Fellowship Hall following each worship service.

A freewill offering will go to funding Ohio City Power's Soup for the Soul: a mission through St. Paul's and Federated Church



# Mission & Service

## Women's Fellowship Service Project Luncheon

Tuesday, February 12 | 11:45 am  
Bell Street Fellowship Hall

We are doing some service projects and we think you could be very helpful. We are having a punch bowl mixer at 11:45 am, and at noon we will enjoy some baked potatoes, with all the trimmings. Please join us.

We will be putting together toiletry kits for St. Paul's outreach program. We collect these items all year round in a basket behind the reception desk. If you can add to these items, please bring them in **by February 12**: soap, shampoo, and conditioner in small hotel/travel size containers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lip balm, combs,

razors and most important, white tube socks. We will be stuffing and closing cancer pillows that have been made by Tapestry Circle and be making special Cards for Geauga County Department of Aging. Please consider joining us for a couple of hours of service and fellowship.



For reservations or more information, contact Lynne Kessell at 440.247.5544. **Reservation must be made by February 8.** If you know anyone who may be interested in these projects, please pass on this information. Many hands make light work!

## A Homeless Stand Down Update

Beginning in October, our very own Dan Ruminski, the Cleveland Storyteller, graciously donated his evening to entertain and educate us on the "divine" level of Cleveland philanthropy that goes back for generations. Thanks to those who attended that evening and helped "fill the boots" to kick off our cash donations, which helped to buy more new jackets and new boots for those who so desperately needed them at the Homeless Stand Down in January. Together with that event and the separate collections, Federated members and friends raised and donated **\$2,316.25**.

A sincere thanks to all our Federated family, who so generously took the time and energy to collect, clean and pass on the warm clothing, boots and more for the Stand Down. A special thanks goes to Marty Culbertson and the Jr. High Youth Group, JOY, who collected items for the hygiene kits that the whole congregation helped assemble, with Rev. Susi Kawolics's remarks and powerful blessing. We donated 261 men's and 175 women's kits that were given out as people left the event. Federated also collected almost 70 jackets, 30 pair of boots, more than 100 hats, socks and almost 100 pairs of gloves. Thanks to Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton and the Mission and Service Commission for your tireless support.

We were fortunate to have such friendly and dedicated Federated volunteers who spent a Saturday to make a difference in the caring attitude for more than **1,500 guests** who went through the event. I hope to include some impressions of their time from each of our volunteers, including Linnea Rostek, Lynne Kessell, Barb Erdelack, Judy Maloni, Leslie Fincun, Gloria Lapsansky, Carolyn Cunningham, and Linda Zelazny. The guests received so much more than the warm clothing we distributed, but also the personal touch of kindness, and the feeling of being attended to and valued. Thank you so much.

This spring, as you put away your winter clothing, please put aside any warm clothing or boots (of **any** size) you may replace the next season. We actually ran out of men's large, XL, and 2XL jackets by 11:30 am, while we still had over two hours to go. If you're shopping the after holiday sales or resale shops, please keep this event in mind. If you don't have room to store these items, email me and I can arrange to pick them up to store them for you.

With deep gratitude,  
Cathy Watterson, [cathywatterson@howardhanna.com](mailto:cathywatterson@howardhanna.com)



# Children, Youth and Family Ministries

This Month in <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>		
	Theme	Life App
<b>DISCOVERY ISLAND</b> (K-5)	The Lord's Prayer	Jesus taught us how to pray.
<b>KIDS COVE</b> (B-PreK)	Pet Shop	God will take care of me.

## 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 take place on **Mondays in the Large Music Room from 4:00—4:45 pm**. The choir performs about once a month. 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](mailto:phaynish@sbcglobal.net).

## Federated Church Skate Party

Chagrin Valley Roller Rink: 224 South Main St.  
Saturday, February 9 | 5:00—7:00 pm

Come skate with us! We will have the roller rink to ourselves and our family and friends. Please invite them to join us for a fun winter evening out of the house and moving!

Admission to the rink is free. Skate rentals (in-line and traditional) are \$4/pair. If bringing your own, they must be clean. No outside food, but the full concession stand will be available for purchase. Spectators welcome, but are required to cheer, gently heckle and high five!

RSVPs appreciated, but not required. Contact Kristin at [kristinlefeber@gmail.com](mailto:kristinlefeber@gmail.com) or 703.434.9851.



## 5th Grade Communion Classes

**Fifth grade children and older**, along with their families, have a wonderful opportunity to participate in our communion classes led by Reverend Hamilton Throckmorton and Reverend Mark Simone. Classes will be held on **Thursday, February 21** and **Tuesday, February 26** from 7:00—9:00 pm in the Lounge. Please plan on attending both evenings.

Designed with 5th graders **and** their parents in mind, we focus on the meaning and mystery of this sacrament and include lecture, dialogue, small group discussion and fellowship.

The last evening concludes with a beautiful evening chapel communion service followed by a reception in the Lounge. Children will also receive a Bible of their own as a gift from their Federated church family. The Lord's Supper is at the very core of our faith, making this a most meaningful step in the religious journey of these children.

Children completing the class will be recognized on **Sunday, March 3 at both services**.

Also invited to participate in these classes and communion are 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families who have been unable to attend in past years or who are new to Federated.

Please contact Kiersti Critchfield to register or with questions. 440.247.6490 x130 or [kcritchfield@fedchurch.org](mailto:kcritchfield@fedchurch.org).







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