



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

# May 26 Welcome!

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Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

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### Properties Feasibility Task Force— Letter and Q&A Session

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. **Today, there will be an opportunity to engage in conversation after worship at 11 am in the Hearth Room.**

**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, June 2

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
Communion served

10 am Traditional Worship and  
Summer Sunday School  
*Music by Federated Choir*

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

#### June 2 - Lectionary Readings

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

#### Sunday, June 9

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
New Members join  
Long Time Members celebrated  
UCC Strengthen the Church Offering  
collected

10 am Traditional Worship and  
Summer Sunday School  
*Music by Federated Choir*

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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 Snavely**, *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!

You 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

## Colorado Kids



9 am - Noon

June 1

June 8

June 15

Church Parking Lot

# *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.

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**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@tascleveland.org](mailto:info@tascleveland.org)



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## 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](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 x102. There are lots of festivities after the parade. Complete info can be found at: [lgbtcleveland.org/pride-in-the-cle](http://lgbtcleveland.org/pride-in-the-cle).

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### 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 x102..

### 49 Bells

Wednesday, June 12

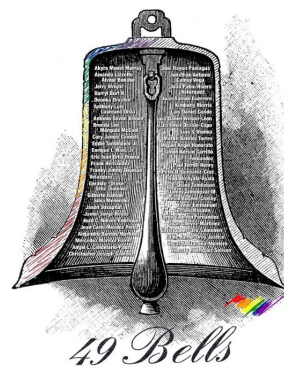
11:30 am – 12:15 pm in the Chapel

We at Federated will be joining hundreds of other churches across the world in "49 Bells" - tolling bells in commemoration of the 49 victims of the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida on June 12, 2016.

Come and participate by watching the short documentary about the shooting called *Love the Sinner in the*

**Chapel at 11:30 am,** and then in the tolling of the bells **at noon.**

There will be reading of the names of the victims, and prayers for a world where all are accepted and loved just as they are.



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## **All Church Campout**

**Friday, June 7 at 6 pm—Saturday, June 8 at 10 am**  
**Family Life Center Grounds**

Federated! It's time for Camp Out 2.0! Join us for s'mores and a campfire program in the evening and an omelet bar in the morning. Enjoy God's great creation with your church family (and any friends you'd like to invite!) by spending a night tent camping on the grounds of the FLC.

A few notes:

If you would prefer to just join in for the evening of play and campfire please do, just mention your intentions in the RSVP. Dinner will not be provided on Friday evening. Please eat before you come or bring your dinner with you.

Please text Kristin LeFeber at 703.434.9851 to RSVP or if you have any questions.



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## **Communion for Shut-ins Ministry Training**

**Sunday June 9 | 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.

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## **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Information Session**

**Wednesday, June 12 | 7 pm**  
**Bell St. Fellowship Hall**

We are partnering with Magi Travel for a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands April 19-May 1, 2020. We invite you to an info session to 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.

Contact Peggie Jo Shinagawa at 440.543.5974 with questions or visit [fedchurch.org/trips](http://fedchurch.org/trips) for more information and a complete brochure.





## This Week In Sunday School



Theme	Theme	Bible Story	Truth
Kids Cove (Birth-Preschool) (Room 20)	Discovery Island (K-5th Grade)		
God Bless Our Country	No Sunday School Today! Enjoy worshipping with your families. Summer Sunday School beings next week!		



### Summer Sunday School at Bell Street - Our Summer ENJOYING God.

"This is the day the Lord has made,  
let us REJOICE and be glad in it."

Every Sunday this summer starting June 2,  
Sunday School will be hands on and full of JOY as  
we discover the Fruit of the Spirit in unusual ways.

Meet us at 10:00 am on the second floor.

Little kids through pre-school age will meet  
downstairs in Room 20 at both services, and will  
be learning about how God made everything.

*Make sure you are following the Federated  
Facebook page to catch a glimpse of our weekly  
adventures!*

*Facebook.com/thefederatedchurch*

### All-Church Potluck on Summer Solstice

Friday, June 21 | 6:00 pm

Frohring Meadows

(16780 Savage Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH)

Come and enjoy the  
summer with an old-  
fashioned church  
potluck. Everyone is  
welcome to attend!  
Outdoor games  
welcome. Take a walk.  
Enjoy nature.



Please bring a dish to share, as well as  
your own service items, plates and  
silverware. Beverages will be provided.

*Sponsored by the Congregational Care  
Commission.*



### Building Closure

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



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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 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***

## MONDAY May 27

All buildings closed for Memorial Day

## TUESDAY May 28

9:15 am Pastoral Care Mtg  
**10:00 am** ***Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal***  
6:00 pm HR Committee Mtg  
**7:00 pm** ***AA Fireside Mtg***  
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY May 29

**7:30 am** ***Contemplative Prayer***  
**8:00 am** ***Spirit Walk & Roll***  
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg  
12:00 pm Staff Calendaring Lunch Mtg  
2:00 pm Primetime meets at Chagrin Falls Historical Society—away  
5:15 pm Same Boat Friends meet for dinner  
**6:30 pm** ***Inquirers Class (2 of 2)***  
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
**7:00 pm** ***Co-Ed Basketball (Final)***  
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 30

**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  
4:15 pm Facilitator Training Mtg  
**6:00 pm** ***Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg***  
6:00 pm Liturgy Planning Mtg  
6:30 pm ACA Mtg  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 pm Ramadan Iftar Dinner with the Turkish American Society of Cleveland

## FRIDAY May 31

7:30 pm Properties Feasibility Task Force II Mtg  
**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 June 1

9am-12pm Colorado Kids Car Wash  
9:30 am Puerto Rico Work Camp Mtg  
11:30 am Pride in the CLE March—away

## SUNDAY June 2

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 am Summer Sunday School  
10:30 am Feasibility Q&A  
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 am Feasibility Q&A  
11:15 am Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Mtg  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship  
2:30 pm Memorial Service for John Dixon  
3:30 pm Reception for Dixon Service  
**8:15 pm** ***AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg***

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

**Karen Anderson** 8242 Summit Dr. Chagrin Falls, OH 44023 recovering from surgery on her leg on May 16.

**Cindy Denney** 163 Chestnut Lane Chagrin Falls, OH 44022 who is recovering from medical issues.

**Mary Dixon** 17626 Eastbrook Trl. Chagrin Falls, OH 44023 on the death of her son, John Dixon, whose memorial service will be Sunday, June 2 at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Jackie Zahl** 7011 Oak St. Chagrin Falls, OH 44022 who is recovering from foot surgery at Hillcrest Hospital.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Melinda Smith** and **Trisha Holland**.

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:**

Joyce Ritchie; 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](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).*

**Fellowship Treats:** Thank you to **congregation members with last names beginning with E, F and G** for providing today's treats. We invite you to join us in the Chapel area after worship to enjoy time together.

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.

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

June 9 – **members with last names beginning L or M**

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