



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

August 18  
**Welcome!**

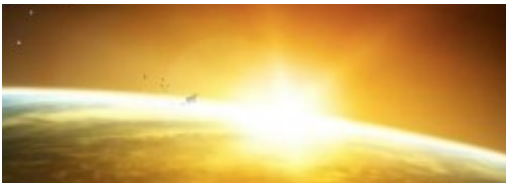
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Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

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### **11:30 RISE to Shine returns soon**

*\*\* We launch on September 15! \*\**



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

### **Ahead At The Fed**

#### **Sunday, August 25**

10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
Combined Worship and  
Summer Sunday School  
*Special Music by Kiko Weinroth*

#### **August 25 - Scriptures**

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

#### **Sunday, September 1**

10 am Combined Worship and  
Summer Sunday School  
*Special Music by Joshua Konow & Beth Rutkowski*

#### **Sunday, September 8**

10 am Rally Day Worship and  
Summer Sunday School  
11 am Rally Day Picnic

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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*

\* **Judy Bagley-Bonner**, *Interim Pastor*

\* **Dan Kershner**, *Pastoral Care Pastor*

### 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**, *Custodian*

### Music Staff

**Joshua Konow**, *Director of Music Ministries*

\* **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*

\* **Bridget Petitti**, *Children, Youth and Family Intern*

\* **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.

## Collect Water from a Special Place This Summer

We encourage you to **collect water** from a place this summer that has special meaning for you and to bring it to church on **Sunday, September 8**. That will be a special Rally Day when we will pour all our water together and bless it as our holy water for the upcoming year. We'll use it in baptisms, and other special blessings.

If you took a picture of where the water came from, please email to [skawolics@fedchurch.org](mailto:skawolics@fedchurch.org) or put the picture in Susi's mailbox.

If you can't be here on September 8th, please put your water bottle with description in Susi's mailbox in the office.

**Pick up your small water bottle and card** from the baskets outside the Sanctuary doors and at the Reception Desk in the Bell St. Lobby.



## Beep Ball Returns to Solon

TODAY! | 2:00 pm

**Solon Community Park Field #4**  
**6679 SOM Center Rd.**

The "Babes of 1916," a senior softball team in Solon, will be hosting the "Cleveland Scrappers," Cleveland's only blind softball team, in an exhibition game of Beep Ball. The game is an opportunity to showcase the talents of both teams with the spotlight on the Cleveland

Scrappers' athleticism and ability to overcome obstacles through a competitive game.

Beep Ball is played with a 16-inch beeping softball that players can

hear and bases that buzz. This will be a unique and inspiring event for the whole family. Lawn chairs or blankets are recommended.



## FedChurch Facebook Group

As we approach the 2019-2020 program year, we are looking into ways to build community and keep the congregation informed about what is happening in our many ministries.



This is a "closed group" for members and regular attendees of Federated. Only those who have joined the Facebook group can see the content and any members of the group can post. It can be a place to share prayer requests, give/get updates on church events, look for volunteer help, ask questions, and extend discussions as a church beyond Sunday mornings. We encourage you to join in and be part of the conversations.

Go to [facebook.com/FedChurchCongregation](https://facebook.com/FedChurchCongregation) or search for "Federated Church Congregation" on the Facebook app.

## Planned Giving Seminar at Federated North

Sunday, August 25 at 2:30 pm

### Wonderful updates!

Please join us for an intimate gathering with our Federated North family at a planned giving seminar, where we will also get to **welcome Hamilton and Susi** as they visit with us. We hope to inform and celebrate those who have questions about including - or have already included - Federated in their estate plans. We'll **hear Toni Harris** share what making a planned gift meant to her, and Hamilton will discuss how our beloved ministries are supported by them.



**Many thanks to Al and Rebecca Woehrle for hosting this special event in their Community Social Room at 5630 Grace Woods Dr in Breckenridge Village.**

Please let us know you plan to attend by contacting Laura Taylor at 440.247.6490 x115 or [rejoiceandrenew@fedchurch.org](mailto:rejoiceandrenew@fedchurch.org).

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### Petition Signing

SJAM will have a petition signing after church today in Fellowship Hall in favor of getting expanded background checks for guns on the ballot in Ohio.

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### School Supply Collection a Success!

Chagrin Falls Park was very excited at the tremendous collection of school supplies contributed by the Federated Church. More than 200 students received school supplies, and Chagrin Falls Park replenished their tutoring supplies for a year. Great job from the Fed.

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### Tutors Needed at Chagrin Falls Park

Tutors needed for Chagrin Falls Park. Tutoring begins September 3. There is no need to have been a teacher... just have to enjoy working with children! For more information call Chagrin Falls Park at 440.247.6030.

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### RISE to Shine returns on September 15

On summer Sundays through September 8, we briefly pressed pause on the 11:30 service as we worked to "give rise" to a retooled RISE to Shine experience in the fall.

This intermission allowed time to analyze impact and develop what is needed to solidify sustainable rotations and supports, gearing up for a spectacular launch.

**The official grand opening for the RISE worship service is scheduled for Sunday, September 15.** In the meantime, please consider who you will invite to attend Federated in the fall. We have what the world is longing for!

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### End of Summer Cookout with Mt. Zion Church

**Friday, September 6, starting at 5pm  
(but come when you can)  
Family Life Center Grounds**

It's an all-church cookout! We are planning to gather with **Mt. Zion Congregational Church** for a joint cookout. Mt. Zion marks its 155th anniversary that weekend and will spend that evening celebrating with us! We are honored to host them for this important milestone in their spiritual life.

To mark our fellowship, we will create a joint work of art on the theme of *"What Does the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s I Have a Dream Speech Mean Today?"*

Plan to arrive starting at 5:00 pm or any time after that. **Bring a dish to pass.** After the art project we will serve dinner at 7:00 pm. The cookout is sponsored by Federated's Social Justice Advocacy Ministry.

Sign up after church in Fellowship Hall and list what food you'll bring, or contact Barry Stees at [steesbassoon@gmail.com](mailto:steesbassoon@gmail.com) or 440.781.1913.



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## Minimizing the Use of the Family Life Center

As most of you know, we've been struggling with hiring and retaining custodians. Unfortunately, we'll be losing four people by mid-August and we're down to one part-time custodian, Larry McGurer.

To address this dire situation, I've asked Council, and they agreed, to consolidate our resources by temporarily minimizing the use of the Family Life Center (FLC). This is a temporary solution that will consolidate our limited resources and buy us some time, instead of taxing resources that we don't even have.

Starting today, the front portion of the FLC (gym, classrooms, and Hearth Room), will be closed and meetings will be moved to Bell St. The parking lot at Bell St. will be carefully monitored and managed to minimize parking concerns.

The FLC kitchen will remain open for Meals on Wheels and large events already contracted at the FLC will be held as planned.

Questions contact [aeugene@fedchuch.org](mailto:aeugene@fedchuch.org) or 440.247.6490 x110.

- Amy Eugene, Senior Director of Operations

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## Children's Choir

Children's Choir Director, Pat Haynish, invites *all children* in grades 1-8 to participate in the Federated Children's Choir!

Rehearsals will begin **Monday, August 26 in the Large Music Room from 4—4:45 pm**. The choir will perform about once a month and will be featured in a Christmas Musical on December 8! Choir members often use instruments, ribbons and other props to accompany their Sunday performances!

Please come and join the fun! For more information contact Pat Haynish, [phaynish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phaynish@sbcglobal.net).





**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, Sunday School will be hands on and full of JOY as we discover the Fruit of the Spirit in unusual ways. Start in the Sanctuary at the 10:00 am service.

**Little kids through pre-school will meet in Kids  
Cove on the Ground Floor, Room G20.**

## **Coming This Fall: Spirituality 101**

**Led by Mary Senechal & Rev. Judith Bryan**

What is spirituality? What is the spiritual life? How can we be more aware of God's movement and presence in our lives? How might we explore our internal life and relationship with God? How can we strengthen our spiritual life?

Through study, discussion and practice we will seek to deepen our relationship with the Holy One and one another. Mary and Judith will provide short readings, facilitate conversation and guide a variety of prayer practices that have sustained Christians over the centuries. This series takes place **Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm, September 11-October 16**. The series is intended for men and women of all ages and stages in their faith development journey.

To sign up, please email Mary Senechal at [msart@windstream.net](mailto:msart@windstream.net).

## **Stock Donations... Was This From You?**

Federated is so thankful to members who have made stock donations recently. However, in one circumstance, we don't know yet who to thank!

There has been a **PepsiCo** stock donation, which the Church received with no donor name attached. **Is this from you? And was this a payment for the capital campaign or general fund/operating?**

The information the church receives from our investment firm, Fidelity, does not include the church member name – only the name of the corporate stock/mutual fund and the number of shares donated. **Please notify the church, ahead of time**, of the company name and the number of shares that are being donated: for example, 50 shares of Apple Inc. That way, we'll be on the look-out! Thanks for helping us credit and thank you efficiently and appropriately!

Feel free to email this information to Amy Eugene, Federated's Senior Director of Operations ([aeugene@fedchurch.org](mailto:aeugene@fedchurch.org), 440-247-6490 x110).



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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 August 18

10:00 am Combined Worship Service  
10:00 am Summer Sunday School  
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

## MONDAY August 19

10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi  
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg  
7:00 pm Additional Possibilities Task Force Mtg

## TUESDAY August 20

**8:30 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal**  
12:00 pm Pastoral Care Mtg  
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge  
6:00 pm Worship & Music Commission Mtg  
7:00 pm AA Fireside Mtg

## WEDNESDAY August 21

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer—away  
12:00 pm AA Twelve to One Mtg  
7:00 pm Membership Committee Mtg  
7:00 pm Telling Our Story Commission Mtg  
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg  
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg

## THURSDAY August 22

7:30 am Resource Realignment Task Force Mtg  
8:00 am THE SPIRE Newsletter Preparations  
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 Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg  
6:30 pm ACA Mtg

## FRIDAY August 23

9:30 am Women's Bible Study—away  
12:00 pm Friday Big Book AA Mtg  
1:00 pm Mahjong  
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

## SATURDAY August 24

## SUNDAY August 25

10:00 am Combined Worship Service  
10:00 am Summer Sunday School  
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
2:30 pm Legacy Fund Planned Giving Seminar—away  
8:15 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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

**Ann-Marie Heston** 550 Hemlock Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022 recovering at home from hip surgery.

**Darlene Nichols** 450-35 Honeysuckle Path, Aurora, OH 44202 recovering at home from surgery for her broken wrist.

**Louise Rutkowski** 1061 Sheerbrook Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022 recovering at home after a fall.

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

For August, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Chagrin Falls Park Community Center**.

### 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).*

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given in memory of Leslie Lance and Ginny Lance Piccione by Rick Jones.

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 S or T** for providing today's treats. We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall between the two 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.

August 25 – **members with last names beginning U, V, W, X, Y or Z**

September 1 – **members with last names beginning A or B**

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