



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 5
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://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, July 12

10 am
Rev. Mark Simone preaches
Online Worship
*Music by Joshua Konow
& Beth Rutkowski, soloist*

July 12 - Scriptures

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 19

10 am
Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner preaches
Online Worship
*Music by Marcia Snavely and a trio:
Laura Otis, Susan Brooks & Kathy Muzik*

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.

Social and Environmental Justice (SJAM) News

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 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).

Next SJAM Meeting — Sunday, July 12, 11:15 am on Zoom
(Meeting ID: 261-964-671 Passcode: 44022).

Movie Night—Monday, July 20 at 7:00 pm

Watch “Suppressed: The Right to Vote” at your leisure. This 38-minute film deals with voter suppression in Georgia in 2018 and is all the more relevant following June’s primary election. Follow this link to view the film: <https://vimeopro.com/user49077866/fighttovote>

Log into Movie night Zoom call on **July 20 at 7:00** for one hour of discussion and action steps planning! Hope you can join us by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZoNjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVlWdz09>

Contact Kathy Franz (440.543.4086 or kfranz17114@gmail.com) with questions.

Christmas in July Offering

Sunday, July 26

The Christmas in July offering (sometimes called Veterans of the Cross offering) is an expression of appreciation and caring to those who served as clergy (and certain lay employees) who are now retired or disabled and financially strained. The offering is a profound gift. It helps provide pension supplements, health premium subsidies and emergency assistance to active or retired clergy families and Christmas gift checks to hundreds of retirees and those who are disabled.

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

White Privilege Study starting soon—two options

The time is right to offer the White Privilege Curriculum using Zoom again this summer. If you haven't taken the class yet, please consider doing so. Past participants have consistently given this course high ratings. It is very eye-opening. Zoom has worked as the platform for the most recent round of classes. Please spread the word, as community members who are not affiliated with Federated Church are more than welcome.

Timeframe: Week of July 6 through the week of August 17 (six-week study with an extra week built in for any scheduling problems that may come up).

Dates/Times: Saturdays 1:00-2:30 pm; Thursday 1:00-2:30. Choose which date works best for you. Other days of the week and times are possible based on demand/availability.

If you would like to take a look at the curriculum you can view/download: <https://www.uccresources.com/products/white-privilege-lets-talk-a-resource-for-transformational-dialogue-pdf-download>

If you are interested, please email steesbassoon@gmail.com.

“Still We Sing” Choral Workshop

July 9, 16 and 23, 7:00-8:00 pm

Members of the Federated Choir will have a unique virtual workshop opportunity! Led by past director Amanda Powell, the three-part series will be a wonderful way to connect and have fun together through singing. Amanda devised a series of devotionals meant to invite singing, reflection, and fellowship. Assisted by Director of Music Ministries Joshua Konow and organist Marcia Snavelly.

Week 1: July 9, “Finding Peace” – Connect with your breath and learn songs of centering and peace.

Week 2: July 16, “Choosing Love” – Introduces songs that are about deep, unconditional love.

Week 3: July 23, “Cultivating Joy” – Experience joyful moments with exuberant singing and fun!

The workshop will happen virtually via Zoom. 30 spots available. First preference will be given to choir members, with additional spots for others. Please email Joshua at jkonow@fedchurch.org to register.



STILL WE SING

Led by renowned songleader, Amanda Powell, Still We Sing is a unique series of devotionals and workshops inviting communities to sing, connect, and have fun.

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

Tom Dantimo, 6835 Richmond Rd Trl. 115, Solon, OH 44139-2151, on the death of his sister-in-law, Denise, on June 29.

Barb Warren, 96 Maple Hill Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4211, recovering from a broken hip.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Hamilton Throckmorton** and **Judy Bagley-Bonner**.

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

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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