



# **FEDERATED CHURCH**

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 12

# Welcome!

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Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

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### **11:30 RISE to Shine Worship Format**



Spirited and Invitational Music

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace and Offering

Offertory song

Scripture  
John 10:22-30

Sermon

Song

Blessing

### **Ahead At The Fed**

#### **Sunday, May 19**

Rev. Mark Simone preaches  
Confirmation Sunday

10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School

*Music by Federated Choir*

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

#### **May 19 - Lectionary Readings**

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

#### **Sunday, May 26**

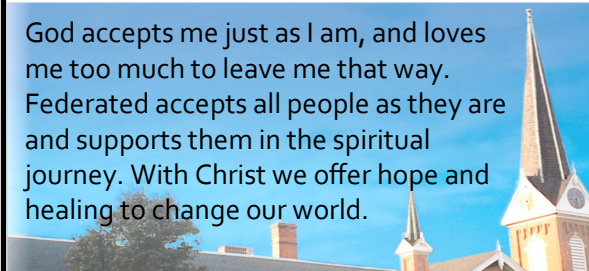
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

10 am Traditional Worship

at the Family Life Center

*Music by Federated Choir*

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.



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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.

### JustHope Update

*From Gabrielle and Michael Quintin*

Nicaragua has undergone drastic changes since the civil unrest started one year ago. During our recent trip to Nicaragua, we were part of a small group that represented four of JustHope's partner organizations.



Come hear about the current status of Federated's JustHope partnership in Chacraseca. Meet on **Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 am in the Lounge.**

### Save the date! - Iftar Dinner

**Thursday, May 30 at 7:45 pm** in Fellowship Hall for program and at 8:51 pm Iftar dinner with our Muslim friends.

Watch for details to follow. RSVPs requested.



### 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](mailto:communications@fedchurch.org) by **Wednesday, May 15**. Thank you!

# 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.

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## **Marcos Doesn't Live Here Anymore** **Movie Night Sponsored by SJAM (Social Justice Advocacy Ministry)**

**Monday, May 20 | 7:00 pm**  
**Family Life Center**

The Federated Church will be showing highlights from the 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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## **Taking Care of the Earth: Family and church-wide Earth event**

**Sunday, May 19 | 1:00—5:00 pm**  
**Family Life Center**

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, Yarrowes,  
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**.



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## **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](mailto:smithm@fedchurch.org).**

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### **Primetime Federated Forum**

**TOMORROW, May 13**

**1:30 pm Refreshments; 2:00 pm program  
Bell St. Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary**

**Presenter: Marge Adler**



**Sponsored by The Atrium at Anna Maria**

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. There were days in which Marge would change hats on I-71, after serving as

organist for a Cleveland Indians game, to become harpsichordist for the Bach Festival at Baldwin Wallace University.

Marge wrote and performed the musical score for the locally produced film, *Exact Change*, which was featured at the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival. Recently she served a residency as Guest Musical Director for St. Francis by the Lake Episcopal Church (Canyon Lake, TX), and as Guest Collaborative Artist for Cleveland Opera Theater's anniversary tribute to Leonard Bernstein.



 <b>This Week In Sunday School</b> 					
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](mailto:kcritchfield@fedchurch.org) , 440.247.6490 x130

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# Weekly Calendar

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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***

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## SUNDAY May 12

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**

## MONDAY May 13

**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**

## TUESDAY May 14

**8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll**  
**10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal**  
10:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg  
4:30 pm Process Facilitator Training  
**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

## WEDNESDAY May 15

**7:30 am Contemplative Prayer**  
**8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll**  
**11:00 am Primetime Trip to Hanna Theatre**  
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg  
5:00 pm Properties Committee Mtg  
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Membership Committee Mtg  
7:00 pm Telling Our Story Commission  
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg  
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg  
8:00 pm Al-Anon Regular Mtg

## THURSDAY May 16

8:00 pm Primetime Newsletter Preparations  
**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**  
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

## FRIDAY May 17

**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 May 18

9am-2pm Federated Electronics Recycling  
10:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal  
10:00 am Cross Commission Mtg

## SUNDAY May 19

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Nicaragua Presentation  
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service  
**1-5 pm Taking Care of the Earth Event**  
**8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg**

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

Bill and **Wendy Davis**, 84 Ridgewood Rd. Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-2932, on the death of Bill's mother, Valinda Davis, on May 5. Her memorial service was Saturday, May 11 in the Chapel.

Priscilla Norling, 1600 43rd Ave E Apt 203, Seattle, WA 98112-3247 on the death of her husband, David, on May 4.

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

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:

Bob Abley, Mary Ann Boysen, Paul Neidhardt, Marge Overman, Carol Poe.

*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](mailto: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](mailto:harriett.rogers41@yahoo.com).*

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this Mother's Day morning were given by Lindy and Bob Bryson in loving memory of Lindy's parents, Mary Lou and Don Chester, and her sister, Pixie Ferlito, and Bob's parents, Ruth and Nat Bryson.

**Fellowship Treats:** Thank you to **congregation members with last names beginning with A or B** 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 19 – **members with last names beginning C or D**

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

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