



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 10

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:

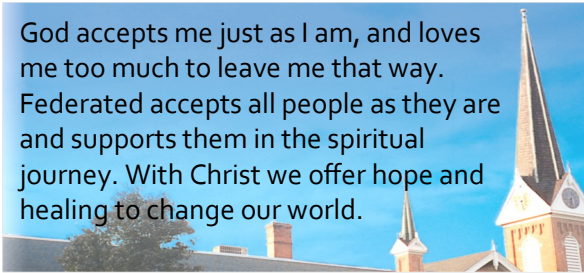
[YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)

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 17—Confirmation Sunday

Rev. Mark Simone preaches on
The Unknown God

10 am Online Worship

Music by Joshua Konow

May 17 - Scriptures

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

I Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 24

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
on Your Fullest, Richest Life

10 am Online Worship

Music by Marcia Snavelly

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.

Looking for donated plants to beautify the Bell Street Grounds



Our Properties Manager, Jake Magalski, has been busy during the shut-down. Among the many projects he has taken on is the cleanup of the landscaping around our building on Bell Street. He has created some new beds and is looking for donations of perennial plants to put in them.

There are both sunny and shady locations. If you have plants to donate, please leave them near the doors into the Bell Street Lobby off of the parking lot.

Contact Jake with questions: properties@fedchurch.org.

Restore the Gardens, Refresh Your Soul!

Federated seeks volunteers to help restore the Memorial Gardens this spring with safe guidelines for social distancing. Bring your family and e part of the exciting transformation.

Contact Darlene Nichols at darnihols10@gmail.com to pick a time slot.



Sunday School Is Back!

Today at 11:30am
via Zoom

Miss Kristin is leading Sunday School via Zoom on Sundays now. So gather the kids in front of the computer at 11:30 am and join the call.

To register, email Kristin LeFeber at klefeber@fedchurch.org for the invitation you will need to find the meeting on Zoom.



Social and Environmental Justice (SJAM) Next Meeting and Movie Night

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, May 17, 1:00 pm on Zoom (Meeting ID: 261-964-671).

**Movie Night—Monday, May 18—Movie at 7:00 pm and Zoom Online Discussion at 8:00 pm
Theme: Environmental Racism.**

We invite you to watch these three shorter videos from the comfort of your own home. They are available on the internet using the links below. After viewing these on your own, please plan to join in the group discussion via Zoom using the Meeting ID listed above. Details to follow. Contact Kathy Franz (info above) to be added to the email group.

Environmental Racism—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPB5RzReilY>

Environmental Racism is the way in which minority groups are burdened with a disproportionate number of hazards, including toxic waste facilities, garbage dumps, and other sources of environmental pollution. Multiple examples are given including visual examples, the development of e-waste across the world and the health issues pertaining to environmental racism.

The Stream - Colour of pollution: Environmental racism—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nV4MCL-yBFM>

If you're black, Asian or Latino in the United States, you're more likely to breathe polluted air than if you're white.

And if you're white but poor, the likelihood of being exposed to industrial pollution is higher, too. The federal agency monitoring these issues is crafting a new environmental justice plan, but critics say it fails to protect vulnerable communities from toxins trapping them in poverty and poor health.

Environmental Justice: Peggy Shepard at TEDxHarlem—https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJX_MXaXbJA

Peggy Shepard brings to the TEDxHarlem stage a talk around environmental justice and surfacing the meme of "Sacrifice Zones."

June SPIRE Deadline

Do you have something you'd like to see in the June SPIRE?

Please email your information to communications@fedchurch.org by **Friday, May 15**.

Thank you!

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

Pete and Chris Bednar- 7955 Woodsway Ln., Novelty, OH 44072-9504- on the death of their son-in-law, Ben Richards.

Jodi Elioff- 17120 Bridgeway Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-2032- on the death of her stepmother, Catherine Elioff on May 3.

The friends and family of **Janet Fitch** who died on May 2. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date.

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

For May, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Back Bay Mission**.

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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