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# THE SPIRE

## THE FEDERATED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

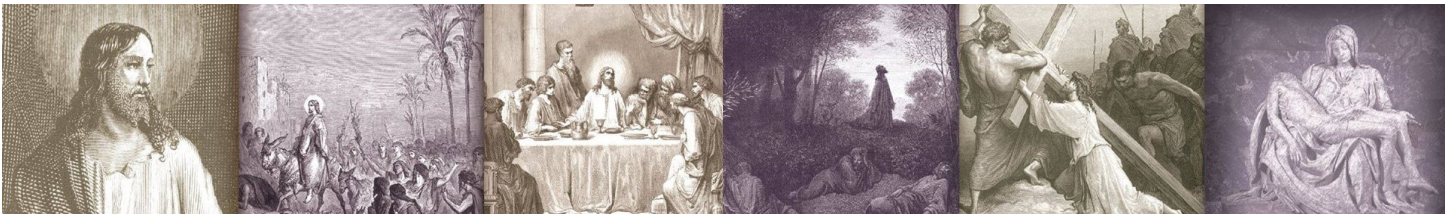
# Easter

at Federated Church

### Palm Sunday Service

April 14 at 10:00 am and 11:30 am

The rafters will ring with joyful Hosannas at the beginning of each service as we recreate the excitement of Jesus' ride into Jerusalem with a palm processional featuring the littlest among us. Jubilant songs will give way to somber, plaintive hymns in preparation for the journey into darkness that comes before the dawn of Easter.



### Maundy Thursday Service—"The Lenten Sketches"

April 18 at 8:00 pm (Pre-Service music starts at 7:30 pm)

The Federated Choir will present a cantata "The Lenten Sketches" by Joseph Martin. Inspired by the life and message of Jesus Christ, artists in every medium have endeavored to capture the magnificence of Christ's ministry among us. From poets and painters to singers and sculptors, the human spirit has long labored to convey through artistic expression the profound depths of faith.

"The Lenten Sketches" is a musical, oral and visual portrayal of some of the important scenes in the last days of Jesus' life. According to the composer, the "sketches" are intended to "build a frame to cradle God's Masterpiece of grace." Narration and engravings by Gustave Doré (1832-1883) complement the music and help to portray the story. We hope you will join us for this powerful worship service.

### Easter Sunrise Service

April 21 at 6:30 am

(At the Family Life Center)

Led by our Senior High Youth Group (GROUP). Picture facing the rising sun in the east, as we sing together *He is Risen*. Picture concluding the worship service with a walk to the Labyrinth for morning prayers of resurrection and hope at the cross (weather permitting). We hope you will start your Easter morning with us.

### Easter Sunday

#### Traditional Worship

April 21 at 10:00 am

Bring your whole family and experience the joy that comes when we lean into God's re-creating power in this unique service that celebrates the resurrection through spoken word, brass choir, uplifting anthems to celebrate the excitement of the Easter story, a Hallelujah chorus sing-along, hymns, and the voices of our choir.

### Easter Sunday

#### RISE to Shine Worship

April 21 at 11:30 am

Share in the joy of the resurrection at our RISE to Shine service, where worship is *Spirited, Relational, and Relevant*. Join in the excitement of lively and spirited music led by our RISE to Shine band, the magnificence of the Bible's Easter story, and the richness of a sermon that celebrates God's wonder and grace. Great for the whole family!

## It's Time for Trinkets & Treasures: Federated's Annual Rummage Sale

### ~~ Donate! ~~

Scour your closets, basements and garages in search of items to donate. This includes **housewares, garden tools, very gently worn clothing and accessories, children's toys and equipment, antiques and artwork, jewelry, holiday decorations, linens, electronics, books, and furniture.** (No cribs, mattresses, bed pillows, encyclopedias or magazines, monitors or television sets, large appliances or large exercise equipment.)

Drop off items at the Family Life Center on  
**Sunday—Monday, April 28-29 from 9:00 am—5:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, April 30 from 9:00 am—12:00 pm.**

Limited pick up and storage may be available for those who need help with transportation. Contact Kathy Kieta at 440.543.8499 or [kakieta@roadrunner.com](mailto:kakieta@roadrunner.com).

### ~~ Volunteer! ~~

To run Trinkets & Treasures we need lots of volunteers, including men and women of all ages. This is also a good opportunity for teens to get their volunteer credits.

There are jobs for everyone: **Setting up, organizing, pricing, selling, cashiering, cleaning up.** Volunteering is just part of the fun. Did we mention that you will also get to shop? A special trinket or treasure may be waiting just for you.

Sign-up sheets can be found after church services in Fellowship Hall and in the Bell St. Lobby during the week. Please support Trinkets and Treasures to raise funds for your Federated Church!

If you have questions, please contact Mimi Bathgate, at [mbathgate@windstream.net](mailto:mbathgate@windstream.net) or 440.338.8773.



### ~~ Shop! ~~

Show your support for one of Federated's biggest fundraisers of the year!  
 There is something waiting for everyone. You don't want to miss out.

**Wednesday, May 1, 5:30—8:00 pm**

(First Opportunity: \$10 Admission)

**Thursday-Friday, May 2-3, 9:00 am—5:00 pm**

(Free Admission)

**Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am—12:00 pm**

(Half Price/Bag Day)

**Family Life Center: 16349 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls**

Antiques Housewares Linens Books Art  
 Jewelry Clothing Children's Wear Games/Toys  
 Tools Furniture Small Appliances and More!

[www.fedchurch.org/TNT](http://www.fedchurch.org/TNT)





# From Hamilton's Desk

Dear Friends,

As spring teases us and hints of warm tomorrows, and as I write on a spectacular sunny afternoon, I am struck by the strange and sometimes ugly contradictions of life. In stark contrast to the beauties of this day, just weeks ago, a gunman in Christchurch, New Zealand, killed 50 Muslims at worship and injured 50 more. It was a gruesome and vile act, one in a series of mass murders committed by deranged shooters possessed of weapons grossly inappropriate in a civilized society.

Add to that the many daily challenges and pains and losses that dot our lives—the loneliness and illnesses and financial setbacks—and sometimes it seems a bit overwhelming. We are subject to malign forces much larger than ourselves, and it can leave us sometimes feeling powerless and ineffective: what are we supposed to do about it all?

And yet, at the same time, and in the midst of what may sometimes be fear and what may sometimes be frustration, we see glimpses of the people God made us to be.

We see New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern humbly and sensitively meeting with stricken Muslims grieving their sisters' and brothers' deaths. We see her, as well leading a nation to ban the sort of weapon that wreaked such havoc, weapons designed to do nothing but kill human beings on a massive scale.

And closer to home, we see a woman caring for her endlessly declining spouse, standing by his side, tending to his increasing needs, saying, "My friends think I should get out more, but there's nowhere I'd rather be than with him."

We see Federated members and friends delivering flowers to people who have suffered a setback, taking meals to people who have been shocked by loss, visiting people who have found themselves otherwise alone.

And, on a recent Sunday afternoon, at the Gazebo in Solon, we see 200 people gather to witness against the violence exhibited in New Zealand. We see Christians, Muslims and Jews join together, to talk softly to each other, to embrace each other, to stand with each other when horror strikes. We see a passionate rebuke of the devastation that threatens to undo us. We see a witness to a better way, a witness to beauty and hope and love. And while it doesn't suddenly make everything right, it does remind us that God is alive and remaking us and declaring that love will conquer fear and hate.

As the season of Easter comes, I'm reminded that nothing can deter the God who will finally make all things new. It is a great and glorious thing. So may we give to God all thanks and praise. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Yours in Christ,

*Hamilton*

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, March 31—A Fifth Sunday

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

### Sunday, April 7

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches  
Communion served  
UCC One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
10 am Traditional Worship & Sunday School  
*Music by Children's Choir*  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

### Sunday, April 14—Palm/Passion Sunday

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

### Thursday, April 18—Maundy Thursday

8 pm "The Lenten Sketches"  
*A cantata by Federated Choir & orchestra*

### Sunday, April 21—Easter Sunday

Rev. Mark Simone preaches  
6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service  
*At the Family Life Center*  
*Led by GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group)*

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
10 am Traditional Family Worship  
*Music by Federated Choir & Brass Ensemble*  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

### Sunday, April 28

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



# Church Council News

On the heels of a successful Annual Meeting and the Commissioning of lay leaders, both new and returning, March was a busy and exciting month.

Highlights from the Staff/Lay Leadership Retreat on Saturday, March 2:

- Forty staff members and lay leaders attended
- Representatives from every commission and committee were present
- Main Activities:
  - Fellowship and getting to know each other
  - Discussion of next year's theme and Centennial Celebration
  - Planning with commissions and in cross-commission teams
  - Review of processes that help us do the work of the church
  - Understanding the importance of collaboration

Highlights from Church Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 5:

- We welcomed three new council members
  - Brendan Buescher, Vice Moderator
  - Jim Cunningham, Treasurer (begins term May 1)
  - Kristin LeFeber, Councilor for Spiritual Formation Commission
- We approved the nominations of Carolyn Shaul to the Telling Our Story Commission and Don Rice to the Finance Committee, both class of 2022.

Teams from Council and Commissions are working on the following projects:

- Pastoral Care needs for the congregation
- Resource Realignment and the future needs of our internal and external community
- Properties and Facilities – Dreaming about what can be/ Understanding the reality of what is
- Fundraising and fund development processes
- Phase 2 Priorities of the Capital Campaign
- Facilitators being trained to serve as a future resource for commissions/committees who want to start/reinvigorate a ministry

The amazing amount of talent and dedication that is devoted to Federated, from clergy, staff and lay leaders, is truly a gift from God and of which I am thankful to be part. As a congregation, we are blessed by the many strengths that come together when we gather in body and spirit to serve each other and our community in love.

Beth Rutkowski  
Moderator



2019 Leadership Retreat

## Current Lay Leaders

### Church Council

Brendan Buescher, Beth Rutkowski, Maren Koepf, Peggie Jo Shinagawa, Dan Kershner, Ken Horner, Doug Harlan, Kristin LeFeber, Elaine Whitmer, Shawn Rockhold

### Commissions

#### **Congregational Care**

Jane Biggar (chair), Carol Kelly, Carole Halberg, Diane Tuuri, Judy Riemenschneider, Ruth Kershner, Karen Zoltowicz, (2) openings

#### **Mission & Service**

Leslie Fincun, Linda Zelazny (co-chair), Judy Lineweaver, Don Hoke, Lynne Kessell, David Telfer (co-chair), Gay Quintin, Karen Anderson, Bill Shaul

#### **Spiritual Formation**

Cassie Moran, Kristin LeFeber, Cathy Digel, Sunny Doxey, Thea Mazingo, Mary Senechal (chair), Stacy Cianciolo, Eric Goodman, (1) opening

#### **Telling Our Story**

Todd Smith (co-chair), Laura Taylor, Jim Scheuermann, Carolyn Shaul, (5) openings

#### **Worship & Music**

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

### Elected Committees

#### **Finance**

Becky Gruss (chair), Steve Patton, Rob Goble, Don Rice

#### **Human Resources**

Chris Bednar, Bill Franz (1) opening

#### **Legacy**

Peter Franz, Alex Taylor, Brady Hively (1) opening

#### **Membership**

Rose Brown, Ann Lentz, (1) opening

#### **Nominating & Leadership**

Martine Scheuermann, Phil Fogarty, Bob Abley

#### **Properties**

Keith Mast, Bill Lentz, John Giles

### Appointed Committee

#### **Stewardship Committee**

TBD

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

Susan Lampson, Jim Ogle, Kate Walsh

### **Ohio Conference Delegates**

Susan Lampson, Kate Walsh



# News & Info

## Protecting Lake Erie - One Yard at a Time

"Planting rain gardens is a beautiful way to protect the health of our watershed." According to Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District, run-off from our own yards carries up to 70% of pollutants including fertilizers, weed killer, pesticides, animal waste, etc., from our own yards into sewers, streams, and rivers, which eventually ends up in Lake Erie.

Rain gardens provide many benefits, including recharging our ground water supply and preventing water quality problems. Rain gardens also provide habitat for birds and butterflies and are ideally planted with native perennial plants, which need little maintenance and are a joy to see!

The Rain Garden Manual for Homeowners can be downloaded from [www.lakecountyohio.gov/soil](http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/soil). One may also call Lake County SWCD at 440.350.2730. They offer free consultations to help you get started. Remember: Every drop counts!

### Holiday Building Closure

The Bell St. campus and the Family Life Center will both be closed on Monday, April 22 in celebration of Easter Monday.



### Fellowship Treats

Members of the congregation take turns bringing in treats for between Sunday services, as scheduled by the Congregational Care Commission.

Please bring treats that are ready to serve. Healthy food choices are especially welcome! *Please no nuts.* We encourage attendees of the 11:30 service to come early to enjoy our delicious and enjoyable fellowship time!

**March 31 – Special treats provided for Fifth Sunday worship**

**April 7 – last names beginning with L or M**

**April 14 – last names beginning with N, O, P, Q or R**

**April 21 – All congregation members**

**April 28 – last names beginning with S or T**

### May 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 **Monday, April 15**. Thank you!

# Federated Happenings

## Reiki I & II Training

Friday April 5 6:00-9:00 pm  
and Saturday, April 6 9:30 am-4:00 pm

Reiki is a Japanese energy healing technique that promotes health & well-being, relieves stress, promotes deep relaxation, speeds recovery from illness & injury, and reduces pain. Learn to use this energy in your everyday life to support yourself, and to support family & friends. This ancient practice is receiving widespread acceptance, even in the medical community!

Reiki is offered currently at UH and at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr Oz says... "The next big frontier in medicine is energy medicine." Learn the history of this healing art, receive the Reiki I & II attunement, & practice the skills in a supportive learning community.

Cost is \$249. Registration deadline March 30. Class size is limited.



# Federated Happenings

## Federated Church PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

### ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT AND ORGAN MUSIC WORKSHOP

FEATURING THE RODGERS HYBRID INFINITY 484  
ORGAN WITH 27 RANKS OF SCHANTZ PIPEWORK

**At Federated Church**  
76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, OH

#### WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

9:15-10 am Refreshments

10 am-12pm Organ Music Repertoire  
Workshop with Dan Miller

Co-Sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of the American  
Guild of Organists and T.S. Good Church Organ Company

#### CONCERT

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

4:30 pm Organ Dedication Concert  
with Guest Artist, Dan Miller

No tickets necessary. Freewill offering.  
Reception immediately following.



#### GUEST ARTIST DAN MILLER, CLINICIAN AND PERFORMING ARTIST

*Dan Miller is an internationally renowned musician. He has taught music, conducted choirs and orchestras, and managed large concert productions and music conferences. Mr. Miller is well-known for his composing and arranging and has several published works. He has been seen and heard live in concert and through recordings on radio, television, and the Internet.*

*Mr. Miller is in his 20th year at Rodgers Instruments, one of the world's leading organ builders, in Hillsboro, Oregon as Rodgers Artist and Tonal Professional. He also is an Adjunct Professor of Organ at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon.*





# Federated Happenings

## Legacy Fund Seminar

Sunday, April 28 at 3:30 pm  
Bell St. Lounge

In response to the Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign, the Legacy Fund Committee will begin hosting planned giving seminars. These seminars will be an opportunity to

- thank members who have already established planned gifts for the church,
- share experiences with others who have done this,
- and educate members about how to initiate planned gifts.

Planned gifts are directed to the church's Legacy Fund, which acts as our endowment fund, annually supporting our church operations and ministries. That, in turn, supports the church's long-term financial health.

**Hamilton Throckmorton** will share his thoughts and **Pete Franz and Rob Goble** of the Legacy Committee will discuss methods of donating securities, as well as naming Federated as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, your pension, or your will.



Please join us right before the Organ Dedication Concert (see p.6)! **Let us know you plan to attend this seminar by telling Pete or Rob, or contacting Laura Taylor** at 440.247.6490 x115 or [rejoiceandrenow@fedchurch.org](mailto:rejoiceandrenow@fedchurch.org).

## Have you already named Federated as a beneficiary?

The Legacy Fund Committee and Hamilton Throckmorton would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has made a planned gift to Federated at a seminar to be held on Sunday, April 28 (see above).

A planned gift is a gift that is planned for the church through a member's will, annuity, or pension/401K, but not actually received by the church until after the member's death. Planned gifts are directed to the Legacy Fund – the church's endowment fund – which annually supports our operations and missions. Is this something you have already done?

If you have made such a gift, please let us know by contacting Laura Taylor at 440.247.6490 x115 or [rejoiceandrenow@fedchurch.org](mailto:rejoiceandrenow@fedchurch.org), or talk to any member of the Legacy Committee (Pete Franz, Brady Hively, or Alex Taylor). The committee would love to extend an invitation to you.

## Primetime Federated Forum

Monday, April 8

1:30 pm Refreshments; 2:00 pm program  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

**Presenter: Fadia Hamid**

Fadia Hamid was born and raised in Cairo, Egypt. She has worked as an economic researcher at the Ministry of Petroleum, as an assistant in an economics and engineering consultants firm in London and has taught French and Arabic at local schools.



## Primetime Trip to Lake View Cemetery and Daffodil Hill

Tuesday, April 16 | 9:15 am

*This additional trip was not included in the April Primetime newsletter!*

We will take a bus tour of Lakeview Cemetery and see the graves of many famous people: Eliot Ness, Carl Stokes, and John D. Rockefeller, to name a few. We'll also tour the James A.

Garfield Memorial (the final resting place of the 20<sup>th</sup> U.S. President) and the Jephtha Wade Chapel (built in memory of Jephtha Wade, founder of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and the first president of Lake View Cemetery). Both are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The highlight of the trip should be Daffodil Hill, which will hopefully be in full bloom! After our tour, we will eat at Trattoria in Little Italy! YUM! (Lunch is O.Y.O.)



When: Depart from FLC at 9:15 am. Return 3 pm.  
Cost: 12  
Lunch: Trattoria in Little Italy (On Your Own)  
RSVP: Call 440.247.6490 **by April 12**

# Federated Happenings

## SJAM Focus on Creation Justice for April and May

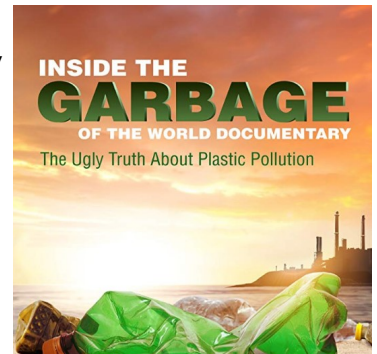
Celebrate and Care for the Earth. God's World is a Gift to Us – What will we do with this Gift? We are responsible for caring for God's Creation!

*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17*

In April, not only do we celebrate Easter, the risen Christ, who died to save us all, but we also focus our attention on our responsibility to care for God's Creation – The Earth. Our Native American friends have a saying that all decisions we make today should be made keeping in mind how they will affect the next seven generations. What kind of world does God want us to leave to our children, their children, and their children seven generations out? There is something for everyone, so we hope you find a way to participate.

**April 3 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall – Wondrous Wednesday** – Diane Bickett, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, also known as Cuyahoga Recycles, will talk with us about recycling. Find out where your recyclables go after they leave the curb and learn why "proper" recycling is important. More info on page 9.

**April 15 at 7:00 pm at the Family Life Center– Movie Night: *Inside the Garbage of the World*** – This is a must see movie. The film busts the myth of a plastic island floating in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and unveils the accurate data that is worse. We are at the edge of a tremendous disaster that is coming if we don't do anything about it. While you may not directly feel the impact of garbage while going about your day to day life, it's quite literally choking the life out of our ecosystem, and the situation is getting worse with each passing day.



After the movie we will have a discussion and draft letters which we can copy and send to local merchants and companies that use and produce the most plastic, asking them to take responsibility for reducing plastics in our world. *Come with your ideas about which merchants and companies should receive letters about reducing or replacing plastics.*

**April 28 – Earth Day Sunday Service** – During our worship service on April 28 we will praise God for this Earth we call home – and ask God to guide us as we learn about and find ways to Care for the Planet.

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### And continuing into May with our focus on the Earth and Creation Justice ....

**May 18 – Electronic Recycling Collection Drive** – Tell everyone you know to bring their electronics to this recycling drive in the Bell St. parking lot from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm **only**. See the list of items we can collect and more information on page 11. Let's all do our part and not let electronic materials end up in landfills. Recycle them properly.

**May 19 – Family and church-wide Earth event at the Family Life Center – Taking Care of the Earth** – Planting trees and flowers, cleaning up the gardens, and taking the children on a nature hike. Look for more details about this family and church-wide event in the May edition of the SPIRE. It will be a great way to build intergenerational relationships and do something good together.

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*SJAM is the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Team at Federated. If you are interested in receiving emails about Social Justice issues and activities, please contact Rev. Susi Kawolics (440.247.6490 x102 or [skawolics@fedchurch.org](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org))*



# Federated Happenings

## Wondrous Wednesday What's New in Recycling? What's Really Worth Saving?

Wednesday, April 3  
6:00 pm dinner; 7:00 pm program  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

*Will they really take my old milk cartons or plastic containers anymore? I heard greasy pizza boxes don't count.* How can we do recycling *right*, so they can actually use what we're putting out?

Diane Bickett, the Executive Director of Cuyahoga County's Solid Waste District is coming to help us wade through our sea of garbage, and figure out how to separate out true recyclables.



Recycling is facing numerous challenges these days from restricted markets, corporate green-washing and well-meaning "wish-cyclers." The rules have changed, and she'll teach us how to donate the things that will actually be reused. She'll also show us how to recycle effectively. You'll come out knowing new information like 'What are the things that will *ruin an entire load of recycling* if they're put in?'



Look for this Wondrous Wednesday/Green Committee free dinner and event. If you'd like to come for the dinner, please sign up at the Reception Desk in the Bell St. Lobby or call 440.247.6490. Thanks!

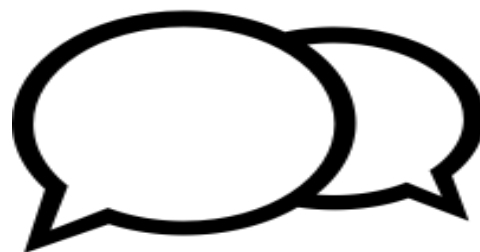


**Cuyahoga County**  
**SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**  
[CuyahogaRecycles.org](http://CuyahogaRecycles.org)

## Reclaiming the Public Forum: Fostering Family Conversations on Difficult Topics

Monday, April 29 | 7:00—8:30 pm  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

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**

*Dr. Tira Stebbins is a licensed clinical psychologist with 20 years of experience working with children and adults in various settings including community mental health, hospitals, schools, and private practice. Currently she is the Director of Child and Adolescent Services at Organization for Psychological Health, a private practice in Solon, Ohio. She specializes in the treatment of anxiety disorders as well as psychological testing and assessment.*

*Rev. Mark Simone, Pastor of Children's, Youth, and Family Faith Formation, holds a Master's Degree in Pastoral Psychology and Counseling from Ashland Seminary. He has been active in youth and family counseling for 25 years both at Federated and in the community.*

Childcare for school-age children will be available. Please RSVP for childcare reservations to Kiersti Critchfield at [kcritchfield@fedchurch.org](mailto:kcritchfield@fedchurch.org).

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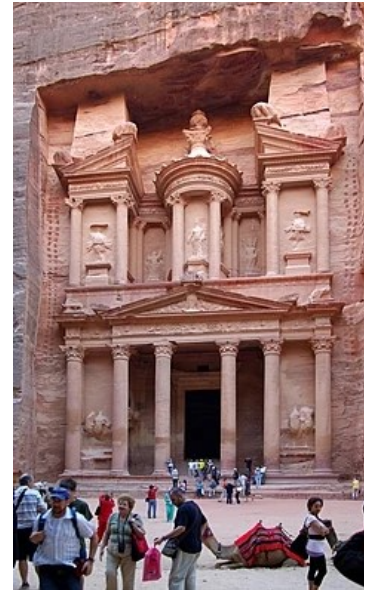
## Federated's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan

**\*\* April 19 – May 1, 2020 \*\***

We are partnering with Magi Travel for another similar pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. This time we are going to Jordan. This trip is more than a tour of historical places, but a spiritual journey as stories of our faith become tangible while walking in the footsteps of Jesus and His disciples in Nazareth, Cana, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, and swim in the Dead Sea. We'll be able to encounter God in new ways through worship, prayer and communion services led by Hamilton in these hallowed places.

A detailed brochure is available in the Bell St. Lobby or at [fedchurch.org/trips](http://fedchurch.org/trips).

The cost is \$3,995 for double occupancy in 5-star hotels, dedicated tour bus, local guide and head sets, all breakfasts & dinners, and gratuities. Optional group airfare of \$1,895 is available. You may register online with a \$500 deposit. Space is limited and will be based on a first come basis.



**~~ SAVE THE DATE: Information Night ~~**

**Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**

See photos of the places we will visit, learn more details of the trip and have your questions answered. Contact Peggie Jo Shinagawa at [pjshinagawa@windstream.net](mailto:pjshinagawa@windstream.net) if you have other questions.

## A Special Thanks

Dear Federated Friends,

Thank you so much for your lovely cards and kind words about my mother, Margaret Davidson.

Mom cherished being part of The Federated Family and leaves you with a beautiful smile and big hugs!

Bless you all,  
Peggy Blakeslee

Dear JOY,

I can't begin to tell you the impact your food donation made to the Strategies For Life program. We appreciate that you remembered our food pantry donations are low at this time of year.

Thank you for going from door to door making sure people in the area are aware of the need to give.

This act of kindness shows that you truly care about your community. Thank you for making a difference.

Helyne Walker,  
Supportive Service Coordinator  
Chagrin Falls Park Community Center





# Mission & Service

## Electronic Recycling Collection

**Where:** Federated Church,  
76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls,  
Lower Parking Lot

**When: Sat. May 18**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**What:** Collection will happen ONLY on this day and drop off ONLY to the TRUCK in the parking lot.

*Please do not drop off any items before this day and time.*



### Acceptable Items for Collection

- |   |                                  |                                      |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • Computers/ laptops                            | • Telecom equipment              | • Ink and toner cartridges           |
| • Tablets/e-readers                             | • Networking equipment           | • DVD                                |
| • Monitors (CRTs, LCD, LED Flatscreens)         | • Servers                        | • CD Players                         |
| • Keyboards, mice, cords, and other peripherals | • Video games                    | • Cable boxes                        |
| • Printers                                      | • Stereo equipment               | • Media player                       |
| • Cell phones                                   | • Electronic equipment batteries | • Televisions (fee needs to be paid) |
|   | • All accessories and cables     |                                      |

### Non-acceptable Materials

- Household appliances
- Paint or oil
- Medical electronics
- Mercury containing items – thermostats, etc
- Ballasts or Light bulbs
- Smoke detectors
- Freon containing appliances

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**Note: A fee will be charged for all CRT monitors and Televisions – older tube model, projection, consoles dropped off. Be prepared with cash payments if you are dropping off these items.**

Older Tube Model, Console, Projection TVs – cost is about \$1.00 per diagonal inch of the screen.

# Mission & Service

## Help feed the Homeless at St. Paul's

Ohio City Power's Soup for the Soul program has been preparing lunches for our friends at St. Paul's for six years.

Items needed for St. Paul's outreach program from Federated Church include: soup base, frozen veggies, meat (including bacon and sausage), and cheese slices.

Items can be marked with "SFTS" and left behind the Reception Desk or left in the freezer or refrigerator in the tunnel.

For questions or more information, contact Lisa Braun at 440.289.1657.



## One Great Hour Of Sharing

UCC Offering Collected Sunday, April 7



One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis.

The UCC works with international partners to provide resources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

For more information, visit [ucc.org/oghs](http://ucc.org/oghs).

# Faith Formation

## *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Start your day with  
**Contemplative Prayer**  
Wednesday mornings, 7:30 am  
Family Life Center Hearth Room

The group is ecumenical and all are welcome. No prior experience necessary.

Contact Rev. Susi Kawolics at [skawolics@fedchurch.org](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 x102 with questions or for more information.





# Faith Formation

## Fifth Sunday Worship Service

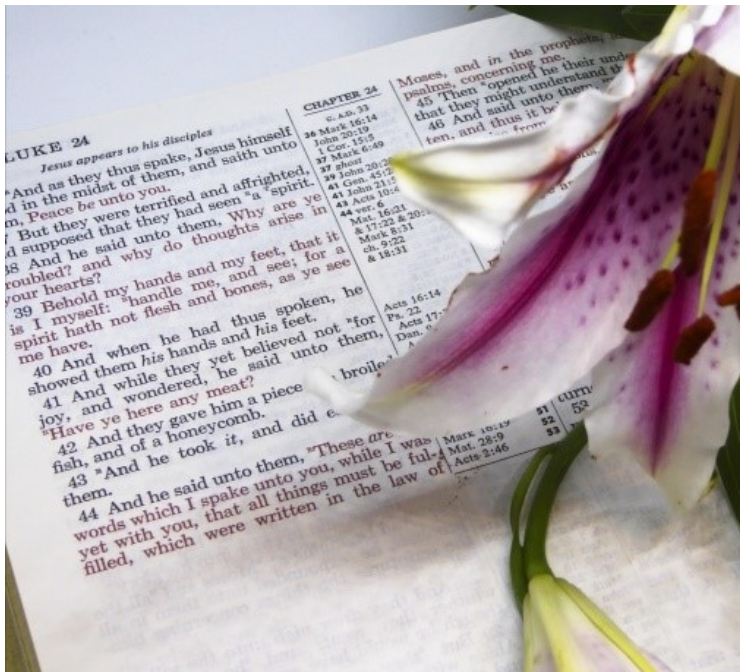
March 31

You are invited to a special worship service experience Sunday, March 31.

Based on feedback from conversations with congregation members, we are highlighting one of the four pillars of the church (worship, community, service, faith formation) each time there is a fifth Sunday in a month. On March 31, we have a special service planned that will highlight the pillar of faith formation.

**We will have a 10:00 am worship service which will flow into a festive time with plenty of food at about 10:45 am in our Fellowship Hall. Our RISE service will begin as usual at 11:30 am, but will take place in Fellowship Hall instead of the Sanctuary.** Come hear and experience the well-known story of the Prodigal Son in a whole new way.

We invite you to all three parts for a full faith formation experience, but each worship service is also complete in and of itself. We hope you'll be able to join us for a wonderful, faith-filled morning!



## LUKE - A - THON

Palm Sunday, April 14 | 4:00—7:00 pm  
Family Life Center Hearth Room

Experience Scripture in a powerful way this Lent.

Hear the gospel of Luke in its entirety. Stay for all or as much of the reading as you would like.

Sign up for chapter(s) when you arrive.  
Reading out loud is not required.

A light dinner and dessert will be provided  
around 5:00 while we read.

Please RSVP: Kristin LeFeber,  
[kristinlefeber@gmail.com](mailto:kristinlefeber@gmail.com)

# Telling Our Story Spotlight

## Our work with fellow UCC institutions

In the past year, Federated members have been involved in events and activities with several UCC churches and the UCC denomination that have deepened our relationships with each other. The TOS Commission noticed that, put together, these experiences all emphasize **who we are as a church**.

*Our history is our future. We are "in it" for the long haul.*

*Our history speaks to social justice.*

*Music is our passion.*

*We serve the infirmed, help the afflicted, aid the less fortunate, and provide a safe haven.*

*We are many voices.*

*Our history is one of giving.*

Some of these relationships are as a mission partner and some are as a collaborative partner. Both types are so important to our collective faith journey! In every sense, we are working together to be a stronger community of faith. That is who we are.

**South Euclid UCC** — the April 2018 program "*Sacred Conversations to End Racism*"

The program explored the cultural basis of the Bible and the evolution of our understanding of race.

**Mt. Zion Congregational Church** — the Martin Luther King Day 2019 program "*How To Be A Good Neighbor*"

The small group discussions used the story of the Good Samaritan and Jesus' Great Commandment to make the ideals of Martin Luther King a reality.

**St. Paul's Community Church** — mission work throughout the year

Their pastor, Rev. Doug Horner, mentioned to a Federated member recently his joy at how symbiotic our relationship still is – we feed each other body and soul. St Paul's was the second recipient of our Christmas Eve Offering back in 1962! Since then, we have been blessed by both a monetary and faith-in-action commitment to our sister church. Activities include, but are not limited to, the:

*Loaves & Fishes* hot meal program (K-Leigh & Jay Ericson),

*Parish Nurse Ministry* and *the Food Pantry* (Kathy Kolcaba—kathykolcaba@yahoo.com),

*Ohio City Power/Soup For The Soul* program (Lisa Braun—lisaannbraun@gmail.com),

Facility and property needs (Bill Mason—wfmason36@gmail.com),

Toiletry Kits donations (Lynne Kessell—lynnekessell@hotmail.com),

*St. Paul's Closet* at our Bell Street facility (Marty Culbertson—mculbert@fedchurch.org).

These member names represent only a fraction of the Federated folks who are involved. Feel free to contact the point person listed for more information.

**Mt. Zion Congregational Church** — Choir Exchange on Sunday, February 24 and Sunday, March 3

What a lovely collaboration that we hope to see (and hear!) more often.

Our commitment to be a 5 For 5 supporter of **The United Church of Christ denomination**

One Great Hour of Sharing (support international programs) – Coming April 7 (See p. 12)

Strengthen the Church (support youth ministry and new churches)

Veterans of the Cross (support retired clergy)

Neighbors in Need (support local social justice needs)

Our Church's Wider Mission (supported through our Mission & Service budget)

# Children, Youth and Family Ministries

## Recently in Sunday School

This Month in <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>		
	Theme	Life App
<b>DISCOVERY ISLAND</b> (K-5)	Holy Week	We celebrate Jesus!
<b>KIDS COVE</b> (B-PreK)	Jesus is #1	Jesus is the Best!



There will be no Discovery Island (K-6th grade) on Sunday, April 21. Children are invited to attend the Easter service with their parents.

Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool) will still be available in Room 20.



## Easter Flower Order Form

Please help us grace our Sanctuary on Easter morning by purchasing an Easter Flower *In Honor of* or *In Memory of* a loved one or friend. Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office with your payment of **\$16 per plant**. You are welcome to take the plant home with you after either Easter worship service at Bell Street. Orders must be received by **Sunday, April 7**.

All proceeds benefit GROUP, our Senior High Youth Program, to help fund the annual work camp trip.

Paid by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: *In Honor of...* *In Memory of...* Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR ☐ Cash Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_





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Mark Simone, *Pastor of Children's, Youth, and Family Faith Formation*

\* Susi Kawolics, *Pastor of Worship Planning & Adult Faith Formation*

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Amy Eugene, *Senior Director of Operations*

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\* Trisha Holland, *Marketing & Communications Specialist*

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\* Dolly Herschel, *Primetime Coordinator*

\* Laura Taylor, *Fund Development Associate*

Jake Magalski, *Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

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

#### Music Staff

Joshua Konow, *Director of Music Ministries*

\* Marcia Snavelly, *Organist*

\* Thaddeus Quintin, *Director of the Federated Bell Choir*

\* Pat Haynish, *Director of Children's 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*

\* denotes part-time staff

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## Current Worship Schedule

**10:00 am**  
**Traditional Worship**

**11:30 am**  
**RISE to Shine Worship**

**See the front cover for  
special Easter services.**

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