



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 10
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, 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

March 17 - Lectionary Readings

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Sunday, March 24

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

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**, *Fund Development Associate*
Jake Magalski, *Properties, 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.

Lenten Sermon Series

Our Lenten sermon series is inspired by *What We Talk About When We Talk About God* by Rev. Rob Bell, our One Book, One Community book. We encourage as many as are able to read the book, and to join a book group (listed at fedchurch.org/events/bookstudies) to discuss the themes.

Bell describes God as "the reverence humming within us" and challenges us to dive deeper into our understanding of who God is for us in our present world. He uses **Open, Both, With, For, Ahead** and **So** to guide those reflections, which we will echo in worship throughout the season of Lent. We pray that pondering these words may lead us to deeper understanding of and connection with God, and with each other.

March 10— Theme: *Open.*

Scripture: *Romans 10:8b-13 and Luke 4:1-13*

March 17— Theme: *Both.*

Scripture: *Psalms 27 and Luke 13:31-35*

March 24— Theme: *With.*

Scripture: *Isaiah 55:1-9 and Luke 13:1-9*

March 31— Theme: *For.*

Scripture: *II Corinthians 5:16-21 and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

April 7— Theme: *Ahead.*

Scripture: *Isaiah 43:16-21 and John 12:1-8*

April 14— Theme: *So.*

Scripture: *Luke 19:28-40 and Luke 23:1-49*

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

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!



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
(skawolics@fedchurch.org or
440.247.6490 x102) for more
information.

April 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 by **Friday, March 15**. Thank you!

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 bins which will be in the Lobby 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!



Retired? Thinking about Retirement or in a new Transition?

What is Your Third Chapter?

A men's discussion group meeting monthly through May will explore the ways in which men between fifty and eighty-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 Conference Room. Discussion will promptly end at 8:30 pm. The second meeting is Wednesday March 13.** Rick Bryan, recent retiree, is our facilitator. Please sign up by emailing Rick Bryan at richardcbryan@gmail.com.



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: \$ _____

Primetime Federated Forum

TOMORROW, 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.

<div>  This Week In Sunday School  </div>					
Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
It all fits together	Joseph's goes to Egypt. Genesis 37	God has a plan for me.	Jesus Heals a Young Woman— Storytelling	Mark 5:21-24, 35-43	Don't be afraid, just keep trusting

Have you already named Federated as a beneficiary?

During the Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign some folks mentioned that they had already named the church as a beneficiary **in a will, annuity, or other planned giving vehicle**. A planned gift is a gift that is planned for the church, but not actually received by the church until after the member's death.

Is this something you have already done? If you have made such a planned gift, please contact Laura Taylor at 440.247.6490 x115 or rejoiceandrenew@fedchurch.org, or talk to any member of the Legacy Committee (Pete Franz, Brady Hively, or Alex Taylor) and let us know.

The Legacy Committee is sponsoring a planned giving seminar in April and we'd love to invite those who have already made a planned gift to the Church to come and share their estate planning experience with others.



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 10

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
1:45 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Outing
6:00 pm OBOC Book Study (LeFeber)
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY March 11

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
10:00 am Primetime Pillows for Hospice Sewing
10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
1:30 pm Primetime Federated Forum
3:15 pm Primetime Ministry Team Mtg
7:00 pm Congregational Care Commission Mtg—away

TUESDAY March 12

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am Yoga~Spirit~Renewal
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg
7:00 pm Mission & Service Commission Mtg
7:00 pm Spiritual Formation Commission Mtg
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal
8:00 pm OBOC Book Study for Teens (Mozingo/Mozingo)—away

WEDNESDAY March 13

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
6:00 pm Wondrous Wednesday Dinner
7:00 pm Wondrous Wednesday Program
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Co-Ed Basketball
7:00 pm Third Chapter Men's Group
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 14

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
5:30 pm Primetime Trip to Heinen's for Dinner & Wine—away
6:00 pm Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm OBOC Book Study (Simone)

FRIDAY March 15

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:30 am OBOC Book Study (Women's Bible Study Group)—away
12:00 pm Friday Big Book AA Mtg
12:00 pm OBOC Book Study (Throckmorton)
1:00 pm Mahjong
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY March 16

SUNDAY March 17

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
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
5:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Mtg
5:45 pm GROUP Leadership Team Mtg
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8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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

Ester Fredrick, mother of John Frederick 17574 Millbrook Dr, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023, died in Michigan on March 3.

Tom Harvey 227 Manor Brook Dr. Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022 who is in Ahuja with heart issues.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Susi Kawolics** and **Melinda Smith**.

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:

Myia Sterling, 440.338.4893; Carol Kelly, Elsie Lutman, Janet Peters, Sonja Solar, Nelson Fenner.

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 Jane Wallace in praise for healthy granddaughter Emerson, born on December 11, 2018, and in memory of parents and grandparents and other loved ones unnamed.

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 C or D** for providing today's treats. We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall 11-11:30 am to enjoy time together between the services!

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

March 24 – **members with last names beginning H, I, J or K**

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