



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

June 14

# 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 September 6.**

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://fedchurch.org/covid).

## Ahead At The Fed

### Sunday, June 21

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Fathers celebrated

10 am

Online Worship

### June 21 - Scriptures

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

### Sunday, June 28

Led by Marty Culbertson, Director of  
Youth Faith Formation

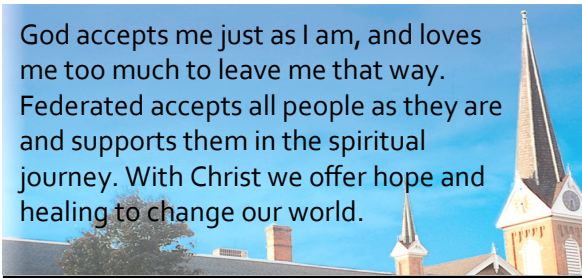
UCC Strengthen the Church offering  
received

10 am

Online Worship

*Music by quartet: Nancy Isham, Kate  
Breen, Jim Cunningham, Keith Mast*

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.

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## Father's Day Photos

For our Father's Day worship service (June 21) we'd love to have you send us a picture of your father that we will show during worship that day. Please let us know his name, but not on the photo itself, in order to honor his privacy (since the video of the service will be available for anyone to see).

Please send your picture to Marty Culbertson at [mculbert@fedchurch.org](mailto:mculbert@fedchurch.org) by Thursday, June 18.

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*The following Statement of Solidarity has been thoughtfully prepared by the leadership of the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry at the invitation of the Church Council.*

### STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY

The Federated Church stands in solidarity with our Black and Brown sisters and brothers who over generations have been and continue to be subject to a high level of violence through overzealous policing, racial profiling, and white vigilantism as well as the failure of justice in our courts.

While the murder of George Floyd at the hands of the police is the immediate cause of today's unrest, we acknowledge that his murder is but one example of the many ways systemic racism is rooted in our society.

We believe we are in the midst of two pandemics. COVID-19 has stolen the breath from thousands of our fellow Americans. The other -- some call it "COVID-1619" -- has been stealing the breath from our Black and Brown sisters and brothers for over 400 years. When one of us cries, "I can't breathe," we are all robbed of that Pentecost moment when the Spirit of the Lord moved like a mighty wind into bodies in that first-century crowd, giving them breath. While we may speak with many tongues, with this breath the Spirit allows us to hear and understand as though there is but one voice (Acts 2:4, 6).

We believe we are in a Pentecost moment now. The wind of the Holy Spirit has pulled the curtain back from our confusion and we now can see clearly that racism is America's Original Sin.

We seek a way forward in which every person's life is valued and communities are kept safe because those charged with protecting them realize that they themselves are part of a greater family as Children of God. We stand in solidarity with those protesting peacefully for justice and reform of law enforcement. We applaud those in law enforcement who have marched with or taken a knee with protesters in recent days.

Finally, we believe that statements like this can be empty words without follow up. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:14). In the coming weeks the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry will create an action plan for moving forward within both our church and the community.

**There will be a Question and Answer session regarding the Solidarity Statement right after worship on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89888298075>**

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## Let Us Pray

It could be argued that this is one of the most powerful statements in existence. Not only to Christianity, but to people of faith all over the world, the call to prayer is a strengthening, forward looking invitation. Prayer is essential in the life of our Federated Church. As such, many of us are feeling the vacuum of being together in prayer. That is why we want to offer you online, Zoom prayer experiences.

Beginning on **Wednesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 11**, Mark Simone and Maren Koepf will be leading weekly prayer sessions for our church family and friends. You may log in on Zoom and be part of the virtual praying family.

Mark will lead sessions on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm**. Maren will lead a morning session on **Thursday mornings at 8:30 am**. The sessions will be approximately 30-40 minutes long – as the spirit leads. Each session will start with a greeting and devotion. The leader will begin prayers and then open it up for any to pray. We will incorporate our churchwide prayer list (maintained by Harriett Rogers). At this point the sessions are open, meaning anyone may join. Sessions are planned through August.

If you would like to join one of the sessions, please email Mark ([msimone@fedchurch.org](mailto:msimone@fedchurch.org)) or Maren ([marenkoepf@gmail.com](mailto:marenkoepf@gmail.com)) and let them know that you would like to be part of their prayer community. They will send you the Zoom invitation with codes to join.

All are welcome as we bring to God our prayers, joys and concerns.

*Jeremiah 29:12: "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you."*

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## Social and Environmental Justice—Meeting and Movie Night

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 or movie night on Zoom. 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](mailto:kfranz17114@gmail.com)).

**Next SJAM Meeting — TODAY, June 14, 11:15 am on Zoom (Meeting ID: 261-964-671).**

**Movie Night—Monday, June 22 at 7:00 pm**

Watch "Rigged: The Voter Suppression Handbook" at your leisure. Find it streamed on Amazon Prime or go to the film's website for more options: <https://www.riggedthefilm.com/>

Log into Movie night Zoom call on **June 22 at 7:00** for a one hour of discussion and action steps planning! Use meeting ID **261-964-671**.

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

**Cheryl Schinagle Cameron**, 1169 Sheerbrook Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4136 on the death of her husband, **Carl Cameron**, on June 11.

**Marge Cook**, C/O Janice Cook Swanson, 300 Mill Creek Drive, Ostrander, OH 43061 on the death of her husband, **Alan Cook**, on June 9.

**Joan Jenkins**, 5665 Grace Woods Dr Unit 309, Willoughby, OH 44094-8190 who is hospitalized with heart issues.

Federated member **Irene Noda** who died on June 2.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Janis Stefanchik** and **Trisha Holland**.

For June, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Colorado Kids and its scholarship fund**.

### **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](mailto: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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