



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

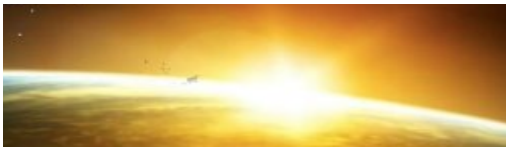
An Open and Affirming Congregation

January 12

Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

11:30 RISE to Shine Service



Spirited and Invitational Music
Welcome and Announcements

Offertory invitation

Offertory song

Scripture

Sermon

Song

Blessing

All children are welcome in worship! Childcare is also available for birth-Pre-K downstairs in Room G2o.

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, January 19

- 10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Traditional Worship and Sunday School
Music by Federated Choir
- 11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship
Music by RISE to Shine Band

January 19 - Scriptures

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
I Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Sunday, January 26

- 10 am Rev. Mark Simone preaches
Traditional Worship and Sunday School
Presentation of 2019 Christmas Eve
Offering
Music by Bell Choir
- 11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship
Music by RISE to Shine Band

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*

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

Administration and Staff

Melinda Smith, *Congregational Life Administrator*

* **Janis Stefanchik**, *Bookkeeper*

* **Trisha Holland**, *Marketing & Communications Specialist*

* **Kiersti Critchfield**, *Pastoral Care Administrator*

* **Dolly Herschel**, *Primetime Coordinator*

* **Laura Taylor**, *Fund Development Associate*

Jake Magalski, *Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

Jacob Evans, *Head Custodian*

Ken Tranter, * **Larry McGurer**, *Custodians*

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*

* **Kristin LeFeber**, *Director of Children's Faith Formation*

* **Alex Bell**, **Lianna Davis**, **Trisha Holland**, *Childcare Providers*

Our Ushers and Greeters are available to answer any questions you may have and will be happy to assist you in any way.

Social Justice Advocacy Ministry

SJAM is a group of Federated folks learning about and taking action on a wide variety of societal justice issues such as gun violence, criminal justice, LGBTQ+ rights, environmental issues, racial justice, voter registration and immigration as well as other areas of concern.

Sound interesting? We welcome you to join us at our next meeting. Bring a friend. SJAM is open to all in the community who are looking for ways to work for social justice. If you would like to learn more, please contact Kathy Franz (440.543.4086 or kfranz17114@gmail.com).

**Next SJAM Meeting — Sunday,
January 19, 11:30 am, Bell St. Room 240**

Did You Donate Stock?

The business office is looking for the individuals who donated the following stock, so they can be credited appropriately.

20 shares of Proctor & Gamble stock

42 shares of Vanguard Index Funds

If you know where these donations came from, please contact Janis Stefanchik at business@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x114. Thank you!

2020 Contribution Envelopes...

...are available for pickup. If you used envelopes last year or checked the box on your pledge card indicating that you want a box for 2020, a labeled box is waiting for you in Fellowship Hall.

Just Mercy Book Study

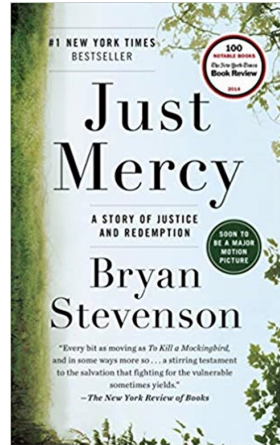
Grab a copy of the book *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. It is a true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to end mass incarceration in America. If you read it, join us for one of two **book discussions**:

Group 1:
TODAY

11:15 am, Room 240, Room 350,
& Lounge

Group 2:

Friday, January 17
1:00 pm, Room 250



Just Mercy Movie Viewing

Tomorrow, January 13
7:00 pm
Chagrin Cinemas

Join members of SJAM to view *Just Mercy* at Chagrin Cinemas.

Note: For January only, this replaces the monthly social justice movie at Bell St.

Confirmation—Still Time to Join!

There is still time for any interested teenager, grades 9 and above, to join our 2020 Confirmation Class.

Confirmation is the process in which a young adult interacts with issues and views of our Christian faith. We meet every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday from 10:00—11:15 am. The class is interesting and truly a great deal of fun.

For more information, please contact Mark Simone at msimone@fedchurch.org or 440.463.9439.

Church Family Ski Trip

Monday, February 17, 7 am—8 pm

All are invited! Please contact Marty to express interest and reserve your spots: mculbert@fedchurch.org.

More details coming in future bulletins and the February SPIRE.



Paper Recycling at the FLC on Break

For several years, Federated Church has participated in a paper recycling program with the Abitibi Company. There was a small return on our recycling program. On December 18, 2019, Abitibi went out of business and sold the collection dumpsters to Rumpke Waste & Recycling Company. Rumpke had a recycling program but there is a charge for the service. The Properties Committee directed staff to contact Rumpke to pick up the dumpsters and to not enroll Federated Church in their recycling program. The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM) will examine other ways to participate in sustainable practices. The SJAM Creation Justice Team will keep us all updated.

NOICA Cooking Class and Meal

Last May, our Turkish friends and neighbors hosted an Iftar dinner during their Holy days of Ramadan. It was a huge success and a wonderful way to begin building some great relationships. The Northern Ohio Intercultural Association (NOICA, formerly Turkish American Society) is now offering a cooking demonstration and meal to be held in Fellowship Hall. This event is open to ALL Federated - adults and children.

Sunday, January 19, 4—7 pm

The cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5-12, and free for children under 5.

A sign-up sheet will be available after the 10:00 am service today.

Questions? Contact Darlene Nichols at darnichols10@gmail.com or call 440.821.9963.



Primetime Federated Forum

**Tomorrow, January 13 in Fellowship Hall
Refreshments at 1:30; Program at 2:00 pm**

Presenter: Eric Kish

Program: *How Immigrant Composers Invented Hollywood Movie Music.*

The rise of the talkies coincided with the rise of Hitler, and so those Jewish artists who could get away did just that. Three giants came to Hollywood: Erich Wolfgang Korngold, Max Steiner and Franz Waxman. Their film scores defined the Hollywood movie scores for decades. EVERYONE will remember the tunes once he plays them!

Eric's radio program, "Musical Passions" on WCLV 104.9, has been on the air since 2004. He was involved with the Ohio Chamber Orchestra and the Cleveland Chamber Music Society. He has given many talks about music, and regularly presents courses on musical subjects.

SJAM—LGBTQ+

My Kid's Out

Bainbridge UCC is offering an event for parents. "My Kid's Out" is on Saturday, January 25 at 10:00 am. Parents of LGBTQ+ are invited to attend at 17751 Chillicothe Road.



Tickets for Sugarloaf Mountain (Apollo's Fire) on Sale NOW!

Friday, January 24, 7:30 pm | Sanctuary

A reception will follow the concert.

"Sugarloaf Mountain" is created and directed by Jeannette Sorrell, creator of Apollo's Fire hit crossover programs "Come to the River" and "Sephardic Journey," both Top 10 bestsellers on Billboard Classical. The program has toured to New York City, the National Gallery in Washington, Pittsburgh's Renaissance & Baroque Society, and universities up and down the East Coast, in addition to over 15 sold-out performances in Cleveland. The CD recording on British label AVIE debuted at no. 5 on the Billboard Classical Crossover chart (2015).



Visit fedchurch.org/concerts for more info and to purchase tickets, or purchase tickets between worship services in Fellowship Hall.

TICKET PRICING

- Advance purchase (General Admission)—\$35
- At-the-door (General Admission)—\$45
- Premium seating (Front of house/balcony)—\$60
- Student admission (18 and under)—\$15

"Wonderfully fresh... exuding utter authenticity, contagious kinetic energy, and a totally free-wheeling spirit to the nth degree while shedding not a whit of their phenomenal technical polish, exemplifying the kind of art that conceals art. A must-have item; highest recommendation."

— FANFARE Record Magazine



"Spectacularly fine singing and instrumental playing... full of energy and life. Terrific sweep from the ensemble who really swing. A first rate recording."— THE CLASSICAL REVIEWER, UK

"Authenticity and that most elusive of desirable qualities, exquisite taste."— THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

Always, We Begin Again
SPIRITUALITY 101 RETURNS

Six Wednesdays:

January 22, 29,

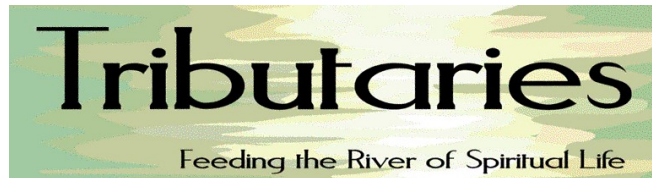
February 5, 12, 19, 26

7:00-9:00 pm | Bell St. Room 240

St. Benedict wrote that "Always, we begin again." No matter how many years we have worshiped and prayed, we can choose to become beginners in the spiritual life. Each new day offers the opportunity to be more aware of God's presence and movement in our life. Each encounter with our loving God grows us in faith, hope and love, in patience and wisdom.

Through discussion and practice, we seek to deepen our relationship with the Holy One and one another. Mary Senechal, hospice chaplain, and Judith Brown Bryan, spiritual director and retired Presbyterian minister, will provide short readings, facilitate conversation, and guide a variety of prayer practices that have sustained Christians over the centuries. Because each of us brings our unique gifts and experiences, this series is intended for men and women of all ages and stages in their spiritual journey.

Contact Mary with questions—
msart@windstream.net or
440.338.3312. Thank you!



*A spiritual growth academy for the community.
A portion of proceeds go to support programs of Federated
Church. Visit fedchurch.org/tributaries.*

Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

Thursdays through February 27 | 7-8:15 pm

Room 230 Tuition: \$10 Drop-in

Everyone is welcome to join in this gentle yoga class where basic yoga postures are introduced and serve as our foundation for each class sequence. Engage in the intentional practice of meditation, movement, and breath work by connecting our entire being - body, breath, mind and spirit. A sense of balance, centering and peacefulness prepare us to better live into our faith and to be available to serve others. Bring a yoga mat, blanket and dress comfortably.

Please email to say you will be attending

Instructor: Dawn Dole, RYT 200

Contact: newdayyoga.dawn@gmail.com

Balance, Balls and Bands

Thursdays | 10:30-11:30 am

Fellowship Hall Tuition: \$10 Drop-in

A new integrative mind body approach done with chair support to improve balance, strength & flexibility and modified to your tolerance.

Instructor: Carol Kelly, LPT

Contact: schakell51@aol.com

Secure Ways to Pay Your Pledge!

- Online: <https://onrealm.org/fedchurch/give>
 - Mobile App: Download "Connect – Our Church Community"
 - Text: "FEDCHURCH" to "73256"
- Questions? Contact Janis Stefanchik, bookkeeper, x114 or business@fedchurch.org

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 January 12

- 10:00 am Confirmation Class
- 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00 am Sunday School (K-8)
- 10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 11:15 am Just Mercy Book Study Sessions
- 11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship
- 4:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) and GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Go Bowling
- 8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY January 13

- 10:00 am Primetime Pillows for Hospice Sewing
- 10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class
- 10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
- 1:30 pm Primetime Federated Forum
- 3:15 pm Primetime Ministry Team Mtg
- 4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Congregational Care Commission Mtg
- 7:00 pm SJAM Movie—away at Chagrin Cinemas

TUESDAY January 14

- 10:00 am Pastoral Care Mtg
- 6:00 pm SJAM Creation Justice Environmental SubGroup Mtg
- 7:00 pm Mission & Service Commission Mtg
- 7:00 pm Spiritual Formation Commission Mtg
- 7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal Mtg

WEDNESDAY January 15

- 7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
- 4:45 pm Primetime Dinner & Theater Outing—away
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 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 January 16

- 8:00 am Primetime Newsletter Prep
- 8:30 am Men's Discussion Group
- 9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group
- 10:00 am Sit & Stitch
- 10:30 am Tributaries: Balance, Balls & Bands
- 12:00 pm Primetime Lunch Out: Burntwood Tavern
- 2:00 pm Primetime Bowling—away
- 6:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg
- 6:00 pm Thursday Women's Happy Hour AA Mtg
- 6:30 pm ACA Mtg
- 7:00 pm Federated Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Interim Associate Pastor Search Committee Mtg
- 7:00 pm Tributaries: Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

FRIDAY January 17

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Friday Noon Big Book AA Mtg
- 1:00 pm Just Mercy Book Study Session—Group 2
- 1:00 pm Mahjong
- 3:00 pm SJAM Leaders Mtg
- 8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY January 18

SUNDAY January 19

- 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00 am Sunday School (K-8)
- 10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship
- 11:30 am SJAM Mtg
- 4:00 pm Northern Ohio Intercultural Association Cooking Class
- 4:30 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Mtg
- 8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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

Carol J. Foley, 8103 Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-4505, on the death of her husband, **Bill Foley** who passed away on January 3. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 11:00am in the Sanctuary.

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

For January, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Homeless Ministries (Homeless Stand Down in Cleveland)**.

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 kcritchfield@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.

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to **members with last names beginning C or D** for providing today's treats. We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall between the services for food and fellowship.

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.

January 19 – **members with last names beginning E, F or G**

January 26 – **members with last names beginning H, I, J or K**

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