



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

February 3
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

Sermon

Song

Blessing

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, February 10

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am 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

12:45 pm Annual Meeting of The Federated Church

February 10 - Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)

Psalms 138

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, February 17

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

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**,
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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**, **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 preaching 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.

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

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.

Wondrous Wednesday "Art Speak"

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

Well-known artist **Mary Hobbs** is currently sharing her art in the Federated Church's Gallery Space, next to Fellowship Hall. Her incredibly detailed wax pencil renderings of children, beloved animals, and lush landscapes can be viewed through February 15.

She and **Mary Ann Boysen**, another well-known artist, will participate in "Art Speak" on February 13. They will dialogue about their journeys in the world of art, and the different paths they took to

get where they are today. *Note: Did you know that Mary Hobbs was formerly known as a vital artist in the Fashion Industry? And that Mary Ann does both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional art, i.e. creates tables?!* They are fascinating characters! What a great way to warm up a chilly winter evening - *and* you don't have to cook!

They are part of the **Wondrous Wednesday series of speakers with a free dinner at 6 pm, and speakers at 7 pm.** To reserve the dinner, sign up at the reception desk, call 440.247.6490, or email fedchurch@fedchurch.org. Leave your name and how many are attending.

Mary Ann Boysen will be sharing her art in the Gallery Space starting the third week of March.

Reclaiming the Public Forum: Fostering Family Conversations on Difficult Topics

RESCHEDULED for Monday, April 29 | 7:00 pm
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

The record sub-zero temperatures last Wednesday caused us to postpone our public forum event. Please save the new date on your calendar and look for additional details in the coming months. The topic will remain the same: we will be having a discussion exploring how to approach difficult topics with children.



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

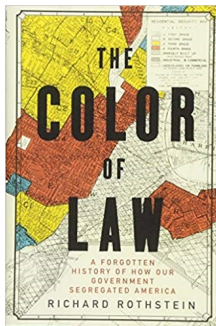
The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry is leading a Book Study in February. We will read and discuss Richard Rothstein's book, *The Color of Law*. There will be three groups in our study, each devoted to a single session for discussion after reading. All groups meet at Bell St.

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

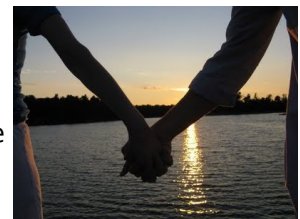
You may sign up for one of these group sessions in Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 am service today or next Sunday. Or contact Susi at 440.247.6490 x102 or skawolics@fedchurch.org.



Couples Retreat

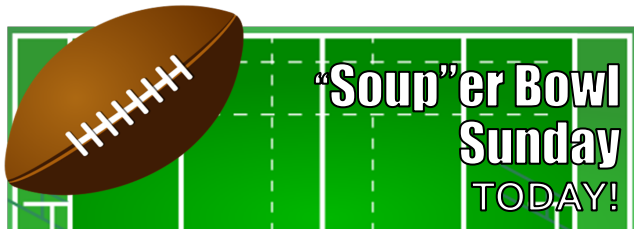
February 15—16 at the Family Life Center

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.



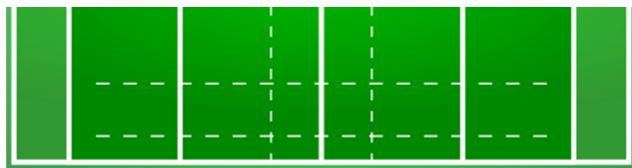
The retreat will begin Friday, February 15, 6:00 pm—9:30 pm. Our time will resume Saturday, February 16, 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

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



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 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.



Retired? Thinking about Retirement? What is Your Third Chapter?

A men's discussion group meeting monthly through May will explore the ways in which men between fifty and seventy-five, "neither young or old," find new ways to adapt, explore, and channel their energies, skills, wisdom, spirituality, and passion for the third chapter of their lives.

It is a hard subject for many men to explore. Ending your professional life is daunting and filled with anxiety. How will you spend your days without an office or work routine? Who are you without work?

Using the book, *The Third Chapter* by Sarah Lawrence-Lightfoot, as our guide, we will come together to speak openly and candidly about the challenges and the opportunities retirement brings. The focus will be on how to stimulate our creativity, our spiritual lives, and the pursuit of new passions, learnings, experiences. Especially welcome are those men who have successfully navigated this transition and could offer mentoring and inspiring stories.

The "Third Chapter Group" will meet the **second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Conference Room**. Discussion will promptly end at 8:30 pm. **First meeting is Wednesday February 13**. Rick Bryan, recent retiree, is our facilitator. Please sign up by emailing Rick Bryan at richardcbryan@gmail.com



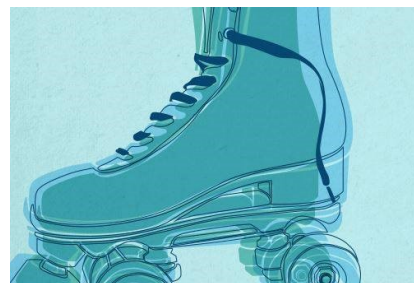
This Week In Sunday School

Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Pet Shop	Esther Esther 2:2-8:17	God can help me be brave.	The Lord's Prayer—Spiritual Practice	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 the 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. **Reservations 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 February 3

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11am-1pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Soup-er Bowl Event
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
12:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Movie Out
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY February 4

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 February 5

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 February 6

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
11:00 am Primetime Trip to Corner Field Model Railroad Museum
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 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 February 7

8:30 am Men's Discussion Group
9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group
9:30 am Sit & Stitch
10:30 am Tributaries: Chair Pilates
2:00 pm SJAM Leaders Mtg
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 8

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
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY February 9

9:00 am Grandparents/Grandkids Valentine's Pancake Breakfast
5:00 pm Federated Church Skate Party—away

SUNDAY February 10

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Confirmation Class
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
11:30am-12:45 pm Lunch Fundraiser
12:45 pm Annual Meeting of the Federated Church
4:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Movie Outing—away
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....*

If you have other concerns or praises you would like held in prayer, please fill out a Blue Prayer Card and put it in the prayer box, or email pastoralcare@fedchurch.org. Our Prayer and Praise Ministry Team and our staff will pray for your request. If you would like to be on this ministry team, please email Lou Butz: lbonline@att.net.

Susi and Rich Kawolics 8669 E. Craig Dr, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023, on the death of Rich's father, Richard P. Kawolics, on January 28.

Mary Senechal and Hamilton Coe Throckmorton 171 Chestnut Lane, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022, on the death of Mary's brother, Michael on January 27.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Marcia Snively** and **Pat Haynish**.

For February, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, our **South African Ministries**.

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

Carol Basler, Sally Ramsey, Sue Mansour, Brenda Ehle.

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to our **congregation members with last names beginning L or M** 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 10 – **members with last names beginning N, O, P, Q or R**

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

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