



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 5
Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

11:30 RISE to Shine Worship Format



Spirited and Invitational Music

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace and Offering

Offertory song

Scripture:
John 21:1-17

Sermon

Communion

Song

Blessing

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, May 12

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Music Celebration Sunday

10 am Traditional Worship

Music by Children's Choir and Bell Choir

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

Music by RISE to Shine Band

May 12 - Lectionary Readings

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 19

Rev. Mark Simone preaches
Confirmation Sunday

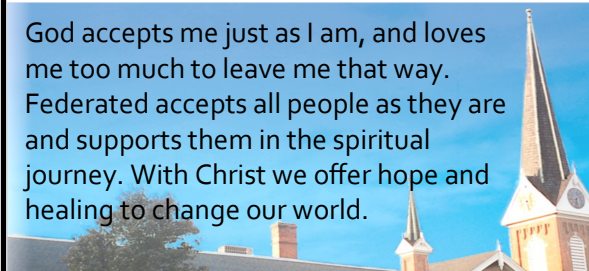
10 am Traditional Worship

Music by Federated Choir

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

Music by RISE to Shine Band

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.



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*

Robyn Rouse, *Head Custodian*

* **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.

Labyrinth Experience

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

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 or 440.247.6490 ext. 102. If bringing children, please let us know ages and how many.



Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton is out of town today. He will return for worship next Sunday, May 12.

Recycling Collection Drive

Saturday, May 18 | 9:00 am—2:00 pm only
Bell St. Parking Lot

Tell everyone you know to bring their electronics to this recycling drive. Let's all do our part and not let electronic materials end up in landfills. Recycle them properly.



Acceptable Items: Computers/laptops, tablets/e-readers, keyboards, mice, cords, printers, cell phones, telecom equipment, networking equipment, servers, video games, stereo equipment, electronic equipment batteries, cables and accessories, ink and toner cartridges, DVDs, CD players, cable boxes.

***Monitors (CRTs, LCD, LED flat screens) and TVs will be charged a fee. Be prepared with cash payments if you are dropping off these items. About \$1 per diagonal inch.*

Non-acceptable Materials: Household appliances, paint, oil, medical electronics, mercury-containing items (thermostats, etc.), ballasts or light bulbs, smoke detectors, freon-containing appliances

Red Cross Blood Drive

TOMORROW, 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."



**American
Red Cross**

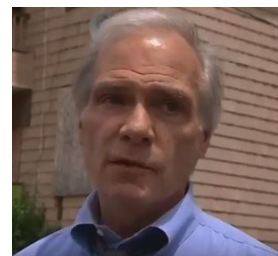
All blood types are in demand. We encourage members of the congregation, if you are able, to donate blood at Federated.

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

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 11 | 8:00—10:00 am
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Come Hear: Frank Ford
Topic: The Divided City:
Advocating for Equity in
Cleveland Neighborhoods



- Senior Policy Advisor at Western Reserve Land Conservancy
- Chair of the Cleveland Vacant & Abandoned Property Action Council
- Senior VP, Research & Development at Cleveland Neighborhood Progress
- Assoc. Director for Urban Programs at Colorado Center for Community Development
- Executive Director of the Union-Miles Development Corporation in Cleveland.
- Former Teacher at the University of Colorado
- Graduated from Kenyon College with a B.A. in English
- Received Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Cost: \$10 (includes hot breakfast).

RSVP to 440.247.6490.

Stephen Ministry At Federated Church

God's Love in Action

OUR MISSION IS TO CONVEY THE LOVE AND
HEALING POWER OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH:

A LISTENING EAR, A CARING TOUCH,
AND A LIFTING OF THE SPIRIT, PERSON TO PERSON



For more information about Stephen Ministry - becoming a Stephen Minister, or receiving care - please contact: Rev. Susi Kawolics (skawolics@fedchurch.org, 440.247.6490 x102) or Pastoral Care Coordinator (pastoralcare@fedchurch.org, 440.247.6490 x103) at Federated Church.

The Pastoral Care Ministry of Federated Church is enhanced by our STEPHEN MINISTRY program. A group of lay people, trained in listening and Christian caring skills, is available to provide one-on-one support during difficult times.

If you or anyone you know could benefit from this special caring and love, please consider asking for a Stephen Minister. **STEPHEN MINISTRY IS A CONFIDENTIAL MINISTRY** Those who receive our care may be assured that their identity and conversations will remain private.

Taking Care of the Earth: Family and church-wide Earth event

Sunday, May 19 | 1:00—5:00 pm

Family Life Center (FLC)

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. Then at **5:00 pm**, we plan to order pizza and eat together.

If you are interested in donating flowers, 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.**

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 other people considering membership at Federated. Please note that attending the classes can be exploratory, it does not obligate you to join our church. Childcare is available on request.

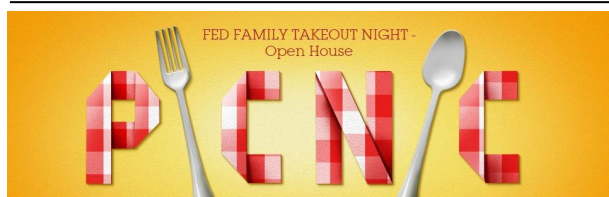
Here are the dates & times for our next class. Plan to attend both evenings.

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

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

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

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.



Fed Family Takeout Night Friday, May 10 | 5:00-8:00 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 "picnicing" (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.

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.



 This Week In Sunday School 					
Theme	Bible Story	Truth	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool) (Room 20)			Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
My Neighborhood	Saul to Paul	I can love God and love people.	The Lord has been good to me.	Psalm 13:6	I can be thankful.

May is Sunday School Teacher Recruitment Month!

Once upon a time, someone asked me to teach Sunday School.

I wanted to say, "No."

Instead, I followed the voice of God, who whispered, "You can do this!"

I got over my fear of caring for other people's children.

I got over my fear of not knowing enough.

I got over my fear of committing my time to one more thing.

As a result...

I get to create a welcoming, safe, friendly place for the children of our church.

I get to make crafts and put on plays.

I get to hear children explain God.

I get to see quiet, shy children turn into outgoing, engaging little people.

I get to share God's love with the youngest among us.

I get to hear laughter, share hugs, and make new friends.

I get to help build relationships and a community of faith.

I learn that everyone can bloom.

You, too, can help the children of Federated to bloom.

Say YES!

Say YES to fun!

Say YES to the future!

Teachers are scheduled to teach once every 7 weeks around your schedule. All lesson plans are prepared for you, and there are always two adults in the room. All that is required of you is to read the lesson ahead of time and show up on Sunday morning with a smile.



To learn more, contact Kiersti Critchfield—kcritchfield@fedchurch.org , 440.247.6490 x130

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 May 5

8:30 am OBOC Sunday Group Poetry Discussion
9:00 am Confirmation Breakfast & Wrap Up—away
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 May 6

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
1-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm Safety & Security Committee Mtg

TUESDAY May 7

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal
10:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
6:00 pm Church Council Mtg
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY May 8

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
6:00 pm Al-Anon Anniversary Dinner
6:00 pm Stephen Leaders Mtg
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Colorado Trip Mtg
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Mtg
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg

THURSDAY May 9

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
6:00 pm Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY May 10

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:30 am Women's Bible Study Group—away
11:00 am Spiritual Direction Session
12:00 pm Friday Big Book AA Mtg
1:00 pm Mahjong
5:00 pm Fed Family Takeout Night
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY May 11

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
8:30 am Labyrinth Experience

SUNDAY May 12

8:30 am OBOC Sunday Group Poetry Discussion
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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

Carolyn Cunningham 154 N Pintail Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023 who is having biceps tendon surgery
Wednesday, May 8.

Darlene Nichols 450-35 Honeysuckle Path, Aurora, OH 44202-9145 on the death of her mother, Gin, on Friday
April 26.

Ruth Walker PO Box 142, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022 who has been discharged from the hospital.

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.

Caroline Young PO Box 1020, Chautauqua, NY 14722 who had knee replacement surgery on Monday April 29th.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Alex Bell** and
Lianna Davis.

For May, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners,
Back Bay Mission.

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 Harriett Rogers: harriett.rogers41@yahoo.com.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given by Elaine Witmer in honor of past and present Stephen Ministers.

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

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to **congregation members with last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y or Z** for providing today's treats. We invite you to join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall 10:00-11:30 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.

May 12 – members with last names beginning **A or B**

May 19 – members with last names beginning **C or D**

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