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
Benediction

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

Ahead At The Fed

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

March 15 - Scriptures
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

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Our Mission Statement

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.

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 Stefanick, Bookkeeper
* Trisha Holland, Marketing & Communications Specialist
* Kierstie Critchfield, Pastoral Care Administrator
* Dolly Herschel, Primetime Coordinator
* Laura Taylor, Fund Development Associate
Jake Magalski, Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead

Jacob Evans, Head Custodian
* Larry McGregor, * Kin Barber, * Gillian Mcnamara 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

Primetime Federated Forum
Bell St. Fellowship Hall
TOMORROW, 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.

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

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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.

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**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.

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**One Great Hour of Sharing**  
**Next Sunday, March 15**

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in crisis.  

The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons and emergency relief and rehabilitation.  

One Great Hour of Sharing also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

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**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.
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 —
Next Sunday,
March 15, 11:30 am,
Room 240

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.
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](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](http://FEDCHURCH.ORG/CALENDAR)*

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

Jon Denney, 163 Chestnut Ln., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4193, on the death of his wife, Cindy, on February 28. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, March 27 at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Kathy Kolcaba, 84 Hall St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-3154, at home recovering from knee surgery.

Larry McGurer, 15122 Woodsong Dr., Middlefield, OH 44062-9049, on the death of his brother on February 26.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for Kristin LeFeber and Alex Bell.

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: Jody Halley, 440.591.8703; Gayle Bauer, Vivian Platek, Trina Gigax, Martine Scheuermann.

**Altar Flowers**
The altar flowers this morning are given by Jane Wallace in celebration of granddaughter Emerson’s fourteen month birthday and all loved ones who have passed.

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

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**Fellowship Treats:** Thank you to members with last names beginning U, V, W, X, Y or Z 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 15 – members with last names beginning A or B
- March 22 – members with last names beginning C or D

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