



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 19
Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Properties Feasibility Task Force— Letter and Q&A Sessions

Members and friends of Federated Church received in the mail this week a letter from Church Council. The letter explains the Council's decision, arrived at after a recommendation from the Properties Feasibility Task Force, to engage a commercial real estate agent to prepare a sale prospectus for our Family Life Center, exploring prices and options for that facility and grounds. Please read that letter and learn the Council's thinking. And then let the Council know your thoughts and reactions.

There will be numerous opportunities to let the Council know your reactions. Properties Feasibility Task Force and Council members are in the process of spending time with ministry teams and commissions. Each Sunday, there will be two opportunities to engage in conversation, at 10:30 and 11:15 am in the Chapel.

On Sunday, June 23 at 12:30 pm, there will be a congregational meeting to affirm Council's vote on the proposal to engage the realtor. Then in the fall, once the realtor has presented us with possible options, there will be a congregational vote on how to proceed. Please learn about the issues and come to any session to let your thoughts and feelings be known. Then join us June 23 for the meeting and vote.

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, May 26

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

May 26 - Lectionary Readings

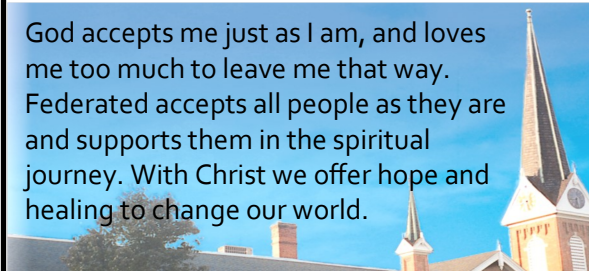
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Sunday, June 2

10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Communion Served
Traditional Worship and Summer Sunday School
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*

* **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.

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

Ramadan Iftar (Fast-Breaking) Dinner

Turkish American Society of Cleveland cordially invites you to our Ramadan Iftar Dinner at The Federated Church. Please join us as we observe the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Date:

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Time:

7:45-8:00 pm – Check in

8:00-9:30 pm – Program & Dinner*

**Dinner will be served at sunset.*

Venue:

The Federated Church
76 Bell St, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

RSVP:

info@tasccleveland.org

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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 **TODAY at 11:00 am in the Lounge.**



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

TOMORROW, May 20 | 7:00 pm
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, Marcos, who has been deported to Mexico.



Special guest Veronica Dahlberg, head of HOLA, will join us for a discussion.

Also, please consider this service project as you attend the movie. There are men who have been incarcerated in the CoreCivic private prison since making the request for asylum, and they are being released with nothing more than a bus ticket to the destination of their family/friends/sponsors where they will await their asylum hearing. Backpacks are being collected - which will then be filled with needed items. **Please bring new or used backpacks** – and Veronica will get them to where they need to go.

Invitation to help plan a Worship Series for fall

Liturgy, a churchy name for Sunday worship service, literally means “work of the people.” The Worship planning team is inviting you to take part in this work. Have you wanted to help shape worship? Do you want a better understanding of how worship is planned and executed? If so, here’s your opportunity.

We are planning a series around the theme of water – which will include Rally Day and also our 100th anniversary of Federated Church celebration. We’d love your creative ideas around music, prayer, scripture, drama, etc.

We will meet at **6:00 pm on Thursday, May 30 in room 240** to brainstorm, letting the Spirit inspire and guide us.

If you’re interested, please contact Susi Kawolics at skawolics@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x102.

Our Spring Inquirers Class starts this week!

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.

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

TODAY | 1:00—6:00 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. ***Please bring your own garden tools, and mark them with your name.***



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. ***Please bring shovels and buckets.*** Then at **5:00 pm**, we plan to eat together. We'll order a pizza and salad dinner to thank all of those who helped out!

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 TODAY 11:00 am–4:00 pm by leaving them on the sidewalk by the FLC memorial gardens.



<div>  This Week In Sunday School  </div>					
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.	Noah's Ark: Genesis 6-9	God keeps his promises.

Cleveland's Pride March

Saturday, June 1 | 11:30 am | Downtown Cleveland

Here at Federated, we believe in an extravagant welcome. As a congregation, we are open and affirming to ***"all races and ages, mental and physical abilities, marital status, gender or sexual orientation,"*** as we enthusiastically proclaimed in February of 2009. Great! So, you can "talk the talk," but will you "walk the walk?"



Join your fellow Federated LGBT allies for the Cleveland Pride March. The parade starts at noon and marches to Public Square. **We'll meet at 11:30 am** at the start to march as a group. Look for our Federated banner!

If you are interested in carpooling or driving there as a group, contact Susi Kawolics at skawolics@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x 102. There are lots of festivities after the parade. Complete info can be found at: lgbtcleveland.org/pride-in-the-cle.

<p>Communion to the Confined Training Sunday, June 9 12:30 pm Bell St. Lounge</p> <p>Once trained, you will serve the Sunday's Communion elements to shut-ins in their homes.</p> <p>Light lunch provided. Contact Peggie Jo Shinagawa at 440.543.5974 with questions.</p> <p>RSVP at the Bell St. Reception Desk, or call 440.247.6490.</p>	<p>Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Info Session Wednesday, June 12 7 pm Bell St. Fellowship Hall</p> <p>See photos of the places we will visit on our trip to the Holy Land & Jordan. Learn more details of the trip and have your questions answered.</p> <p>Contact Peggie Jo Shinagawa at 440.543.5974 with questions or visit fedchurch.org/trips for more information and a complete brochure.</p>	<p>All-Church Potluck Friday, June 21 6 pm Frohring Meadows (16780 Savage Rd, Chagrin Falls)</p> <p>Everyone is welcome! Please bring a dish to share as well as your own service items, plates, and silverware.</p> <p>Outdoor games welcome. Take a walk. Enjoy nature.</p> <p>Sponsored by Congregational Care Commission</p>
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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 19

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Feasibility Q&A
11:00 am Nicaragua Presentation
11:15 am Feasibility Q&A
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship Service
1-6 pm All Church FLC Spring Renewal Event
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

THURSDAY May 23

8:00 am THE SPIRE 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
6:00 pm Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY May 20

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
1:00 pm Mary-Martha & Tapestry Circles Mtg
7:00 pm SJAM Movie Night

FRIDAY May 24

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
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

TUESDAY May 21

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 Worship & Music Commission Mtg
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg
7:00 pm Men's Third Tuesday
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

SATURDAY May 25

SUNDAY May 26

8:30 am OBOC Sunday Group Poetry Discussion
9:00 am Loaves & Fishes Sharing A Meal—away
10:00 am Traditional Family Worship Service at the Family Life Center
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:00 am Feasibility Q&A
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

WEDNESDAY May 22

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg
4:00 pm Primetime Trip to Wildwood Cultural Center
7:00 pm Co-Ed Basketball
7:00 pm Inquirers Class (1 of 2)
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg
8:00 pm Al-Anon Regular Mtg

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

Jack Freer 211 Manor Brook Dr. Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, who has been diagnosed with oral cancer and will have surgery on May 23.

Rich Kelly 7256 Dursley Ct., Solon, OH 44139, who is having eye surgery at the Cole Eye Center on May 20.

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

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:

Jody Halley, 440.591.8703; Gayle Bauer, Vivian Platek, Trina Gigax, Martine Scheuermann.

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 Anne Masters in loving memory of her daughter, Sarah, and in honor of her beautiful, grown-up granddaughters, Nicole, Michala, Rebecca and Somier.

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

June 2 – **members with last names beginning H, I, J or K (back at Bell St.)**

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