



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

February 23

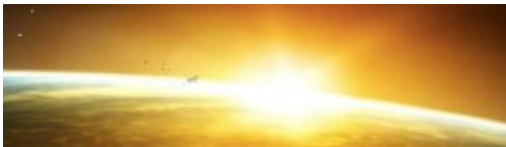
# Welcome!

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Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

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### 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 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, March 1

Led by Youth & Rev. Mark Simone  
Communion Served

10 am Traditional Family Worship

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

#### **March 1 - Scriptures**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

#### Sunday, March 8

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School  
Commissioning of 2020 Lay Leaders

*Music by Adult Choir*

11:30 am RISE to Shine Worship

*Music by RISE to Shine Band*

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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*

\* **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*
- \* **Larry McGurer**, \* **Kin Barber**, *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.

## Primetime Federated Forum

**Bell St. Fellowship Hall**

**Monday, March 9**

**Refreshments at 1:30 pm**

**Program at 2:00 pm**

**Presenter: Carol Lucas**

**Program: "Send in the Clowns"**

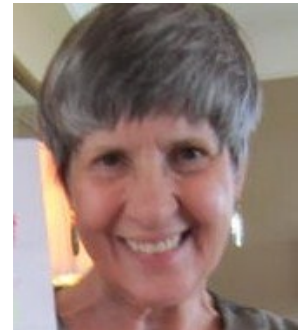
**Sponsored by The Campus of Anna Maria**

A Cleveland native, Carol Lucas is a writer and educator. She has taught business writing at Cleveland State and presents lifelong learning courses for Tri-C's Encore Program.

"Send in the Clowns" is such a fun topic and covers some of our favorite comedians in history, including those in the Circus,

Vaudeville, movies, and television," says Carol. We know them for their fuzzy hair, painted cheeks and pratfalls that make us laugh one moment and cry the next. Who dwells behind such masks? Carol

explores the lives of some of the world's most fascinating comedians. "People enjoy reminiscing about these special times and what better way to do it than with your peers!" **So, join us for this wonderful informative and fun presentation.**



## **2019 Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

**TODAY | 12:45 pm | Sanctuary**

A meal will be provided prior to the meeting  
starting at 11:00 am as a fundraiser by the Colorado Kids.

Childcare is available downstairs in Room G20.

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 other recommendations brought forth by Church Council.

## **Women's Fellowship Service Project**

**TOMORROW, February 24 | 1:00 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

We have three sewing machines and we will be meeting again on Monday, February 24 to make some cancer pillows, TLC lap blankets & fabric bags for gifts, fabric toiletry bags for the homeless, and fleece hats.

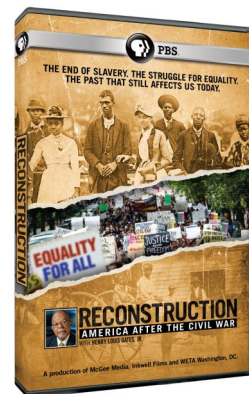
We are looking for fabric donations, thread, ribbons and textured notions for the TLC lap blankets. If you aren't a sewer... we will need cutters also!

Hope you can join us for some fun service projects and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Lynne Kessell at 440.247.5544.

## **One Remaining Movie Night for African-American History Month**

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

**TOMORROW, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**  
**Part 4, *The New Negro***



## Wondrous Wednesday: Free Dinner for Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26 | 6:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

There will be a free dinner available before the Ash Wednesday service to make it easier to attend.

It will feature savory chicken vegetable soup and warm garlic bread.

To reserve your meal, call 440.247.6490 or email [katiesharbage@gmail.com](mailto:katiesharbage@gmail.com).



## Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 pm  
Chapel

Join us in the Chapel for the Ash Wednesday Service of Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

Rev. Judith Brown Bryan will be preaching, and Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton will share worship leadership with her.

## One Book One Community

"Let Your Life Speak"

By Parker Palmer

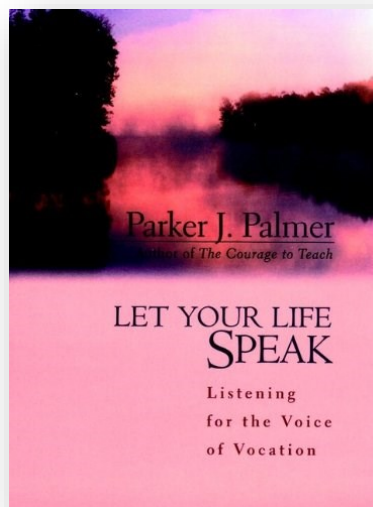
Have you wondered about your true calling in life? Are you using your gifts and talents to serve a need in the world that is meaningful to you? Are you living in a way that is true to your deepest values?

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 are forming to discuss the book during the six weeks of Lent. **Meetings start this week.**

Look for sign-ups and books available in Fellowship Hall between the worship services.  
Cost of book: \$15.

Contact Cathy Digel with questions at [cathy.digel@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.digel@gmail.com) or 216.409.9714.



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## Immigration Reform Vigils

Join the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry for a monthly vigil the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm at Lakeside and E. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday, March 5 is the next vigil.

For more information contact Bill Shaul at [theshauls@msn.com](mailto:theshauls@msn.com).

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## New SJAM Bulletin Board!

As you enter Fellowship Hall look to the right to see the Bulletin Board highlighting the Social and Environmental Justice activities at Federated and become involved. You are welcome and needed.

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## 100 Things to do for Racial Justice

To Celebrate Federated's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and in honor of Black History Month we have compiled a list of actions you can take to work for racial justice.

Look for our display in Fellowship Hall by the new SJAM bulletin board and pick up a copy.

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## Mahjong

Every Friday | 1:00 pm | Bell St. Lounge

We welcome you to join a lively game of Mahjong. No prior knowledge needed. If you are interested... just show up! We will split up into groups of three or four to play. If you have a Mahjong set, please bring it along.



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## Tributaries

Feeding the River of Spiritual Life

### Yoga~Spirit~Renewal

Tuesdays through May 26 | 10-11:15 am  
Fellowship Hall Tuition: \$85 for 7 classes,  
\$15 Drop-in

Is your nervous system stuck in over-drive? Let yoga be your re-set button. A prayerful, reflective yoga practice in a warm and inviting community offers an answer. Move & Breathe, Relax & Center. When you're healthy in body, mind, and spirit you can be of better service in the world and enjoy life with greater pleasure & ease.

Instructor: Polly Manke

Contact: [polly@pollymanke.com](mailto:polly@pollymanke.com)

### Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

Thursdays through March 26 | 7-8:15 pm  
Room 230

Tuition: \$15 Drop-in, or 10 classes for \$100

This gentle yoga class introduces basic yoga postures. 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.

Instructor: Dawn Dole, RYT 200

Contact: Please RSVP to  
[newdayyoga.dawn@gmail.com](mailto: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. Modified to your tolerance.

Instructor: Carol Kelly, LPT

Contact: [schakell51@aol.com](mailto:schakell51@aol.com)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March Movie Night</b>  <b>Monday March 16, 7:00 pm</b>  <b>Fellowship Hall</b></p> <p>Join us for a movie night sponsored by Federated's Social Justice Advocacy Ministry.</p> <p>We will watch a Bryan Stevenson TED Talk called "We need to talk about Injustice" and a Ran Jayadev TED Talk called "Participatory Defense."</p> <p>Discussion and snacks will follow.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Social Justice Advocacy Ministry</b></p> <p>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 <a href="mailto:kfranz17114@gmail.com">kfranz17114@gmail.com</a>).</p> <p><b>Next SJAM Meeting — Sunday,  March 15, 11:30 am, Bell St. Room 240</b></p>
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*Federated Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation. Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry, offering one-on-one support to those who are struggling. If you or someone you know could use a caring, compassionate friend who will listen, keep conversations confidential, and be a companion along a tough journey, please email Dan Kershner ([drekersh@gmail.com](mailto:drekersh@gmail.com)) of our staff. Care receivers need not be affiliated with Federated Church.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lenten Dinner with NOICA</b>  <b>Sunday, March 22, 4—7 pm</b></p> <p>In January, our Turkish friends and neighbors at the Northern Ohio Intercultural Association (NOICA, formerly Turkish American Society) hosted a cooking demonstration that was enjoyed by all who attended. Now it is our turn to host. On Sunday, March 22, Federated will be hosting a Lenten dinner that includes a presentation on what Lent means and a fun activity for the kids. This event is open to ALL Federated and NOICA adults and children.</p> <p>The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12, and free for children under 5.</p> <p>Please RSVP by calling 440.247.6490 or stop by Fellowship Hall on Sundays between the worship services starting March 1 to sign up.</p>
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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 February 23

9:00 am Loaves & Fishes—Sharing a Meal  
10:00 am Confirmation Class  
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School (K-5)  
10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare  
11 am-12:45 pm Brunch/Lunch Fundraiser  
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship  
12:45 pm Annual Meeting  
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Mtg  
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg

## MONDAY February 24

10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class  
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg  
1:00 pm Helping Hands Service Project Workshop  
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Interview  
7:00 pm SJAM Movie Night—Reconstruction Series  
(Part 4 of 4)

## TUESDAY February 25

10:00 am Pastoral Care Mtg  
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal  
7:00 pm Communion Class (Part 2)  
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY February 26—Ash Wednesday

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer  
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg  
5:15 pm Same Boat Friends meet for dinner—away  
6:00 pm Wondrous Wednesday Dinner  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
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 February 27

8:00 pm THE SPIRE Newsletter Preparations  
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  
3:45 pm Guitar Choir  
6:00 pm Thursday Happy Hour AA Mtg  
6:30 pm ACA Mtg  
6:30 pm OBOC Lenten Book Study  
7:00 pm Federated Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Tributaries: Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

## FRIDAY February 28

9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
12:00 pm Friday Noon Big Book AA Mtg  
12:00 pm OBOC Lenten Book Study  
1:00 pm Mahjong  
2:00 pm Spiritual Direction Session  
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

## SATURDAY February 29

10:00 am Youth Sunday Rehearsal  
11:30 am Youth Sunday Band Practice

## SUNDAY March 1—Youth Sunday

8:30 am OBOC Lenten Book Study  
10:00 am Traditional Family Worship Service  
10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare  
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship  
12:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) & JOY (Jr. High Youth Group) Movie Out (times TBD)  
8:00 pm AA Sunday Open Hearth Mtg



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

**John Bourisseau**, 508 Miles Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-3368, who is having foot surgery on Tuesday, February 25.

**Judy Harvey**, 227 Manor Brook Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4179, on the death of her husband, **Tom**, on Tuesday, February 18.

**Brady Hively**, 19 Chelsea Ct., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4102, on the death of his father, Tom Hively on Tuesday, February 18.

**Todd Smith**, 311 E Washington St, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, on the death of his mother who died on Wednesday, February 19 in Charlottesville, VA.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Marcia Snavely** and **Pat Haynish**.

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:**

Myia Sterling, 440.338.4893; Carol Kelly, Elsie Lutman, Janet Peters, Sonja Solar, Nelson Fenner.

## **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of William Foley by his family.

**Fellowship Treats:** Thank you to **Colorado Kids and advisors** for providing today's meal. We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall between the services for food and fellowship before the Annual Meeting.

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.

March 1 – **members with last names beginning S or T**

March 8 – **members with last names beginning U, V, W, X, Y or Z**

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