



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

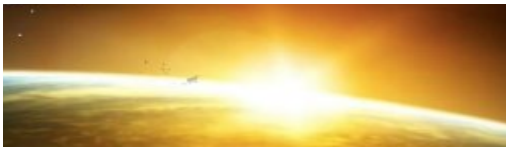
An Open and Affirming Congregation

February 2

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

Communion

Song

Blessing

All children are welcome in worship! Childcare is also available for birth-Pre-K downstairs in Room G20.

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, February 9

- 10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Traditional Worship and Sunday School
Music by Adult Choir & Children's Choir
- 11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship
Music by RISE to Shine Band & Children's Choir

February 9 - Scriptures

Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
I Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 16

- 10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Traditional Worship and Sunday School
Music by Adult 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**, * **Kin Barber**, *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*
* **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.

Melinda Stees Art Tour

TODAY | 11:15 am

Are they prints? Paintings? *Knitting?*

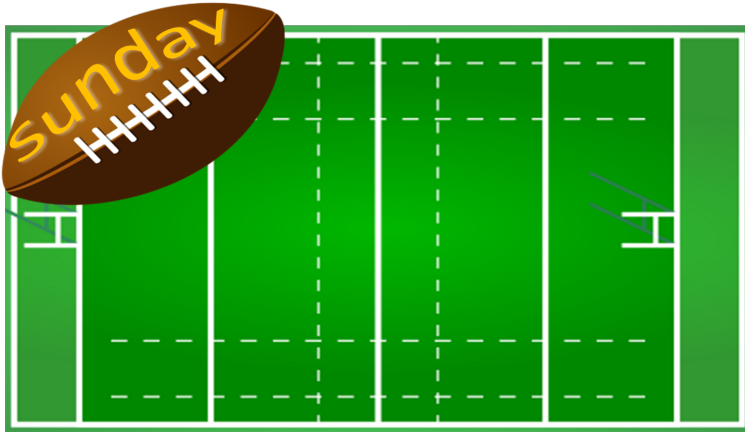
Artist **Melinda Stees** will answer all your questions when she takes us on a **tour of her art on Sunday February 2 at 11:15 am**, right after the 10:00 service.

Meet her by the art gallery, at the bottom of the blue stairs used to exit the Sanctuary. You will see multiple panels of her intriguing artwork hanging right there.

How does she create it? Why? Is it true that her artwork is currently hanging in Pittsburgh, and transitioning to a Denver gallery next? Come join us & find out!



“Soup”er Bowl



TODAY!

JOY kids will be serving yummy soup and treats following the 10 am worship service in Fellowship Hall.

Freewill offering will go to funding Ohio City Power’s Soup for the Soul, a mission through St. Paul’s & Federated Church.

A Message From Church Council: 2019 Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Throughout most of 2019, the Church Council and appointed task forces have spent time in discovery and research regarding the Family Life Center. In November, a letter went out to the congregation with summaries of reports from the “Additional Possibilities Task Force” and the “Real Estate Task Force.”

In December, four listening sessions were held. Congregation members were invited to hear the task force presentations in person and to ask questions and share thoughts about the ideas. These questions were gathered and became part of the ongoing work. A combined group from the task forces, the Joint Task Force Recommendation Team, began meeting to look for a way to pursue the new use idea, proposed by an emerging non-profit, in a way that accomplished the financial goals needed for sustainability.

Church Council plans to bring a recommendation with information to the congregation at the **Annual Meeting on February 23 at 12:45 pm. Your presence is important! We need a quorum of 100 members** to approve the 2020 budget and candidates for leadership positions throughout the church and the recommendation brought forth by Church Council.

A meal will be provided prior to the meeting, starting at 11:00 am, benefitting the Colorado Kids.

Women's Fellowship Service Project Luncheon

Tuesday, February 11 | 11:45 am
Bell St. Fellowship Hall

Please consider joining us for a couple of hours of service and fellowship. We think you could be very helpful! We are having a punch bowl mixer at 11:45 am, and at noon we will enjoy some baked potatoes, with all the trimmings.

We will be putting together toiletry kits for St. Paul's outreach program. If you can add to these kits, **please bring items to the reception desk by February 11**: soap, shampoo, conditioner (hotel/travel size), toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, deodorant, combs, razors, and white tube socks.

We will also stuff cancer pillows that have been made by Tapestry Circle and make Valentine's Day cards for Geauga County Department of Aging.

For reservations or more information, contact Lynne Kessell at 440.247.5544. **Reservations must be made by this Friday, February 7.**

Guitar Choir

Calling all players or those who would like to learn to play guitar. We meet every Thursday at the church from 3:45 to 4:30 pm in Room 320.

Bring your guitar or borrow one of the guitars we loan out to students. Friends are welcome. Don't play guitar? Then come and learn how! Questions? Contact Mark at msimone@fedchurch.org.

One Book One Community

"Let Your Life Speak"

By Parker Palmer

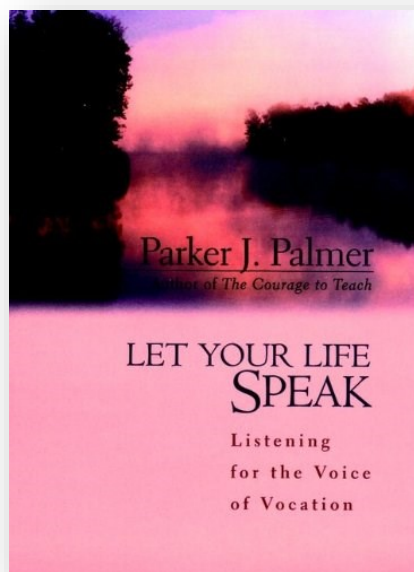
Have you wondered about your true calling in life? Are you using your gifts and talents to serve a need in the world that is meaningful to you? Are you living in a way that is true to your deepest values?

Explore these questions and find the inspiration to find your own unique and authentic path as we read *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation* by Parker Palmer during Lent.

We invite you to participate in our One Book One Community book study. Small groups will be forming to discuss the book during the six weeks of Lent leading up to Easter on April 12.

Look for sign-ups and books available in Fellowship Hall between the worship services.

Contact Cathy Digel with questions at cathy.digel@gmail.com or 216.409.9714.



Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign Project Update

Members of our Properties Committee and properties staff have been very busy coordinating a few capital campaign projects over the last two months:

- A new electrical panel and dimmers were installed to adjust the lighting in our Sanctuary – no more scary buzzing noise when the lights are dimmed!
- The final six Sanctuary armchairs were reupholstered.
- Both the snowplow and salt-spreader have been repaired.
- Our new Gator has already been used to plow snow and spread salt on the sidewalks.
- The top three steps connecting our parking lot to the school's lot are going to be heated like the rest of the steps. This will come in real handy on those snowy/icy Sundays!



Movie Nights for African-American History Month

Henry Louis Gates's four-part series, "Reconstruction in America"

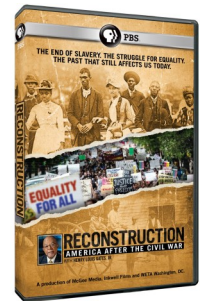
Monday, February 3, 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Hour 1 —The aftermath of the Civil War was bewildering, exhilarating... and terrifying

Monday, February 10—Hour 2

Wednesday, February 19—Hour 3

Monday, February 24—Hour 4



Communion Classes

Fifth through eighth graders, along with their families, have a wonderful opportunity to participate in our Communion classes led by Reverend Hamilton Throckmorton and Reverend Mark Simone.

Classes will be held on **Thursday, February 20** and **Tuesday, February 25** from 7:00-9:00 pm in the **Bell Street Lounge**. Please plan on attending both evenings.

These classes focus on the meaning and mystery of this sacrament and include lecture, dialogue, small group discussion and fellowship. The second evening concludes with a communion service and reception. Children receive a Bible as a gift from their Federated church family. The Lord's Supper is at the very core of our faith, making this a meaningful step in the religious journey of these children.

Children completing the class will be recognized on **Sunday, March 1 (Youth Sunday)**.

Register by February 13 by contacting Kristin LeFeber at 440.247.6490 x130 or klefeber@fedchurch.org.



SKATE PARTY

ALL CHURCH SKATING PARTY

HOST:
Federated Family Ministries (Kristin LeFeber) (703) 434-9851

WHERE:
Chagrin Valley Roller Rink
7151 S. Main Street
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

WHEN:
Saturday, February 8 from 5:00 PM
to 7:00 PM

Hi Friends! Come skate with us next Saturday, February 8 from 5-8 pm at the Chagrin Valley Roller Rink! We will have the roller rink to ourselves and our family and friends. Please invite them to join us for a fun winter evening out of the house and moving! Admission to the rink is free. Skate rentals are \$4/pair. Clean skates only if brought in. No outside food, but the full concession stand will be open with food for purchase. Spectators welcome, but required to cheer, gently heckle and high five!

RSVPs appreciated, but not required. Let's fill the place up!

Contact Kristin LeFeber with questions and to RSVP at klefeber@gmail.com or 440.247.6490 x130.

Monday,
February 17




ski Trip to Peek n' Peak!

Open to Church members & friends
Leaving Monday at 7 am
and skiing, boarding or tubing all day
Returning around 8 pm

GROUP or JOY youth going without parents
will be asked to contribute:

\$10 for transportation

\$10 for lunch

\$8 for dinner

and a la carte (based on 15 people)

\$40 lift ticket

\$28 for rentals

lessons available, contact Marty

Families are asked to contribute to transportation
and will need to pay for lift and rentals. Food will
be their responsibility (at group discount)

RSVP to Marty Culbertson at

mculbert@fedchurch.org by February 15.

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 February 2

9am-1pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Soup-er Bowl
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School (K-5)
10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:15 am Stees Art Tour
11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship
12:15 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) goes to movies
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

MONDAY February 3

10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm SJAM Movie Night—Special Reconstruction Series (1st of 4)

TUESDAY February 4

10:00 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
7:00 pm Church Council Mtg
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal Mtg

WEDNESDAY February 5

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg
6:00 pm 2020 Budgeting Session (TBD)
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Spirituality 101 Returns
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Mtg
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg

THURSDAY February 6

8:30 am Men's Discussion Group
9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group
10:00 am *Primetime Trip to Western Reserve Distillers*
10:00 am Sit & Stitch
10:00 am Stephen Ministry Interview
10:30 am Tributaries: Balance, Balls & Bands
2:00 pm Primetime Bowling—away
3:45 pm Guitar Choir
4:00 pm Immigration Vigil—away
6:00 pm Thursday Happy Hour AA Mtg
6:30 pm ACA Mtg
7:00 pm Federated Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Tributaries: Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

FRIDAY February 7

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
12:00 pm Friday Noon Big Book AA Mtg
1:00 pm Mahjong
3:00 pm SJAM Leaders Mtg
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY February 8

5-7pm All Church Skate Party—away

SUNDAY February 9

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
11:30 am SJAM Mtg
11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship
4:00 pm JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Movie Night
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

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

Bob Munson, 6111 Chagrin River Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-3338, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Dana Korosi, 30927 Silktree Ln., Westlake, OH 44145-5172, who is undergoing tests for prostate cancer.

Those in Federated's extended family who are confined and will share elements from today's Communion table shared by our Communion to the Confined Ministry.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Jake Magalski** and **Jacob Evans**.

For February, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **South African Ministries**.

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

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

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.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given by Jeri Shaffer in loving memory of Mark Shaffer.

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry.

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to **Jr. High Youth Group and advisors** for providing treats and soup (benefitting Ohio City Power's Soup for the Soul). We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall between the services for food and fellowship and to support this ministry.

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.

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

February 16 – **members with last names beginning N, O, P, Q, or R**

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