



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 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:
Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

Communion

Song

Blessing

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School

Music by Federated Choir

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

Music by RISE to Shine Band

March 10 - Lectionary Readings

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 17

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

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

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.

Wondrous Wednesday

Mr. Ansly Damus

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 pm FREE dinner; 7:00 pm program
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Mr. Ansly Damus, a Haitian ethics professor was detained and imprisoned for 766 days after he legally applied for asylum in the U.S. He was recently released on house arrest after his case came to light, and he consequently received strong support from the Greater Cleveland community. Local residents offered to take him into their home. He is waiting for his trial and has not seen his wife or two children since he came to the U.S. over two years ago.

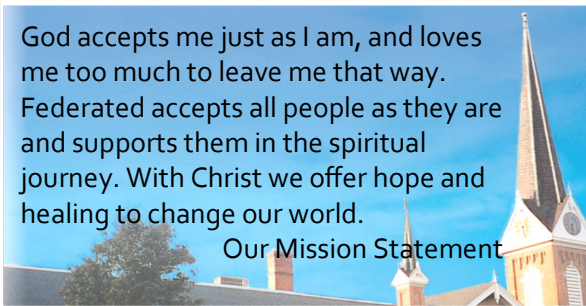
Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm and **Mr. Damus will speak at 7:00 pm about his experience with the help of an interpreter.**

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



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.

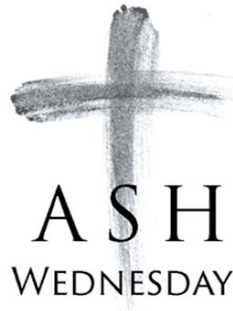
Our Mission Statement



Free Dinner for Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6 | 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

There will be a free dinner available before the Ash Wednesday service to make it easier to attend. It will feature savory chicken vegetable soup and warm garlic bread. Call 440.247.6490 or email katiesharbage@gmail.com to reserve your meal.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 6 | 7:00 pm
Chapel

Join us in the Chapel this Wednesday for the Ash Wednesday Service of Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

Family Ministries Mission Shoe Drive

You know you have a closet full of gently used athletic shoes that you need to send to a new home. Family Ministries team is working with an organization called Rippl. They clean and distribute the shoes in third world countries.

Through March 24 you may bring your shoes to the church and place them in shoe bags which will be by the Lobby doors each Sunday. Only sneakers, tennis shoes, and athletic shoes can go in these bags. Cleats work, as well as Converse-type canvas shoes.



Men's, women's, and children's accepted! Gently worn, please (no holes or tears). Thanks for helping us collect shoes!

Mary Ann Boysen's Art is in the Federated Gallery

Mary Ann Boysen is now the featured artist in the Federated Art Gallery space. She has been involved in watercolors since the 1970s, and has taught and produced award-winning paintings since that time. Mary Ann carved out Federated's Art Gallery space over 27 years ago, creating a system for easily hanging different sized artwork on three walls, and a track lighting system to showcase it.

We were privileged to see amazing art from the greater Cleveland area during the 25 years of her dedicated scheduling. Now it's time to look for **her** creations on the walls of the Gallery space adjoining Fellowship Hall. You can view these amazing pieces through the end of March.

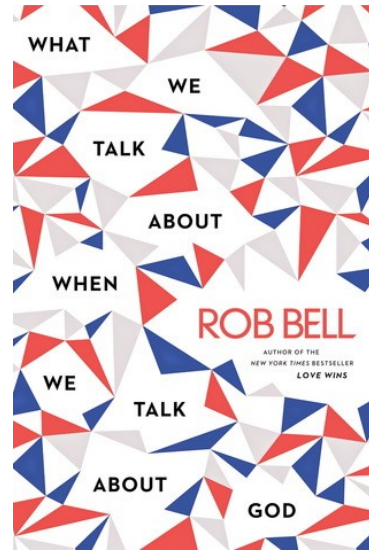


One Book, One Community Lenten Book Study

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 today Fellowship Hall or during the week by calling 440.247.6490 or emailing 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>)	Family Life Center 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

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, contact pastoralcare@fedchurch.org or Susi Kawolics of our staff (skawolics@fedchurch.org, 440.247.6490). Care receivers need not be members of, or even affiliated with, Federated Church.

Primetime Federated Forum

Monday, March 11
1:30 pm Refreshments;
2:00 pm program
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Presenter: Jan Jones

A welcoming smile, high energy, and a genuine interest in others has made Jan Jones a successful and well-known media personality.

You will remember her as Co-Host of the long running ABC show "The Morning Exchange" as well as the Emmy winning Co-Host of the CBS evening show "PM Magazine." Countless commercials and television programs fill her resume. The smile in her voice is her real trademark.

Jan knows that happiness is a habit and will share her stories, her laughter and her heart with us.



Be SMART about Gun Sense: A Community Talk

Family Life Center
(16349 Chillicothe Rd)
Monday, March 18 | 7:00–8:00 pm

Just over one year ago, fourteen students died in Parkland, Florida, inspiring marches, new laws and widespread calls to stop the onslaught of gun deaths. But in the year since, nearly 1,200 more children alone have lost their lives to guns in this country.



Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots movement of American mothers fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence. Since its inception after the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary, Moms Demand Action has established a chapter in every state.

The Moms Demand Action Be SMART campaign was launched to take action to promote responsible gun ownership and reduce child gun deaths. The campaign focuses on education and awareness about child gun deaths and responsible gun storage. Moms encourage parents and caretakers to "Be SMART" and take these five simple steps to help prevent shootings by children:

- Secure** all guns in your home and vehicles;
- Model** responsible behavior around guns;
- Ask** about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes;
- Recognize** the risks of teen suicide;
- Tell** your peers to be SMART.

Rebecca Gorski, a volunteer with the Ohio Chapter of Moms Demand Action, will be our presenter. She is the volunteer lead for Be SMART in the state of Ohio and resides in Gauga County with her two young children.

Please invite your friends and family to attend this important community talk. Childcare is provided. Call to let us know if you will need childcare at 440.247.6490, or email communications@fedchurch.org.



This Week In Sunday School



Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
It all fits together	Joseph's special coat. Genesis 37:1-4	God has a plan for me.	Jesus Heals a Young Woman— Art	Mark 5:21-24, 35-43	Don't be afraid, just keep trusting

Communion Classes

The following students have completed a series of Communion Classes led by Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton and Rev. Mark Simone and are receiving Communion for the first time with our church family today.



Olivia Healy

Rory Healy

Westley Quintin

Please enjoy cake in Fellowship Hall after the 10 am service to celebrate this milestone in their spiritual journey.

Do you want the SPIRE mailed to you?

Once we get settled in to using our new database software this spring, we plan to mail fewer newsletters. Do you prefer to read a paper edition? Just let us know!

If you would like a copy of THE SPIRE sent to your house and have not yet contacted Melinda Smith, please do so 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.

If you read the newsletter online and no longer want to be on the newsletter snail mail list, let us know that, too.

PDF versions of the SPIRE and weekly bulletins can be viewed at fedchurch.org/publications.

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 March 3

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
6:30 pm ***GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg***
8:15 pm ***AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg***

MONDAY March 4

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

TUESDAY March 5

8:00 am ***Spirit Walk & Roll***
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am ***Yoga~Spirit~Renewal***
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
4:00 pm Process Facilitator Training
7:00 pm ***AA Fireside Mtg***
7:00 pm Church Council Mtg
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY March 6

7:30 am ***Contemplative Prayer***
8:00 am ***Spirit Walk & Roll***
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Dinner
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm ***Co-Ed Basketball***
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 March 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 Primetime Bowling
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 March 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 March 9

8:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Lock-In Begins

SUNDAY March 10

8:00 am JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Lock-In Ends
8:30 am OBOC Book Study (Bryan/Kawolics)
10:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:15 am SJAM Mtg
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
6:00 pm ***OBOC Book Study (LeFeber)***
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....*

Peggy Blakeslee 33235 N Deer Creek, Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124 on the death of her mother, **Margaret Davidson**, on February 21.

Marge Cook 116 Leaview Ln, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022 who is hospitalized at Hillcrest. Cards only, please. No phone calls.

Those in Federated's extended family who are confined and will share elements from today's Communion table shared by our Communion to the Confined Ministry.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Mark Simone** and **Amy Eugene**.

For March, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, our **Hunger Ministries: Greater Cleveland Food Bank, WSEM, food pantries at St. Paul's and Chagrin Falls Park and our church Hunger Fund.**

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

Carol Basler, Sally Ramsey, Sue Mansour.

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 by Charlene, Don and Sarah Krejci in loving memory of Charlene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Bates and Don's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Krejci.

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry.

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to our **congregation members with last names beginning A or B** for providing today's treats. We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall between the services to also enjoy cake to celebrate our communion students.

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.

March 10 – members with last names beginning C or D

March 17 – members with last names beginning E, F or G

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