



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 1

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

Sermonettes

Communion

Lord's Prayer led by Children's Classes

Song

Benediction

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 8—Daylight Saving Time begins

- 10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
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

March 8 - Scriptures

Genesis 2:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, March 15

- Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
UCC One Great Hour of Sharing offering collected
- 10 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School
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*

* Larry McGurer, * Kin Barber, * Gillian McNamara
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.**



Summary Recap of the 2019 Annual Meeting

The 2019 Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 23 in the Sanctuary. With nearly 200 in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm. Members in attendance heard the following:

Review of 2019 and Vision for the Future: Moderator, Beth Rutkowski and Vice Moderator, Brendan Buescher

2020 Nominations for Church Council, Commissions, and Committees: Martine Scheuermann, Chairperson, Nominating & Leadership

Annual Financial Report: Church Treasurer, Jim Cunningham

Update on Capital Campaign Projects: Keith Mast, Chairperson, Properties Committee

Legacy Fund Report: Peter Franz, Chairperson, Legacy Committee

Mission & Service Commission Report: Commission Councilor, Dan Kershner

Community Life Collaborative Partnership: Stacy Cianciolo and Maren Koepf

The following motions were presented and voted on:

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting – Approved

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Congregation on June 23, 2019 – Approved

2020 Lay Leadership Slate – Approved

2020 Budget – Approved

Federated Church will enter into a partnership with the Community Life Collaborative to lease the Family Life Center, pending agreed upon terms of a lease – Paper Ballot Vote of 179 total votes counted with 153 yes and 26 no

Senior Pastor Hamilton Throckmorton closed the meeting with remarks and a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

(For more details, see the article on p. 4 of the March Spire.)

Altar Flower Opportunity

There is an opportunity to donate the altar flowers on Sunday, March 15. This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one. You can take the flowers with you after the services, or the Angel Flower Ministry will rearrange them after the first service and deliver them to those who could use a bit of cheer.

Please contact Sue Mansour at 440.668.9399 or sueman@roadrunner.com if interested.

Easter Sunrise Service Change for 2020

Due to the changes at the Family Life Center, the Easter Sunrise Service will be moved to the shelter at Frohring Meadows at **16780 Savage Road**, Bainbridge Township. Our service will begin at **6:30 am on Sunday, April 12.**

Please contact Mark Simone (msimone@fedchurch.org) with any questions.

Wondrous Wednesday

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 pm FREE dinner, 7:00 pm program
Fellowship Hall

Mrs. Harriet Smith, from Mount Zion UCC Church speaks on discovering her family roots, finding family



pictures, and slavery. She will share her pictures and her research techniques. Would you like to discover *your* family roots?

Make reservations for the free dinner by calling the church at 440.247.6490, signing up at the Bell St. reception desk, or emailing katiesharbage@gmail.com. No reservation is needed if attending only the presentation.

March Movie Night

Monday March 16, 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Join us for a movie night sponsored by Federated's Social Justice Advocacy Ministry.

We will watch a Bryan Stevenson TED Talk called "We need to talk about Injustice" and a Ran Jayadev TED Talk called "Participatory Defense."

Discussion and snacks will follow.



GROUP Work Camp 2020

Rev. Mark Simone is delighted to share that the Sr. High Youth have been invited to return to the Mackinac Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians in St. Ignace, Michigan for work camp the week of **July 11-18**. Lisa Powers, the head of the tribe, has asked us to come and continue the work we began in 2018, when we replaced windows and doors, resided the building, firmed up the foundation and the roof line among other jobs.

We are being asked to install kitchen cabinets, insulate and dry wall the great room, and maybe roof the building. Lots of cool things to do.

The trip cost will be under \$600 and it is open to any Federated High School youth and their friends. On our day off, we will explore Mackinac Island.

We will have a parent and camper meeting in the Chapel on Tuesday, March 3 from 6:30 to 7:30.

Paperwork will be distributed, and a \$50 non-refundable deposit will be collected. FRIENDS WELCOME! Questions? Contact Mark at msimone@fedchurch.org.

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,
March 15, 11:30 am, Bell St. Room 240**

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. 9th.**

Thursday, March 5 is the next vigil.

For more information contact Bill Shaul at theshauls@msn.com.

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.

100 Things to do for Racial Justice

To Celebrate Federated's 100th 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 the Lobby outside Fellowship Hall and pick up a copy.

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.



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

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

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

Lenten Dinner with NOICA

Sunday, March 22, 4—7 pm

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.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12, and free for children under 5.

Please RSVP by calling 440.247.6490 or stop by Fellowship Hall on Sundays between the worship services to sign up.

Trinkets & Treasures 2020 is Around the Corner!

It is time to start planning for our major fundraiser, Trinkets & Treasures. The long days of winter are the perfect time for cleaning out closets, attics and basements. We will need your donations. There are a few things that we cannot accept including mattresses, bed pillows, cribs, televisions, monitors, large appliances, large exercise equipment, encyclopedias and magazines. Most everything else is fair game as long as it is clean and in good condition.

Until April 1, we will have very little storage capacity. We hope you will be able to store your donations until we **begin accepting donations on Saturday, April 25**. The sale will go from our preview night on **Wednesday, April 29 through Saturday, May 2**. Start saving your items to donate, and encourage family and friends to do the same.

Don't forget to set aside your time to help out as a volunteer. It is a great time for families to work together. We need each and every one of you to make Trinkets & Treasures 2020 a big success.

Contact Mimi Bathgate at mbathgate@windstream.net or 440.665.6903 with questions, suggestions or to volunteer.



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 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

MONDAY March 2

10:00 am Primetime Tai Chi Class
10:15 am Monday Morning Miracles Mtg
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY March 3

10:00 am Pastoral Care Mtg
10:00 am Tributaries: Yoga~Spirit~Renewal
12:30 pm Primetime Bridge
6:30 pm Work Camp Mtg
7:00 pm Church Council Mtg
7:30 pm RISE to Shine Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY March 4

7:30 am Contemplative Prayer
12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Spirituality 101 Returns (final)
7:30 pm Women on the Move AA Mtg
7:30 pm SLAA/Augustine Fellowship Mtg

THURSDAY March 5

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
2:00 pm Primetime Bowling
3:45 pm Guitar Choir
4:00 pm Immigration Vigil—away
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 March 6

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
8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY March 7

8:00 am Leadership Retreat

SUNDAY March 8

8:30 am OBOC Lenten Book Study
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School (K-5th grade)
10:00 am Kids Cove Childcare
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:00 am SJAM Environmental Justice Group Mtg
11:30 am RISE to Shine Modern Worship
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...*

Casey Forbes, 16229 Snyder Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4204, who is recovering from a stroke that occurred on Tuesday, February 18.

Trina Gigax, 35895 Solon Rd., Bentleyville, OH 44022-3530, who is at home recovering from surgery.

Ralph Kneale, 620 Water St., Chardon, OH 44024, who is recovering in Chardon Health Care Center.

Marcia Snavely, 138 Southwyck Dr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4106, who is recovering from a car accident.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Thaddeus Quintin** and **Marty Culbertson**.

For March, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Hunger Ministries: Greater Cleveland Food Bank, WSEM, Food pantries at St. Paul's and Chagrin Falls Park, and our church hunger fund.**

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

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

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given by Charlene, Don and Sarah Krejci in loving memory of Charlene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Bates and Don's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Krejci.

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

Fellowship Treats: Thank you to **members with last names beginning S or T** for providing today's treats. We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall between the services to enjoy 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.

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

March 15 – **members with last names beginning A or B**

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