



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

April 12

Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Worship Services Online

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **all in-person worship services are canceled through and including May 3.**

View an online stream of worship at:
[YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)

The building will be locked up .
All events and meetings are canceled.
We plan to re-open on Monday, May 4.

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, April 19

10 am Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
Online Worship

April 19 - Scriptures

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

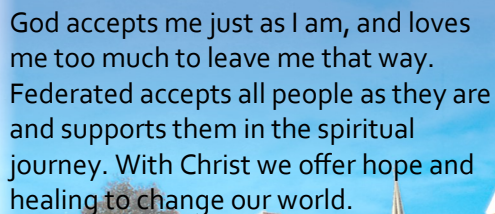
Psalm 16

I Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 26

10 am Rev. Michael Howard, UCC, preaches
Online Worship



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.

Angel Telephone Tree Ministry

We have a number of members who do not have Internet access or an email address for their home in the church database, and therefore they are not able to hear our [Sunday](#) worship services, nor are they able to keep in the loop of what is happening at Federated.

The Angel Telephone Tree Ministry is looking for individuals: three to five people once a week to share any pertinent Federated news and play the whole worship service or just the sermon to them over your phone.

In the course of your weekly phone calls:

- If you hear/see/sense something that you feel the church should know about, please let Peggie Jo Shinagawa (pshinagawa@windstream.net) and Kiersti Critchfield (kcritchfield@fedchurch.org) know your concern ASAP.
- If you learn the household has an email address or new phone number, please email me and Melinda Smith (smithm@fedchurch.org), so she can update the church database.
- If the recipient is not interested or doesn't need to be receiving these calls, please let Peggie Jo know and she'll remove the household from the list.

Please contact Peggie Jo Shinagawa at pjshinagawa@windstream.net if you are interested.

COVID-19 Updates

All events are currently being cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19 concerns.

Worship Services will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel: [YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch).

For continued updates and the latest information about how CoronaVirus is affecting Federated, visit fedchurch.org/covid

Hamilton Sabbatical Update

Hamilton Throckmorton has indefinitely postponed the sabbatical he was to take beginning near the end of April. In light of the viral pandemic we are all experiencing, he very much wants to be present with Federated as we navigate these next several months. He looks forward to the opportunity to continue to deepen our relationship with God and with each other. He and church leadership will discern when, in the coming months, it would be best to take that sabbatical.

Trinkets & Treasures 2020 is POSTPONED!

Our rummage sale has to be put on hold due to the concerns surrounding coronavirus. Hold onto your donations until the fall!

The new dates are: October 21-24, 2020

Contact Mimi Bathgate at mbathgate@windstream.net or 440.665.6903 with questions.



Electronic Recycling Collection is POSTPONED!

Fall Collection Date TBA
Federated Church Parking Lot

Collection will happen ONLY on this day and drop off ONLY to the TRUCK in the parking lot.

Please do not drop off any items before this day and time.

Welcome New SDPO, Melissa Owen

We're thrilled to announce that Melissa Owen has been hired as Federated's next Senior Director of People and Operations (SDPO), and will begin with us on Tuesday, April 14.

Having grown up in Northeast Ohio, Melissa has recently moved back to the area from Santa Barbara, CA. In Santa Barbara, Melissa had, for thirteen years, been the Executive Director of SBC Senior Care, Inc., where she managed all the operations and executive functions for a \$5 million senior healthcare company. Melissa brings with her a keen attention to both people and operations, and a great deal of experience running an organization devoted to service. We are delighted to welcome her to Federated's staff!

Melissa will face unusual and challenging circumstances in beginning with us, since she will not be able to meet the staff or congregants in person, and won't be able to move into her church office for some time. We will need to be patient with the process, as we look forward to being able to be together in person again. Should you need to contact her, you may do so, beginning on Tuesday, at mowen@fedchurch.org.

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

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

Ruth Daniels, 4769 Wayne Rd, Mantua, OH 44255-8900- who broke her hip and is recovering.

Herk Exline, 7173 Sugar Bush Ln, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-2666- who is hospitalized with health issues.

Janet Fitch, 1301 Bell Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4251, who is experiencing health issues.

Trina Gigax, 35895 Solon Rd., Bentleyville, OH 44022-3530, who is undergoing tests for health issues.

Shirley Zook- Federated Member who died on April 7. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at Federated Church at a later date.

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

For April, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **our literacy ministries: Seeds of Literacy, GED programs.**

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

Joyce Ritchie; Carol Basler, Sally Ramsey, Sue Mansour, Louise Rutkowski, Lee Wiley.

Please forward prayer requests to Kiersti Critchfield kcritchfield@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x103. Our Pastoral Care Team and our Prayer and Praise Team will pray for your requests.

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