



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

September 27

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](https://www.fedchurch.org/covid).

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, October 4

Rev. Mark Simone preaches on Are There Limits to God's Favor?

10 am Online Worship
Children Sing

11 am Outdoor Coffee Fellowship

October 4 - Scriptures

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

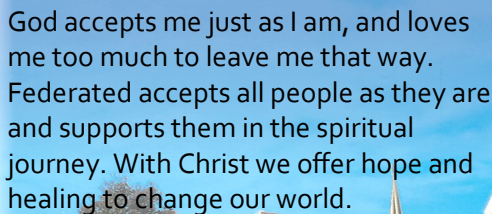
Matthew 21:33-46

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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.

Neighbors in Need Offering

To Be Collected Sunday, October 4

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of Neighbors in Need funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries of the UCC. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

Outdoor Fellowship Hour

Sunday, October 4 | 11:30 am—12:30 pm

Family Life Center Parking Lot

The Congregational Care Commission will be hosting an outdoor Fellowship Hour in the FLC parking lot on Sunday, Oct 4 following the worship service.

Please bring your own lawn chairs to place in the parking lot socially distanced away from other members. You are welcome to bring your own beverages or treats, but no food or beverage items will be shared. This will be a time to fellowship and be together following CDC guidelines, so masks are a must. We will see you then!

“Reading the Bible from the Margins” Bible Study

Six week study: Saturdays, October 17-November 21 | 1-2:30 pm

Online via Zoom | Led by Barry Stees

"Reading the Bible from the Margins invites its readers to look at scripture from an entirely different perspective, through the eyes of the poor, the outcast, those who are different. It challenges the status quo, the "comfortable" way one can read the Bible, picking and choosing what seems "nice," while thinking the challenge is for someone else, or that perhaps it doesn't apply to the 21st century.

Reading through the eyes of those who are marginalized turns the world upside down and gives status to those who seem insignificant. De la Torre's book inspires a new vision and a deeper understanding of the Word of God. It invites the reader to recognize a God who really loves those who are oppressed as well as the oppressors. In this is freedom for both the "haves" and the "have not's." Anyone with a willingness and the courage to be uncomfortable, to be led to conversion of heart and deeper wisdom will find this book a means to that end."

If you are interested in the study group, register via your Realm account or contact Barry Stees for more information: steesbassoon@gmail.com.

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

Tell us what you think: www.fedchurch.org/convergence.

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. Rev. Cameron Trimble of Convergence was carefully selected by Federated Church Council to guide us into the future.

The Assessment Survey is an opportunity to explain how you currently participate, how you would like to participate, what is working and what could use some work. Your answers will enlighten the Convergence team as to who and where we are now and help guide us in the right direction as we move into the future. We need **full participation from everyone in the Federated faith community**. Your input is vital!

The Assessment Survey is now available. Click the button at: www.fedchurch.org/convergence and will be online until Sunday, October 11.

Printed copies are available for those who do not have computer access. To request one, please contact fedchurch@fedchurch.org or call our office and leave a message: 440.247.6490 x111.



Children's Choir Fall Performances

The Federated Children's Choir is excited to perform on a limited basis this fall. Director Pat Haynish will meet with singers in small groups of three or four families each month to prepare to sing on October 4, November 8, and December 13.

The children will rehearse in the Sanctuary socially distant from each other. Masks must be worn to rehearsals. For the performances, the singers will be spread out across the altar area using separate microphones as the adult quartets have done over the summer, with siblings sharing a microphone.

If you have a singer currently in grades 1-8 who is interested in singing, please contact Pat Haynish (phaynish@sbcglobal.net) New families are always welcome!

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

Ann-Marie Heston- 550 Hemlock Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-3990- who is dealing with medical issues.

Lori Frey- 13 Kensington Dr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4264- who is having surgery and will be hospitalized for several days.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Joshua Konow** and **Marcia Snavely**.

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:

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, or submit them online at fedchurch.org/prayers. Our Pastoral Care Team and our Prayer and Praise Team will pray for your requests.

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