



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

August 23  
**Welcome!**

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

### Worship Services Online

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all worship services will take place online through the end of 2020.

View an online stream of worship at:

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

The building will be closed, but activities are still going on!

Latest updates can be found at [fedchurch.org/covid](https://www.fedchurch.org/covid).

### Ahead At The Fed

#### Sunday, August 30

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on theme: I Am

10 am Online Worship

*Music by Joshua Konow*

#### August 30 - Scriptures

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

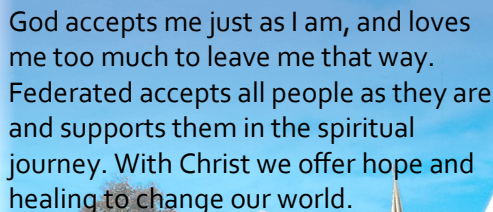
Matthew 16:21-28

#### Sunday, September 6

Rev. Mark Simone preaches on theme: Never Too Late to Love  
Communion Celebrated

10 am Online Worship

*Music by Marcia Snively, Kiko Weinroth, & Barry Stees*



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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## Federated Church Will Remain Closed Through 2020

During these difficult and unprecedented times, we all find ourselves having to make difficult and unprecedented decisions. As such, The Federated Church will remain closed to in-person, indoor activities through the end of the calendar year.

This decision did not come lightly or without considerable thought and discussion by the church's lay leadership, clergy, and staff. But it is the most prudent decision for Health & Safety reasons, for Operational reasons, and for Spiritual reasons. Our leadership will continue to monitor health and safety guidelines and local COVID-19 conditions from the county boards of health, the state of Ohio, and the CDC.

In the meantime, and most importantly, we will work diligently to find new and creative opportunities for spiritual growth, learning, reflection, worship, and connection with each other.

We hope you understand what is at the heart of this decision and thank you for your support.

The full letter from Federated leadership is available at [fedchurch.org/covid](https://fedchurch.org/covid).

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## Join us for Another Fellowship Hour!



Click the following link to join the Zoom Room

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81436544947?pwd=dTNsMjhFdld3MWdYaVhXdHJIUzFWOTog>

If you need help with joining a Zoom call for the very first time, this video demonstrates how to go through the steps: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gisp3qPeQoE>

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## Bethel Bible Info Sessions

### Having trouble getting past Genesis or beyond Mathew, Mark, Luke and John?

Peggie Jo Shinagawa, a certified Bethel instructor, will be teaching another the Bethel Bible Series starting this Fall.

Bethel provides auditory and visual tools for the Old and New Testaments to help you establish a sound Biblical knowledge involving emphasis on key Biblical concepts and 40 professionally prepared “teaching” pictures with corresponding lessons. Bethel Bible Study requires a discipline and commitment. The entire course is made up of 43 or 44 classes that usually span 2 years, but with COVID, we are likely to complete the course within 12 months. The decision to take a break and/or how long a break will be made by the class at the appropriate time.

Classes will be on Zoom and are 1.5 hours in length. There is some homework involved, but not checked. ☑ Lessons are recorded in the event you need to miss a class. Class size is limited to 15 students, with a minimum of 8. The cost is \$50 for digital versions, or \$120 (including \$5.00 to share the shipping costs) for printed versions, plus a good study Bible, if you don't already have one.

**Please attend any of the following one-hour Zoom sessions to learn more about Bethel and to share the day and time that best works for you.** The schedule of the Bethel class will be tailored to meet the needs of the majority of the students.

- Thursday 8/27 at 10:30am
- Saturday 8/29 at 11am
- Monday 8/31 at 7:30pm
- Wednesday 9/2 at 1:00pm

Join via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89081126556?pwd=Y3o4TUZ2Uo5HMFJ3U2NIWUNxdll1QTog>.

If you have any questions please contact Peggie Jo Shinagawa at 440.543.5974.

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## Trinkets 'N Treasures Postponed to 2021

In the light of Monday's announcement that the church will be closed through the end of 2020 and the restrictions imposed by the state, we will not be holding the Trinkets 'n Treasures sale in October. The plan is to bring TNT back in April 2021.

If you can hold onto your donations until then, it would be great. If not, please donate them where you feel that they can do the most good.

- Mimi Bathgate, 440.665.6903, [mbathgate@windstream.net](mailto:mbathgate@windstream.net)

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

**Jack Abbott**, 16695 Chillicothe Rd Apt 121, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023, on the death of his wife, **Arlene Abbott**, who died on August 15.

**Marge Benny**, 5443 Millbrook Rd, Bedford, OH 44146-1651, who is recovering from a blood clot.

**Jeri Shaffer**, 7095 Wick Ln Apt 308, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-1178, who is home recovering after a brief hospitalization.

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

For August, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Chagrin Falls Park Community Center**.

### **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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