



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

September 13

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)

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.

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, September 20

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on Unearned Blessing

10 am

Online Worship

11 am

Online Fellowship Hour

September 20 - Scriptures

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on The Paradox of Good Intentions

10 am

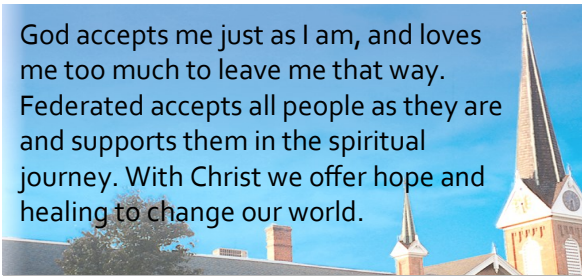
Online Worship

11 am

Music by Joshua Konow & RISE Band

Online Fellowship Hour

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.

RALLY DAY CELEBRATION

TODAY! | 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.

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, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, dishwashing liquid, bar soap, disinfecting spray and wipes. We'll also assist these organizations with monetary donations. Mark your donation as "Rally Day."

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. You can also submit electronic versions to communications@fedchurch.org.

After dropping off your food and message, cars will gather in the parking lot for a short program 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. You will be able to hear the program through the radio!

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!



Federated Launches a Visionary Action Plan

As we head into a new program year amidst unprecedented circumstances, we are taking the time to review and plan for our church's future and how we might make the most of our impact in our community. Many of you have participated in two webinars provided this summer by Convergence and its CEO, Rev. Cameron Trimble. This has set the stage for the launch of our Visionary Action Plan.

Check your email for a link to the online assessment. You can also find it on our website at www.fedchurch.org/convergence. Enter password: **FEDERATED76**. This is the first phase and it is very important to participate, as we need 60% of the congregation to respond.

Parking Lot Prayer Service

Saturday, September 19 | 6:30—7:30 pm
Family Life Center Parking Lot

We had such a great success at our August prayer service we would like to invite you again to pray together as a church community. Gathering in our cars, we will hold an outdoor prayer service.

Volunteers will direct each car to a slot that is socially distant for our safety. A bulletin and factory-sealed communion packets will be placed on your car hood for you to collect. You may choose to bring your own lawn chairs and sit outside directly in front of your car.

The service will be led by Rev. Mark Simone and staff using a PA sound system and an FM radio station. It will include prayers for us to pray together, scriptures and a couple of songs. In all things, we will be following the CDC and state guidelines.

Following the service, if you desire personal prayers, Rev. Mark will be available for drive-up prayers. There will be a space on your bulletin to write your requests.

If you want to join us, we need your reservation. Please email Kiersti at kcritchfield@fedchurch.org.

Bethel Bible Study Series

Monday Evenings starting September 28 | 7:30—9:00 pm

Bethel provides professionally prepared auditory and visual tools to help you establish a sound Biblical knowledge involving emphasis on key Bible concepts with 40 "teaching" pictures with corresponding lessons.

Find link to register at www.fedchurch.org/events/studies by Sunday, September 20.

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

Dave Carpenter- 80 E Bel Meadow Ln, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4220- who is dealing with health issues.

Bruce and Trina Gigax - 35895 Solon Rd, Bentleyville, OH 44022-3530- on the death of Trina's mother, Jeanne Smith, on September 10.

Curt Woodworth- 8215 Timber Trl, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-5070- who had heart surgery on September 9.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Jake Magalski** and **Jacob Evans**.

For September, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Family Promise of Greater Cleveland**.

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

Bob Abley, Debbie Baker, Mary Ann Boysen, Paul Neidhardt, Marge Overman.

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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