



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 17

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 June 28.

View an online stream of worship at:

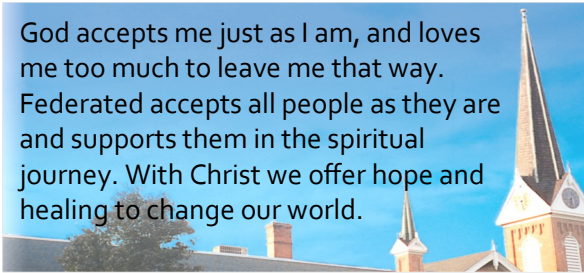
[YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)

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 24

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on Your Fullest, Richest Life

10 am Online Worship

Music by Marcia Snavely

May 24 - Scriptures

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 31

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

10 am Online Worship

Music by Joshua Konow

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.



“Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times” Book Study

Romans 8:26. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

During this unprecedented time of perhaps fear, anxiety, confusion and loneliness, do you ever wonder how you will continue to manage? If so, I would like you to join us on a journey of discovery.

For five weeks beginning on Thursday, May 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm we will be discussing the book “Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times” by Rev. Adam Hamilton.

Richard Rohr calls this book “A road map for facing our fears with faith” and Philip Yancy states “Informed by psychology and neuroscience, Hamilton applies practical wisdom gleaned from the Bible and from his years as a pastor. I could almost feel my blood pressure go down as I read.”

You don’t need to read the book to be a part of the discussion and you can also check out the first chapter on YouTube.

Please plan to join us together via Zoom - RSVP to Darlene Nichols at darnichols10@gmail.com.

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, 11:15 am on Zoom (Meeting ID: 261-964-671).

Movie Night—Monday, May 18—Zoom Online Discussion at 7:00 pm

Theme: Environmental Racism.

We invite you to watch these three shorter videos from the comfort of your own home. 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 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."



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.

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

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

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:

Myia Sterling, 440.338.4893; Carol Kelly, Elsie Lutman, Janet Peters, Sonja Solar, Nelson Fenner.

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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