



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

April 26

Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Worship Services Online

- **EXTENDED** -

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person worship services are canceled through and including May 31.

View an online stream of worship at:

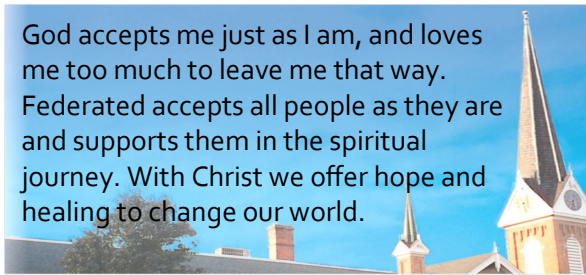
[YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)

The building will be locked up .
All events and meetings are canceled.

Latest updates can be found at

[fedchurch.org/covid](https://www.fedchurch.org/covid).

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.



Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, May 3

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on Green Pastures & Still Waters: God's Beautiful World

Communion celebrated

Online Worship

Music by Marcia Snavely and Randy Fusco

10 am

May 3 - Scriptures

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

I Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 10

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on Letting Go of Sin

Online Worship

Music by Joshua Konow

10 am

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.

Zoom Meetings

To keep Federated running with an increased need for virtual conferencing and connecting, we now have a Premium account on Zoom. While a basic account is free for anyone to create, the Premium version removes the 40-minute time limit and unlocks breakout rooms.

We want to make this available for ministry groups and commissions to use for their meetings. For more information and to schedule a meeting with the church account, please contact Trisha Holland at communications@fedchurch.org.

Online Worship: Behind the Scenes

With the temporary cessation of in-person worship, Federated had to quickly swing into gear to enable livestreaming of our worship services. The response from numerous people was immediate and overwhelming.

Director of Music Ministries Joshua Konow has led the team that has implemented the streaming, as well as looking ahead to address the needs we still have. Larry Trace and Bruce Gigax have devoted themselves to ensuring that our sound quality would be superb. Tom Meyer and a colleague of his, Dave Arnold, have given us invaluable video advice. And Eric Reed has done a marvelous job of doing the streaming itself.

If anyone else has a desire to be part of the ongoing support of the technical side of this ministry, please reach out to Joshua Konow at jkonow@fedchurch.org or Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton at hamthrock@fedchurch.org. We'd love to have you!

Zoom Forum Conversation with Rev. Michael Howard

Following the worship service today, 11:15 AM -12:00 PM join Rev. Michael Howard, Regional UCC Minister of Faith in Action, for a live Zoom forum conversation on "**Watershed Discipleship: The Challenges, and Moving to Action--What Can the Church Do?**"

This is clearly a watershed moment. The global pandemic is an unsettling force. Many of us feel displaced, even as we are "sheltering in place" in our own homes. Churches today represent some of the last remnants of community spaces left in our modern world. What if our faith communities are ideally situated at this time in our own watersheds to demonstrate to the world what faithful presence in a particular place might look like?

To register, email marenkoepf@gmail.com

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). She began working 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 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....*

Sandra Meyer, 1106 Sheerbrook Dr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4137, on the death of her mother, Elsie Jilek on April 23.

Dave Strauch, 9121 Lake In the Woods Trl, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-4352, on the death of his father, Howard Strauch on April 20.

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

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:

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

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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