



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

January 27
Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

11:30 RISE to Shine Worship Format



Spirited and Invitational Music

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory invitation
Offertory song

Scripture
Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

Song

Blessing

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, February 3

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Communion served

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School
Music by Federated Bell Choir

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

Music by RISE to Shine Band

February 3 - Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, February 10

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Traditional Worship and Sunday School

Music by Children's Choir

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

Music by RISE to Shine Band

11:30 am Brunch/Lunch Fundraiser begins

12:00 pm Annual Meeting of The Federated Church

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*

* **Trisha Holland**, *Marketing & Communications Specialist*

* **Janis Stefanchik**, *Bookkeeper*

* **Dolly Herschel**, *Primetime Coordinator*

* **Laura Taylor**, *Capital Campaign Assistant*

Jake Magalski, *Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

* **Larry McGurer**, * **Brian Jacobs**, * **Larry Wervey**,
Custodians

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Joshua Konow, *Director of Music Ministries*

* **Marcia Snively**, *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**, **Trisha Holland**,
Childcare Providers

Our Ushers and Greeters are wearing red nametags. They are available to answer any questions you may have and will be happy to assist you in any way.



Epiphany Sermon Series

The season after Christmastide in the church begins with the celebration of the visit of the Magi to Jesus, on January 6, after the 12 days of Christmas. This event is known as "Epiphany," which literally means revelation, or realization, and celebrates the revelation of the Christ to those who traveled so far to find him.

We are beginning a sermon series on "Sacred Signposts," inspired by the book written by Benjamin J. Dueholm that follows seven "holy possessions" of the Christian faith. These are practices that shape us as Christians. In order to know, to worship, to engage the transcendent God we believe in, we need particular practices. At the core of the Epiphany season is a willingness to open ourselves to finding God anew in the many ways that God appears to us, to open ourselves to the many "epiphanies" that come our way that we might otherwise never even notice. These sacred signposts help guide us along that journey.

January 27—Word

Luke 4:14-21

February 3—Meal

Luke 4:21-30

February 10—Ministry

Luke 5:1-11

February 17—Cross

Luke 6:17-26

February 24—Confession and Forgiveness

Luke 6:27-38

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton is out today.
He will return for worship next Sunday.

Reclaiming the Public Forum: Fostering Family Conversations on Difficult Topics

**Wednesday, January 30 | 7:00 pm
Bell St. Fellowship Hall**

We invite you to a discussion exploring how to approach difficult topics with children. The news seems to be dominated by disturbing events such as school shootings, family separations at the border and catastrophic weather events. It can be difficult to have an honest conversation with our children, 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 Krug and Rev. Mark Simone

Childcare for school-age children will be available. Please RSVP for childcare reservations to Kiersti Critchfield at kcritchfield@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6590 x130.

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.

Men's Breakfast

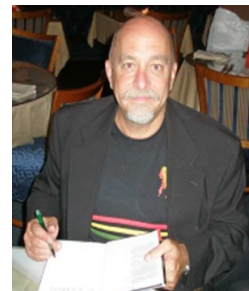
**Saturday, February 2 | 8:00—10:00 am
Bell St. Fellowship Hall**

**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.



Grandparents/Grandkids Valentine's Breakfast

Saturday, February 9 | 9:00—11:00 am

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 or 440.463.9439 so we can have plenty of food and project materials on hand.



The Color of Law Book Study

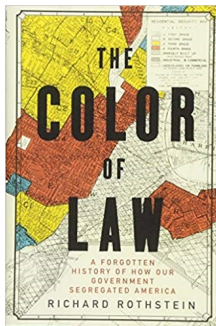
The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry is leading a Book Study in February. We will read and discuss Richard Rothstein's book, *The Color of Law*. There will be three groups in our study, each devoted to a single session for discussion after reading. All groups meet at Bell St.

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

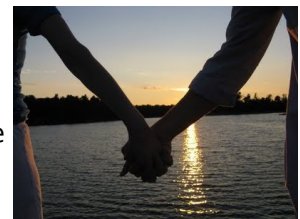
You may sign up for one of these group sessions in Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 am service on January 27, February 3 or February 10. Or contact Susi at 440.247.6490 x102 or skawolics@fedchurch.org.



Couples Retreat

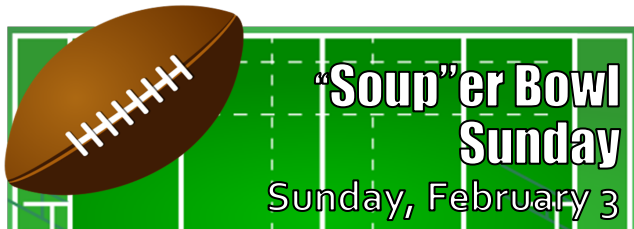
February 15—16 at the Family Life Center

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton and Mary Senechal are 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.



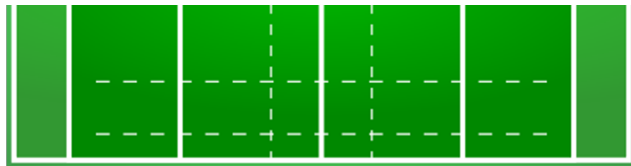
The retreat will begin Friday, February 15, 6:00 pm—9:30 pm. Our time will resume Saturday, February 16, 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

To sign up, contact Hamilton at 440.247.6490 x100 or hamthrock@fedchurch.org.



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



Sledding

All Federated kids and their families are invited to join Jr. High Youth Group (JOY) for sledding this afternoon. **Meet us at Sledding Hill in the Metro Parks at Miles Road at 1:30 pm.**

Hot chocolate and snacks provided. Bring yourselves, friends, and sleds!

Contact Marty with questions at mculbert@fedchurch.org.



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.



Annual Meeting of the Federated Church

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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.



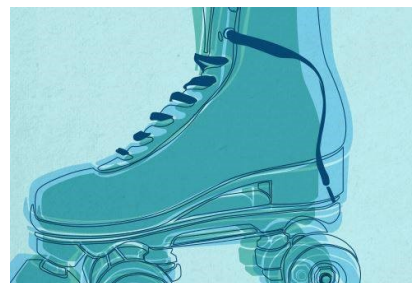
This Week In Sunday School

Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Super Kids	Daniel and the lions Daniel 6:1-23	God can help me be brave.	The Lord's Prayer—Art	Matthew 6:5-15	Jesus taught us to pray.

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 or 703.434.9851.

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.

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.** Please join us. Many hands make light work!

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 January 27

9:00 am Loaves & Fishes—Sharing a Meal
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
1:30 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Sledding—away
6:30 pm ***GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg***
8:15 pm ***AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg***

MONDAY January 28

8:00 am ***Spirit Walk & Roll***
10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY January 29

8:00 am ***Spirit Walk & Roll***
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
7:00 pm ***AA Fireside Mtg***
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY January 30

7:30 am ***Contemplative Prayer***
8:00 am ***Spirit Walk & Roll***
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
5:15 pm Same Boat Friends meet for dinner—away
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Reclaiming the Public Forum: Fostering Family Conversations on Difficult Topics
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg
8:00 pm ***Al-Anon Regular Mtg***

THURSDAY January 31

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***
3:45 pm Guitar Choir
6:00 pm ***Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg***
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY February 1

8:00 am ***Spirit Walk & Roll***
9:30 am Women's Bible Study Group—away
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 February 2

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
8:30 am Federated Day Mission goes to MedWish

SUNDAY February 3

9am-1pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Soup-er Bowl Event
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
1:00 pm ***GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Movie Out***
8:15 pm ***AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg***

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

Curt Woodworth, 8215 Timber Trl, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023, who will be having heart surgery on January 28.

Lauren (Dole) Collier, 1819 West Division Street Apt 405 Chicago, IL 60622, who has a severe case of Lyme disease.

Carol Grubb, 16521 Noll Ct, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023, on the death of her husband, **Don**, on January 24.

Lee Ann and Madeline Halley, 35209 Holbrook Rd, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022, on the death of Lee Ann's husband and Madeline's father, **David**, whose memorial service was Saturday, January 26.

Jody and Scott Halley, 34545 Blue Heron Dr., Solon, Ohio 44139, on the death of Scott's brother, **David**, whose memorial service was Saturday, January 26.

Jeri Shaffer, 7095 Wick Ln Apt 308, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023, on the death of her husband, **Mark**, on January 22.

Ralph Spresser, 15374 Hemlock Point Rd, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022, who is at The Weils for rehab after a fall.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Larry Wervey** and **Joshua Konow**.

For January, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Homeless Ministries (Homeless Stand Down in Cleveland)**.

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

Jody Halley, 440.591.8703; Gayle Bauer, Vivian Platek, Trina Gigax, Martine Scheuermann.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Nancy Trace, wife, mother and grandmother, and Eva Jean Trace, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother by Larry Trace, Howard Trace and family, and Jill Trace Bittinger and family.

The two roses on the altar this morning are given in celebration of Don and Carol Grubb's 58th wedding anniversary.

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry after the 10:00 am service.

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to our **congregation members with last names beginning H, I, J or K** for providing today's treats. Stop down in Fellowship Hall to 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 Fellowship Hall. Healthy choices are especially welcome, but please *no nuts*. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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

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

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