



FEDERATED CHURCH
 United Church of Christ
 An Open and Affirming Congregation

August 30

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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.

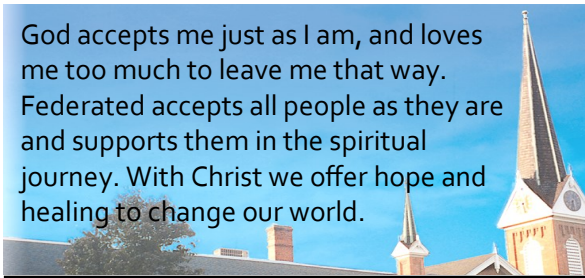
View an online stream of worship at:
[YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)

Online Fellowship Hour takes place on Zoom after worship.

Visit tinyurl.com/FedFellowship

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).



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, September 6

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

10 am Online Worship

Music by Marcia Snavely, Kiko Weinroth, & Barry Stees

11 am Online Fellowship Hour

September 6 - Scriptures

- Exodus 12:1-14
- Psalms 105:1-49
- Ezekiel 33:7-11
- Psalms 119:33-40
- Romans 13:8-14
- Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13—Rally Day

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on theme: Forgiveness

10 am Online Worship

12 pm Rally Day Celebration at the Family Life Center

11 am Online Fellowship Hour

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.

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. 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.

RALLY DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 13 | Family Life Center starting at 12:00 pm

"While we can't be together as we'd like to be – we can come together to feed our community!"

This is the theme of our Rally Day celebration this year.

While the pandemic prevents us from gathering in person, we are hosting an alternative Rally Day that will celebrate our wide array of ministries and enable us to respond to the food needs of our community. In addition to helping our congregation connect, we will be helping the food ministries of Chagrin Falls Park and the Bainbridge Food for Friends.

Items needed include: Mac-n-cheese, SpaghettiOs, rice, pancake mix and syrup, flour, sugar, saltine crackers, cookies, peanut butter, dried beans, toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, dishwashing liquid, bar soap, disinfecting spray and wipes

Members are asked to drive to the Rally at the Family Life Center starting at noon where they will pass by the display of banners that celebrate the ministries of our church and proceed to the food trailer where they can place their donations for the hunger centers.

We are also creating a montage of messages from our members and families and asking each to bring a letter size sheet with your family names and a short message of love, faith or hope for our times. Artistic embellishments are encouraged, but not necessary.

After dropping off your food and message, cars will gather in the parking lot for a short program that will begin at 12:30 pm from Council and our commissions to update you on how our ministries have been carrying on in the midst of the pandemic and what our plans are for the future.

Even though we will only be able to greet each other from our cars, the gathering will give us a chance to see one another and to be reminded that we are still the church – still recipients of grace – still called to follow in the way of Christ our Lord. It will feel good to be TOGETHER!

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.



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.

- 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.

Choir is Back!

Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:30 pm, Starting Thursday, September 3

Choir rehearsals will resume online for the fall. Director Joshua Konow will lead Zoom sessions with weekly piece selections that will be emailed to all choir members before each rehearsal. The choir will then be taught parts, hear the accompaniment, and discuss interpretive ideas that would bring the piece to life. While Zoom prevents simultaneous group singing, it does still allow us the ability to gather as a group and regain a small bit of that community the choir so dearly normally enjoys.

If you have ever been interested in singing in the choir, or have a love for music in general, this is a perfect, low-stress opportunity to get involved! Even if you are not a well-versed music reader, you can still come to the Zoom sessions to learn about how choral music is brought to life! Simply confirm your participation by emailing Joshua Konow at jkonow@fedchurch.org or calling 440.247.6490 x 120

Blood Drive Volunteer Coordinator Needed

We need a volunteer to coordinate dates and volunteers for future Red Cross blood drives. Bill and Carole Mason have retired from the position, and we are looking for someone to take their place.

If you are interested in volunteering or want to know more, contact Linda Zelazny: linzel65@gmail.com or 440.338.4918.

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

Trina Gigax, 35895 Solon Rd, Bentleyville, OH 44022-3530, prayers for continued treatment.

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

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:

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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