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THE SPIRE

THE FEDERATED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Our Spring Inquirers Class for those considering membership is coming up!

We believe that Faith is developed through practice in Christian community. If you are looking for a community in which to develop and explore your faith, we invite you into membership here. Our Inquirers Class provides a wonderful opportunity to take a fresh look at the meaning of Christ for our times, and explore the programs and purpose of The Federated Church. It is also a great chance to meet some other people who are considering membership at Federated.

Membership is a statement of your commitment to Federated and its mission. It also affords you the opportunity to vote on issues that matter to our faith community and to serve as an elected or appointed lay leader. Interested? Then we invite you to attend our Inquirers Class. Please note that attending the classes can be exploratory, it does not obligate you to join our church. Childcare is available on request.

Here are the dates & times for our next class. Please plan to attend both evenings.

Wednesday, May 22 | 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Bell Street

Wednesday, May 29 | 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Bell Street (light dinner served)

This class will be received into membership at Federated on **Sunday, June 9 at the 10 am worship service.**

If you have any questions about the church and its mission, or the classes, please contact Hamilton Throckmorton, (440.247.6490 x100, hamthrock@fedchurch.org) or Susi Kawolics (440.247.6490 x103, skawolics@fedchurch.org).

Sign up at the Reception Desk after worship, by calling the church at 440.247.6490 or by emailing Melinda Smith at smithm@fedchurch.org.

Organ Dedication Concert

Sunday, April 28 | 4:30 pm
Bell St. Sanctuary

Federated Church
**PERFORMING
ARTS SERIES**



**Featuring our Rodgers Hybrid
Infinity 484 Organ with 27 ranks of
Schantz Pipework**

Come hear a demonstration of our new organ, made possible by the Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign! Featuring Guest Artist, Dan Miller

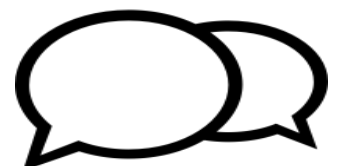
No tickets necessary. A freewill offering will be collected.
Reception immediately following.

Reclaiming the Public Forum

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

We invite you to a discussion exploring how to approach difficult topics with children. It can be difficult to have an honest conversation about school shootings or weather catastrophes 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.



Federated's Annual Rummage Sale is Here! Shop Trinkets & Treasures May 1-4

Family Life Center: 16349 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls

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. Antiques, housewares, linens, books, art, jewelry, clothing, children's wear, games/toys, tools, furniture, small appliances, and more!

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)

Take a look at some of our high-value items that will be available for auction.



Little Lady: Unframed signed Hungarian oil painting of an auburn-haired young woman in a white hat with pink pom-pom and a white ruffled collar (clown like), 2 rose colored flowers with a butterfly. Painting 15 1/2" x 19 1/2". Signature not easy to read. Appraised at \$300, starting bid \$150.



Lovers in a Field: Unframed signed Hungarian oil painting of a young couple in a field with flowers and woods behind. Painting 21 1/2" x 15 3/4". Signed R. Ribey. Appraised at \$300, starting bid \$150.



Plums & Nest Still Life: Framed signed oil painting, a still life of a nest with 3 blue eggs, purple plums and blue & white flowers. Painting 12" x 8", frame 19" x 14 3/4". Signature is hard to read, marked ca. 1885 on back.



Duenna Opera Scene: Framed signed English oil painting, a scene from The Duenna, a comic opera that was considered one of the most successful operas ever staged in England, performed frequently from 1775 to 1851. Painting 12" x 16", frame 17 1/4" x 21". Signed on frame L. Buchanan, ca. 1875.



Mountain Lake: Framed signed English oil painting, a lake in the mountains with sailboats and a man fishing. Painting 16 1/4" x 24", frame 21 1/4" x 29 3/4". Signature mostly hidden under frame, tag on back says T. Johnson, 1890. Appraised at \$450, starting bid \$225.



Picture in a Picture Still Life: Signed Hungarian oil painting, a still life of fruits, plates, bowls, goblets, decanter on a draped table in front of a window with the scene of a stream seen through the window. Painting 36" x 24", frame 40 1/4" x 28 3/8". Signed Reinprecht, J. K. (Johan Karoly Reinprecht born 1903). Appraised at \$400, starting bid \$200.



Sail Fishing Boat: Signed English oil painting of a multiple sailed fishing boat on a calm sea with a multiple masted sail boat and 2 small sail boats beyond. Painting 21 1/4" x 14 1/4", frame 27 1/4" x 20". Signed H. L. Hemsley, c. 1880. Appraised at \$400, starting bid \$200.



Lake District Scene: Signed English oil painting, a landscape of a rippling stream, a woman walking on one side, sheep on the other, lots of trees and mountains in the background. Painting 24" x 12", frame 33" x 21", signed R. Marshall (Roberto Marshall 1849 – 1926). Appraised at \$500, starting bid \$250.



Stream Fishing Country Scene: Signed English oil painting, a country scene with a fisherman in the foreground and a lake beyond with a sailboat, a house on the opposite bank of the stream, hills beyond. Painting 33 1/4" x 22 1/4", frame 37 1/2" x 27 1/4". Signed Bert Cutts, c. 1890. Appraised at \$400, starting bid \$200.



Rocky Coastal Scene: Unframed signed oil painting of a rocky coast and a stormy sea. Painting 19 1/2" x 15 1/2". Signed E. Tiberio, marvelous brush strokes really brings the scene to life. Appraised at \$1200, will be a silent auction item with a starting bid of \$500.



A gorgeous quilt has been donated by Darlene Griffiths. It was finished in 2013 and won 2nd prize in the Beaufort Quilt Show that year. The block is "nine patch." The name of the pattern is Nifty Nine Patch. We have the original label used at the show. It is queen size, 89" x 99". It is machine stitched using the long stitch. It will be a silent auction item with a starting bid of \$500.



KitchenAid mixer, never been used and has its original box and packaging. Value \$400. Opening bid \$200.

From Susi's Desk

Dear friends,

As most of you know, 2019 has not started out well for the Kawolics family. On January 26, my mother was put under hospice care. One January 27 my father-in-law was put under hospice care. He died on January 28, and my mother died on February 13. Even though our parents were of an age where death was certainly on the horizon, to lose both in such a short period of time has left us reeling. We are slowly getting used to living into a new reality, a new normal.

Many pastors bemoan not having anyone to care for them because they are always having to care for those in their congregations. I feel so blessed to be here at Federated, part of this church family, where I have felt very well supported and cared for during this time. Your prayers, cards, calls, food, visits – all your many kindnesses have upheld and embraced me throughout this difficult journey, and I offer you my deep gratitude.

The times we experience changes and shifts are often times that call us to take a step back, or to re-align, re-center, and re-adjust. To this end, I have decided to take some time off this summer. Some of it is necessitated by the death of mom, and all the details an executor needs to deal with. Some of it is much needed time for healing, for healthy grieving, for self-care. I will be taking an unpaid leave-of-absence beginning June 10, and will return to work here at Federated Church on August 12.

I am happy to assure you that I will be leaving you in good hands during my absence. Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner, who has a history as a member and staff member of Federated Church, will be coming to work here during the time I am away. I know that she will bring her many ministerial gifts to serve you well while I am gone, and I am confident that you will welcome her as she pastors here this summer.

Please know that I will carry you with me in my heart and in my prayers while I am away, and will look forward to returning at the end of the summer.

In Christ's Peace,
Susi

Pastor of Worship Planning & Adult Faith Formation



UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, May 5

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches
Communion served
Celebrating Stephen Ministry
10 am Traditional Worship & Sunday School
Music by Federated Choir
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship
Music by RISE to Shine Band

Sunday, May 12

Music Celebration Sunday
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
10 am Traditional Worship & Sunday School
Music by Children's Choir & Bell Choir
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship
Music by RISE to Shine Band

Sunday, May 19

Confirmation Sunday
Rev. Mark Simone preaches
10 am Traditional Family Worship
Music by Federated Choir
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship
Music by RISE to Shine Band

Sunday, May 26

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
10 am Traditional Worship at Family Life Center
Music by Federated Choir



*Rev. Judy Bagley Bonner
will be covering for
Susi's sabbatical*

News & Info

Finances at Federated

Through the first few months of 2019, we are seeing:

- * Non-pledge revenues (rentals of Family Life Center, non-pledge donations/receipts, etc.) are a bit behind budget.
- * Pledge revenues are ahead of budget because several members pre-paid their entire 2019 pledges early, which is simply a timing thing and will even out to equal the budget by year end 2019.
- * Staff continues to monitor expenses which are tracking fairly close to budget, except for the spike in natural gas prices at the end of 2018 and into early 2019 which exceeded our budgeted gas expenses.
- * 2019's tight budget required us to use some designated funds to cover some operating expenses.

More fun finance summaries to come as the year progresses!

Quarterly Statements - Going Paperless!

To help save paper and mailing costs, we're stopping the distribution of quarterly statements. Instead, you can access your giving information anytime online. Yearly statements will continue to be sent.

Contact the Business Office to request online access or, if needed, continued hard copy statements. 440.247.6490 x114 or business@fedchurch.org.

Holiday Building Closure

The Bell St. campus, offices and the Family Life Center will be closed on Monday, May 27 in celebration of Memorial Day.



June 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 **Wednesday, May 15**.
Thank you!

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), (1) opening

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

Custodian Corner

Jake Magalski has been promoted to Properties, Maintenance and Grounds Manager! Jake has already jumped into the position as spring is bringing much needed landscaping work. To reach Jake, email properties@fedchurch.org.

- Robyn Rouse has joined the custodian team! Robyn brings 15 years of custodial and housekeeping experience in the hotel and service industries. A number of those years she served as a working supervisor/manager. Robyn will be working evenings during the week, primarily at the Family Life Center.
- Room setup requests: When scheduling an event or meeting, please include your room setup requirements at least five days in advance (e.g., table configuration, chairs, AV).

That Parking Lot, What a Mess!

I bet you're wondering what's going on with the parking lot. The fall construction projects did amazing things for our HVAC system, roof, and Sanctuary. At the same time, the parking lot took a hit! Have no fear - we have a plan.

Made possible by your generous giving through the capital campaign, there's a large scale parking lot project on the horizon. It will take some time and planning so we'll kick that off in 2020. In the meantime, within the month, we'll be doing spot-patching and re-striping of the lot. Until then, please be careful as you navigate some of the rough spots out there.

Thanks for your patience as we continue to fix and improve!
- Jake Magalski, Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Manager

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!

May 5 – last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y or Z

May 12 – last names beginning with A or B

May 19 – last names beginning with C or D

May 26 – last names beginning with E, F, or G (at the Family Life Center)

New Featured Artist- Fran Bayless

Do you need a beautiful space to escape the cold and rainy spring? Check out our Federated Gallery Space off the Lobby at Bell Street through the end of May!

It is filled with nature photography that will take you into another world. There is a close-up picture of an alpha lion who has about 15 females in his "harem." Note the scratches on his nose! He has to fight to maintain that status. It took the photographer *three different trips* to finally get close enough to capture his image.

Fran Bayless has spent a lifetime capturing her subjects. She's taken 11 trips to Antarctica to patiently creep up on penguins in **-60 degree weather**. Each of her photographs has its own story. *Look for a guided walk with Fran in May, hopefully on a Sunday after worship.*



Capital Campaign News

The Capital Campaign Phase II Projects Ad-Hoc Committee has been meeting since late-February to prioritize the remaining capital projects based on anticipated campaign payments, budget, importance, status, and cost. Their plan and recommended priorities were approved by Church Council on Tuesday, April 2. This list consists of only those projects that will be undertaken during 2019. More projects are on the list and will be addressed in 2020, as time and funds allow.

We thank those who volunteered their energy and time to this ad-hoc committee: Ken Horner, Keith Mast, Laura Taylor, Becky Gruss, Paul Koepf, and Amy Eugene.

Capital Campaign Phase II Projects scheduled for 2019

**Denotes funded Gift Opportunities*

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| Replace equipment for maintaining grounds and facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put unused funds into Deferred Equipment Fund |
| Purchase new audio/visual equipment for Sanctuary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional monitors, sound study and system update |
| Install new Building Entrance System (key card entry) |
| Outdoor Bell Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-work study for boiler-based heated coils system in Bell Street parking lot |
| *Replace conference room chairs |
| Conduct a rebranding effort, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redesign church website, as needed Update Bell Street front door sign Update Bell Street indoor signage, including welcome sign at reception desk |
| Purchase seated choral risers |
| *Purchase new altar cross with improved lighting |
| Continue transition to cost-efficient LED fixtures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High population areas – lounge, lobby, offices, staff kitchen, Family Life Center |
| Replace FLC Carpeting – Hearth Room & Chapel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include Bell Street elevator floor |
| Install emergency generator for Sanctuary lighting and server |
| Purchase audio/visual equipment for Family Life Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big screen & projector, ultimately mobile |

When these 2019 projects are completed, capital campaign funds will be set aside for deferred major maintenance (\$150,000 for HVAC Bell Street Education Wing, \$140,000 for HVAC at the Family Life Center, and \$103,000 for General Major Maintenance). After those deferred commitments are fulfilled, the projects in the final phase will be completed, including two more funded gift opportunities: installing Sanctuary blinds and replacing the Family Life Center dishwasher.

With input from the Properties Committee (Keith Mast, Bill Lentz, John Giles), we look forward to updating the congregation about both the 2019 and final phase projects as the year progresses.

Federated Happenings

Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM) News

Creation Justice:

We have been focusing on our responsibility to care for God's Creation – the Earth – throughout April, and some of our activities and initiatives will take place in May as well:

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—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 (FLC) – Taking Care of the Earth – We invite ALL to come join in a day of planting trees and flowers, and cleaning up the gardens as we care for the earth, build community and have fun! This event **starts at 1:00 pm** with everyone invited to help with clean-up of grounds and the Labyrinth at the FLC. There will be special children/family activities beginning at **3:00 pm** that include making and throwing dirtballs full of wild flower seeds, planting white pine saplings, and taking a hike. At **5:00 pm**, we plan to order pizza and eat together. See info *below* about donating perennials.

Immigration:

May 20 – Movie Night – 7:00 pm at the Family Life Center

The Federated Church will be showing highlights from Frontline special called *Marcos Doesn't Live Here Anymore*. Elizabeth Perez is a decorated U.S. marine working with HOLA and fighting to reunite with her husband, Marcus, who has been deported to Mexico. Special guest Veronica Dahlberg, head of HOLA, will join us for a discussion.

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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))*

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## Perennials Wanted!

We're beautifying the memorial gardens at the Family Life Center (FLC) and would love to have perennials donated. Please consider splitting up perennials in your yard and dropping them off at the Family Life Center memorial gardens.

We'd like the following perennials only:

**Astilbes, Lilies, Daylilies, Lupines, Peonies, Hostas, Iris, Roses, Gladiolas, Tulips, Lavender, Hydrangeas, Coneflowers, Hibiscuses, Yarrow, Phloxes, Columbines, Black-eyed Susans**

**Drop off on Saturday, May 18** anytime by leaving them on the sidewalk by the FLC memorial gardens. **Drop off on Sunday, May 19** from **11:00 am–4:00 pm**.

Or better yet, help plant them on **Sunday, May 19 between 1:00 pm–5:00 pm** and enjoy a pizza dinner! Bring a shovel or spade and your greenest thumb! If you have questions, contact [properties@fedchurch.org](mailto:properties@fedchurch.org).



# Federated Happenings

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, May 6 | 1:00—6:00 pm  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

The American Red Cross strives to maintain a safe and stable blood supply. Please do your part by making an appointment to donate blood by calling 1.800.733.2767 to select an appointment time or go online at RedCross-Blood.org or be a "walk-in donor."

All blood types are in demand. We encourage members of the congregation, if you are able, to donate blood at Federated, as opposed to other locations.

For any questions, please contact Carole Mason at 440.338.3573 or at wfmason36@gmail.com. Thank you



## Primetime Federated Forum

Monday, May 13  
1:30 pm Refreshments; 2:00 pm program  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

**Presenter: Marge Adler**

Marge Adler is relied upon by colleagues across North America for her collaborative skills, keyboard mastery and eclectic approach. Known as a "treasure with at least three hands," Marge was co-composer with the late Tom Luckay and music director for *If Chagrin Could Sing*, a CD of original songs about Chagrin Falls. She has collaborated in concert with David Cangelosi of the Metropolitan Opera and with Phillip Boykin of renown on Broadway.



## Federated Is Hosting Summer Tech Camps Again!

July 29—August 2



# SUMMER TECH CAMPS

*Learn What You Love!*



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Computer Programming • LEGO Robotics • Video Production

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# Federated Happenings

## 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, June 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.

### Communion for Shut-ins Ministry Training

**Sunday June 9, 2019 12:30 pm Bell St. Lounge**

Communion is a solemn and sacred moment between God and you – so imagine how you would feel being unable to participate in Communion with your church family because of a prolonged physical or mental condition?

The Congregational Care Commission is sponsoring a training to provide Communion to the Confined. Once trained, you will serve the Sunday's Communion elements to shut-ins in their homes.

Light lunch provided.  
 If you have any questions, please contact Peggie Jo Shinagawa at 440.543.5974.

RSVP at the Bell St. Reception Desk, or call 440.247.6490.



### All-Church Potluck

**Friday, June 21 | 6:00 pm**

**Frohning Meadows**

(16780 Savage Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH)

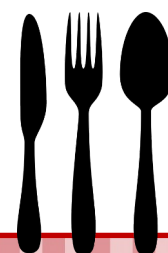
Come and enjoy the summer with an old-fashioned church potluck.

Everyone is welcome... so bring a friend!

Please bring a dish to share (paper products and water provided).

Outdoor games welcome. Take a walk. Enjoy nature.

Sponsored by the Congregational Care Commission.



# Federated Happenings

## Reiki I & II Training

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.

Registration deadline Sunday, June 9. Class size is limited.

The class combines lecture, discussion, attunement, meditations and experiential practice in a well organized, but relaxed program. A certificate for Reiki I & II Training is awarded upon completion.

**Wednesdays, June 12 & 19**  
**10:00 am - 3:30 pm each day**  
**At the Home Studio of Polly Manke**

Cost: \$249

Contact Polly with questions & to register: [polly@pollymanke.com](mailto:polly@pollymanke.com).



# Faith Formation

## Labyrinth Experience

**Saturday, May 11 | 8:30 am—12:00 pm**  
**Family Life Center**

**"We are all meant to be mothers of God...for God is always needing to be born." Meister Eckhart**

Come celebrate and honor Mother's Day with a labyrinth experience of journeying to the center, to the divine, to connect with the God who is needing to be born in this world.

Come join Rev. Susi Kawolics, Pastoral Associate Lisa Frey, and Founder of the **CHARTres 4 Peace Labyrinth™** Sheila Spremulli as we explore and experience labyrinth. There will be opportunities for labyrinth walking (indoors and out), and also for centering prayer.

Registration at 8:30 am with a light breakfast. Presentation begins at 9:00 am. This event is open to ALL ages, genders, faiths, abilities.

For more information or to register, please contact Rev. Susi Kawolics at [skawolics@fedchurch.org](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 ext. 102. If bringing children, please let us know ages and how many.





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

### Non-acceptable Materials

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

**\*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

## Parish Nurse Corner—Volunteers Needed

I thought spring was here, but Mother Nature had a different idea for NE Ohio. This yo-yo weather has me guessing when I shop for the Parish Nurse Clinic at St. Paul's. But toilet paper, cotton black or white socks (mid-length) are always requested by our clients, as are plain T-shirts and boxer-briefs (all sizes, but large and x-large go fast). Feminine hygiene products and female briefs are also in demand. Good sources for supplies in bulk are Costco, Marcs, and Drug Mart.

If you choose to donate, you can put your purchases in the grocery cart or Parish Nurse Box in the Bell St. Lobby. Thank you so much if you choose to contribute to our sister church on the Near West Side, an area of poverty but with hope. I believe it is a worthy and holistic cause, or I wouldn't volunteer there.

Speaking of volunteering, I am looking for a few good men or women who are willing to substitute for me one or two times this vacation season. My needs are for Tuesday or Wednesday mornings in May, June, and one week in July. To fill these gaps comfortably, two or three substitutes would be ideal. My hours, in general, are 9:15 am to 11:15 am. I can do orientation to the clinic any of those days in April, and the most effective way to do this is for us to drive to St. Paul's together, where we can work together for one session. That way, you can see where everything is located in this small room and the general routine and tone of the clinic.

Anyone with a background in teaching, health care disciplines, or human resources should feel very comfortable in this diverse setting. There is a real need here, and I think you will find it rewarding. Please call me with your possible interest and questions! I would also welcome telling you about all the activities that lift up the folks who come to St. Paul's for help and stay for the spirit of community and acceptance.

With gratitude,  
Kathy Kolcaba and St. Paul's UCC  
440.655.2098



## 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.



# A Special Thanks

In April the church received a thank you letter from the Rev. Dr. John C. Norhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ denomination, for our participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.



His thank you includes "In recent days, we have witnessed excessive damage from typhoons in southern Africa and massive flooding across the Midwest. In addition to your ongoing financial support for One Great Hour of Sharing, I call for prayers for our partners in southern Africa and our church families across the Midwest. They are all uplifted by your contributions and your prayers."

If you didn't get a chance to donate during our Sunday April 7 collection, feel free to mail your check, marked "One Great Hour of Sharing," to the church office or drop it in any Sunday's collection plate. Thank you!

Dear Federated Family,

I wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to my church family for the cards, kind thoughts and words and supportive offers during this past month as I struggled with shingles on my face and head, and in my eye. It has been a very trying time and, for now, I have lost the use of my right eye.

Additionally, some have noticed that I had some skin cancer removed. As I send my love and thanks, I wanted to assure you all that while it is no walk in the park, I am doing ok. Your love and support mean so much.

In Christ's love,  
Mark Simone

To the Federated staff and our Federated friends,

Belated thanks and heartfelt gratitude for the many helping hands that made Kathy's service so meaningful.

Many years ago she carefully wrote her wishes. I am sure she is well pleased. And we are constantly blessed by acts of kindness by our Federated friends and neighbors.

God bless you all,  
John (Jack) Kinley and family.

"Behold how they love one another" and I certainly felt loved during the recuperation from my injury. Your calls, texts, cards, visits, flowers, and food kept my spirits up and made the ordeal bearable.

With much appreciation,  
Karen Anderson

To my friends at federated,

The flowers are gorgeous! Your notes, concern, love and heartfelt interest are so greatly appreciated! Kath and I are truly humbled.

Love,  
Kathy and Bill Franz

Ann Petersen wishes to express her sincere appreciation for the loving outreach from Federated to her through cards and notes and calls after her recent fall requiring a hip replacement and rods in her femur.





# Telling Our Story Spotlight

## A Look Into Primetime Ministry

This past December the TOS Spotlight shared a list of the Christmas Eve Offering recipients since 1961. Did you happen to notice that in 1982 the recipient was Elderlife – for a total of \$26,404?

The idea for Elderlife was born in 1982 at a church staff Christmas party at the home of Don & Janet Peters. Everest Derthick, long-time church member and editor of the church newsletter, lamented the absence of a program for the elders in the church. It was decided that the church's annual Christmas Eve Offering would be used to fund this new ministry. Everest thought the name should reflect how much LIFE was still in our elders, thus the name Elderlife. From its inception, Elderlife was an ecumenical program, averaging 60% of participants from Federated and 40% from the surrounding community. Since that wonderful beginning, the Elderlife program, now called Primetime, has been beautifully led by Lynn Wilson, Janet Peters, Lindy Bryson, Sue Priem, Rev. Dan DeWeese, Lisa Braun, and currently, Dolly Herschel.

Fast forward 37 years, and Primetime is still *providing community and connections through social, educational, fitness, and service activities for people who are retired, active, and still in the prime of their life*. Currently, those activities include:

### Weekly

- Tai Chi classes at Bell Street

- Tributaries: Chair Pilates class at the Family Life Center

### Semi-monthly or three times/month

- Bowling league at The Rollhouse

- Bridge games at Bell Street

- Out-of-town trips or in-town Fieldtrips: like visits to Blossom Music Center, Rock and Rock Hall of Fame, and Nautica Queen Cruise Ship

### Monthly

- The Federated Forum – speaker series at Bell Street, *with attendance open to anyone*

- Pillows for Hospice sewing program

- Lunch Out – a chance for the group to get together for a mid-day meal around town

- Same Boat Friends – dinners around town for widowers

- Same Boat Girlfriends – dinners around town for widows

### Annually

- Summer picnic with bingo games

- Serving lunch for the St Paul's Loaves & Fishes program

Later this month, the group will be attending a *Cinderella Gets A Makeover* program at the Chagrin Falls Historical Society Museum about the nine Marionettes - one being Cinderella - that began their life with a newly formed women's group of young mothers at Federated Church sometime in the mid-1950s. Marnie Albers is the Curator of the Dolls and will be presenting the program.

With events like these, Primetime continues to attract both members and non-members alike to their programs. A true outreach into our community-at-large!

If you are interested in learning more about any of the Primetime programs, feel free to be in touch with Dolly Herschel (440.247.6490 x133), or anyone on the Primetime board, including Bill Mason (440.477.4870) and Kathie Biggin (216.952.4465).



Bill Mason & Kathie Biggin

# Children, Youth and Family Ministries

## This Month in SUNDAY SCHOOL

|                                  | Theme                         | Life App           |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>DISCOVERY ISLAND</b><br>(K-5) | The Lord has been good to me. | I can be thankful. |
| <b>KIDS COVE</b><br>(B-PreK)     | My neighborhood.              | God loves me.      |

## Federated Celebrates Eight Confirmands

We are so blessed as a church family to have eight wonderful, bright and committed young adults in our 2019 Confirmation Class. They have been such a blessing in our year together and are shortly to join us as full members.

We will be celebrating this milestone into adult life and church membership at both the 10:00 and 11:30 services on Sunday, May 19. A reception will follow the 10:00 am service in the Fellowship Hall.

We hope you will come and support our newest members and welcome them to the family called Federated!

*Congratulations to **Colin Mast, Max Mignogna, Susannah Rutkowski, LE Healy, Lance Buescher, Isabella Atkinson, Will Dietz, and Gavin Scocos.***

## FED FAMILY TAKEOUT NIGHT - Open House



**Friday, May 10 | 5-8 pm | Family Life Center**

Join your fellow Federated families for a laid back night of takeout and hang out. If it's nice outside we will picnic and play on the playground (bring outdoor games). If it's rainy we have the gym for "picnicking" (bring indoor sports and games). Pick up dinner for your family and bring a blanket!

Hope to see you there. To RSVP or if you have questions, contact Kristin LeFeber at 703.434.9851 or [kristinlefeber@gmail.com](mailto:kristinlefeber@gmail.com)



## Campout 2.0

**Saturday, June 8 at the Family Life Center**

*Save the date for the next Fed Families event...  
Kick off summer with an All-Church Campout!*





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#### Administration and Staff

**Amy Eugene**, *Senior Director of Operations*

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\* **Laura Taylor**, *Fund Development Associate*

**Jake Magalski**, *Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

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#### Music Staff

**Joshua Konow**, *Director of Music Ministries*

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\* **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**

\*Except May 26  
One 10 am service at Family Life Center

## The Family Life Center

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