



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

February 17
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 24—Youth Sunday

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

Commissioning of Lay Leaders

10 am Traditional Worship

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

February 24 - Lectionary Readings

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Sunday, March 3

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Communion is served

10 am Traditional Worship

*Music by Federated Choir, joined by
members of Mt. Zion Choir*

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**,
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**, **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 17—Cross

Luke 6:17-26

February 24—Youth Sunday

Confession and Forgiveness

Luke 6:27-38

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

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.

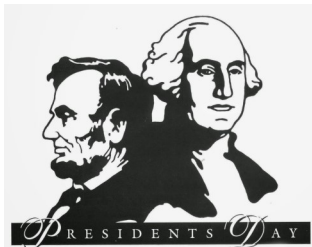
Children completing the class will be recognized on **Sunday, March 3 at both services**.

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 if you have questions. 440.247.6490 x130 or kcritchfield@fedchurch.org.

Holiday Building Closure

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



Did You Miss the Annual Meeting?

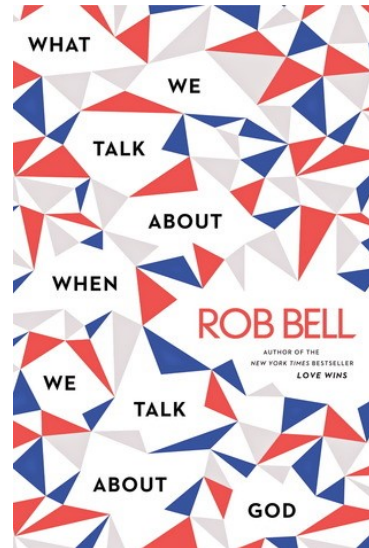
Copies of the 2018 Annual Report are available in the Church Office. You can also find it on our website, at fedchurch.org/publications.

One Book, One Community Lenten Book Study

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

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 how we talk about God.

Sign up for a group in Fellowship Hall or at the reception desk. You can also call 440.247.6490 or email fedchurch@fedchurch.org. The book is available for sale after worship—while copies last.



Book Groups, Beginning Sunday, March 10

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Facilitators</u>
Sundays 8:30 am	Bell St. Room 350	Susi Kawolics / Judith Bryan
Sundays 6 pm (<i>childcare provided</i>)	FLC Hearth Room	Kristin LeFeber
Tuesdays 8 pm (<i>teen group</i>)	Panera, Bainbridge	Catie and Thea Mozingo
Thursdays 7 pm	Bell St. Room 350	Mark Simone
Fridays 12 pm	Bell St. Room 240	Hamilton Throckmorton
Fridays 9:30 am (<i>Women's Bible Study</i>)	Home of Barbara Gates 15070 Hill Drive. Novelty, OH	Harriett Rogers

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.



Altar Flower Opportunity

There is an opportunity to donate the altar flowers on Sunday, February 24. This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one. You can take the flowers with you after the services, or the Angel Flower Ministry will rearrange them and deliver them to those who could use a bit of cheer.

Please contact Sue Mansour at 440.668.9399 or sueman@roadrunner.com if interested.

Stephen Ministers

Federated Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation. Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one caring ministry provided by trained lay people offering support to those who are struggling.

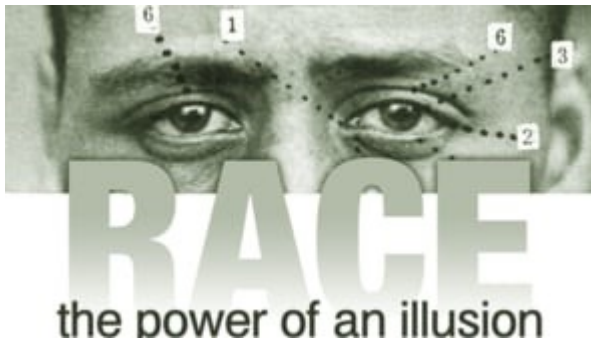
If you or someone you know could use a caring, compassionate friend who will listen, keep conversations confidential, and be a companion along a tough journey, please contact pastoralcare@fedchurch.org or Susi Kawolics (skawolics@fedchurch.org) of our staff by email or phone (440.247.6490). Care receivers need not be members of, or even affiliated with, Federated Church.

**Movie Night
Sponsored by SJAM**

Monday, February 25, 7:00 pm
Family Life Center 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.



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 or 440.665.6903 or with questions, suggestions or to volunteer.

<div>  This Week In Sunday School  </div>					
Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
Pet Shop	Elijah and the Widow I Kings 17:7-16	God will take care of me.	The Lord's Prayer—Mission	Matthew 6:5-15	Jesus taught us to pray.

The SPIRE—Paper Copy Request

How do you prefer to read your newsletter?

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. 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 and she will be sure that a paper copy of THE SPIRE continues to get mailed to you each month.

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 17

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Confirmation Class
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
2:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Outing—away
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

FRIDAY February 22

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
1:00 pm Memorial Service for Kathy Kinley
2:00 pm Reception for Kinley Memorial Service
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

MONDAY February 18

Buildings closed in observance of President's Day

SATURDAY February 23

10:30 am Youth Sunday Rehearsal
12:00 pm Youth Sunday Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY February 19

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am Yoga~Spirit~Renewal
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
7:00 pm Men's Third Tuesday
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY February 24—Youth Sunday

9:00 am Loaves & Fishes Sharing A Meal
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
11:00 am SJAM Book Study:
The Color of Law (Nichols)
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
12:15 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Lunch
& Movie
5:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Mtg
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

WEDNESDAY February 20

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
5:00 pm Properties Committee Mtg
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Membership Committee Mtg
7:00 pm Telling Our Story Commission 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 21

8:00am Primetime Newsletter Preparations
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 Worship & Music Commission Mtg
6:00 pm Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Communion Class (part 1 of 2)

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

Kathy Franz, 8463 Summit Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023, who is recovering from surgery for a broken patella and some of her lower femur.

Susi and Rich **Kawolics**, 8669 E. Craig Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023, on the death of **Susi's** mother, Hanna Cicconi, on February 13. Services are pending.

Jack Kinley, 103 Hamlet Hills Drive, Apt. 7, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022., whose wife, **Kathy**, died on January 15. Her memorial service will be held on February 22 at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Carol Laird, 55 W. Bel Meadow, Chagrin Falls, OH, who is having knee replacement surgery on February 18.

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

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:

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

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: llbonline@att.net.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of our precious Isabella Grace Fow by the Fow family.

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to our **congregation members with last names beginning S or T** for providing today's treats.

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

March 3 – **members with last names beginning A or B**

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