



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 26

# W e l c o m e !

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, August 2

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner preaches  
Communion celebrated

10 am

Online Worship

*Music by Marcia Snavelly*

### August 2 - Scriptures

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

### Sunday, August 9

Rev. Mark Simone preaches

10 am

Online Worship

*Music by Joshua Konow and Trio: Laura Otis, Katie Harbage, and Pat Haynish*

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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# Come One! Come All! Be a Part of Federated's Bright Future!

## We're on to the Next Step of Church Council's Visionary Action Plan

Federated's future begins with YOU! Help the church move forward informed and inspired so, together, we can develop clear actionable steps to pivot as a responsive and compassionate community of faith.

### *Join Our August Zoom Forums!*

Throughout the coming year, leaders from [Convergence](#) will engage our congregation and staff in critical conversation, self-assessment, envisioning, and then mobilizing action teams.

**Participate in one or both Zoom forums** facilitated by Convergence CEO, Rev. Cameron Trimble.

On **August 2 at 11:15 am**, following worship, join via Zoom for **The Great Unveiling: How the World is Changing and What it Means for the Church**.

*As we journey through troubling, challenging, and curious days, we are living in a time that feels scary and new. But what if the fractures we are seeing in social order, the ramifications of halting a global economy, and the unleashing of people of faith into a world seeking wisdom but not seeking institutional Church is actually revealing what has been true of our world for a long time? What does this mean for our churches? As people of faith, what is our role to play? What will be demanded of us, and what should we be prepared to offer?*

On **August 16 at 11:15 am**, following worship, join via Zoom for **Creative Churches: A Virtual Tour of Growing Churches Changing Their Communities**.

*Join Rev. Cameron Trimble for a one-hour Zoom webinar as we tour creative churches around the country and learn from their ministries. We will explore how these churches have improved their communities, build coalitions for change, crossed interfaith divides, shaped dynamic worship experiences, embraced environmental activism and deepened their members' spirituality.*

Mark your calendars! Pick one or both. Watch for the Zoom link in an upcoming Thursday "Featured@Federated" or check online at [www.fedchurch.org/events](http://www.fedchurch.org/events).

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## Chagrin Falls Park Needs Donations

Chagrin Falls Park residents need dish soap and laundry detergent (unscented). Drop off at the Community Center at 7060 Woodland Ave. Knock on the door and let someone know you have left your donation at the door.

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## Your Bible! The Study Begins

Since 1977, The Kerygma Program of Bible study has been used by a wide variety of denominational groups to increase biblical knowledge & understanding, enhance personal spiritual growth and deepen appreciation for worship.

**WHAT:** Your Bible! The Study Begins is an introduction to the Bible that paves the way for future study and deeper understanding.

**WHO:** Individuals who want to learn more about:

- How the Bible came to be
- What the Old and New Testaments are about,
- How to study the Bible and consider its place in our lives.

**WHERE:** We will be using Zoom.

**WHEN:** There will be seven sessions, and each will last 1 ½ hours starting Wednesday, August 5 – September 16, from 7:30 – 9 pm.

**MATERIAL:** A Bible and Kerygma’s Resource Book: \$15; Large Print: \$16.50 (includes \$1.00 for shipping). The resource book must be purchased. Peggie Jo will order all the books, and we’ll meet to distribute.

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS:** Registration must be completed by July 28. Maximum of 12 students. Go to [www.fedchurch.org/events/studies](http://www.fedchurch.org/events/studies).

The course is being offered by the Spiritual Formation Commission and will be led by Peggie Jo Shinagawa at [pjshinagawa@windstream.net](mailto:pjshinagawa@windstream.net)

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## Spirits and Spirituality is Back!

“Spirits and Spirituality” is back this summer, and will meet via Zoom at **7 pm on Mondays, July 27 and August 10**, with Judy Bagley-Bonner facilitating. This is a program where people meet to discuss intriguing questions about life such as, “What is your favorite time of day?” or “do you believe in an afterlife, and if so, what kind?” or “Who has most influenced your faith?” The facilitator will provide the questions each week.

It is called “Spirits and Spirituality” because when meeting in person, the group meets at a pub. But you do not have to drink “spirits” to attend! We do follow a few general guidelines such as: There are no wrong answers; No judging; No political discussions; Share “air time.”

Because we will be meeting on Zoom, which can be cumbersome, the groups will be limited to fifteen participants each time and registration is required. Please email Judy directly at [jbagbon@gmail.com](mailto:jbagbon@gmail.com) to register and note which night/s you are registering for.

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

**Pam Yaecker**, 75 Olive St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-3116, on the death of her husband, **Doug Yaecker**, on July 20.

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

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:**

Jody Halley, 440.591.8703; Gayle Bauer, Vivian Platek, Trina Gigax, Martine Scheuermann.

***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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