



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 31

Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

One Great Hour Of Sharing

UCC Offering Collected

Next 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.



Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, April 7

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches

Communion Served

UCC One Great Hour of Sharing
offering collected

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School
Music by Children's Choir

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship
Music by RISE to Shine Band

April 7 - Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 14—Palm/Passion Sunday

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**, *Fund Development Associate*
Jake Magalski, *Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

* **Larry McGurer**, * **Brian Jacobs**, * **Larry Wervey**,
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* **Marcia Snively**, *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.

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 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

Wednesday, April 3 | Fellowship Hall
6 pm FREE dinner; 7 pm Program

Program: What's New in Recycling?
What's Really Worth Saving?

*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?*

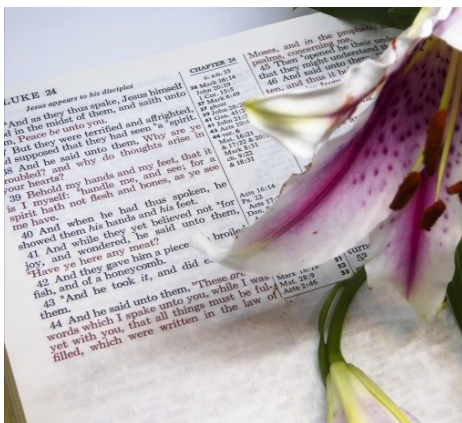
Diane Bickett, the Executive Director of Cuyahoga County's Solid Waste District is coming to help us wade through our sea of garbage, and figure out how to separate out true recyclables. The "rules" have changed, and she'll teach us how to donate the things that will actually be reused. She'll also show 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 Lobby or call 440.247.6490 so we make enough food. Thanks!



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.

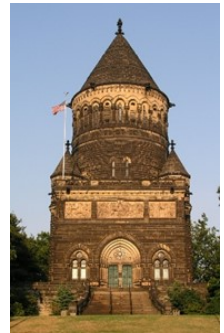
Please RSVP: Kristin LeFeber, kristinlefeber@gmail.com

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 20th 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 on your own.)

When: Depart from FLC 9:15 am. Return 3 pm.

Cost: \$12

Lunch: Trattoria in Little Italy (On Your Own)

RSVP: Call 440.247.6490 by April 12



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 **Next 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: \$ _____

Calling All Volunteers!

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.

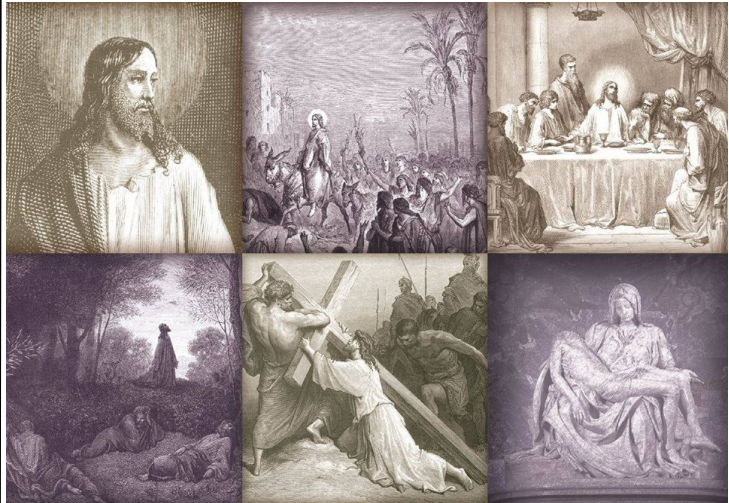
Sign-up sheets can be found after church services in Fellowship Hall and in the Bell St. Lobby during the week. Please support Trinkets and Treasures to raise funds for your Federated Church!

If you have questions, please contact Mimi Bathgate, at 440.338.8773 or mbathgate@windstream.net.



The Lenten Sketches

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 18
8:00 pm (Pre-service music begins at 7:30 pm)
Bell St. Sanctuary





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.

On Maundy Thursday, the Federated Choir will present a cantata "The Lenten Sketches" by Joseph Martin.

"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.

<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 forgives. Genesis 42-45	God has a plan for me.	Jesus Heals a Young Woman— Cooking	Mark 5:21-24, 35-43	Don't be afraid, just keep trusting

Altar Flower Donor Opportunity

There are two opportunities to donate the altar flowers on upcoming Sundays: Sunday, April 7 and Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday).

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

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

Stephen Ministers

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

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

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.



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 31

8:30 am OBOC Book Study (Bryan/Kawolics)
9:00 am Loaves & Fishes—Sharing a Meal
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
10:45 am Fifth Sunday Feast
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
5:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Mtg
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 April 1

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 April 2

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
4:30 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 April 3

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:00 am ACS Realm Staff Training
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
6:00 pm Wondrous Wednesday Dinner & Program
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 April 4

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—away
3:45 pm Guitar Choir
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 April 5

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 April 6

SUNDAY April 7

8:30 am OBOC Book Study (Bryan/Kawolics)
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
5:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Mtg
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....*

Marilyn Pierson 5630 Grace Woods Dr Unit 105, Willoughby, OH 44094, who fell and is at Fairmont for rehab after surgery on her hip, pelvis and elbow. No phone calls or visitors for the next week, please.

Bernadette Jekutis 269 Hickory Hill Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022 who is having a minor medical procedure on Monday.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Jake Magalski** and **Larry McGurer**.

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 Harriett Rogers: harriett.rogers41@yahoo.com.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given by Mary Griffith in honor of all those involved with The Federated Church's music ministries.

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

The rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Katherine Margaret Brown who was born on March 12 to Allison & Sam Brown. Kate joins siblings Sammy and Lilly. Proud maternal grandparents are Jane & Bill Biggar.

Fellowship Treats: We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall 10:45-11:30 am to enjoy time together between the services with a special "Fifth Sunday Feast"!

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.

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

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

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