



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 4

# Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

## Worship Services Online

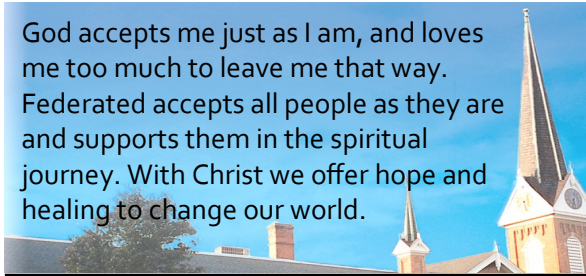
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all worship services will take place online through the end of 2020.

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

There will be no online Fellowship Hour today, due to the Outdoor Fellowship Hour at the Family Life Center at 11:30.

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, October 11

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on theme: Dressing Appropriately for God's Banquet

10 am

Online Worship

11 am

Virtual Fellowship Hour

### October 11 - Scriptures

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1, 19-23

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

### Sunday, October 18

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on theme: What Belongs to the Emperor and What Belongs to God?

10 am

Online Worship

11 am

Virtual 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.

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## **Neighbors in Need Offering** Collected TODAY

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.

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## **Outdoor Fellowship Hour** TODAY | 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 following today's 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!

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## **"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](mailto:steesbassoon@gmail.com).

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

Tell us what you think: [www.fedchurch.org/convergence](http://www.fedchurch.org/convergence). The Survey is available until October 11.

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!

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



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### **Wine for Water 2020: A Virtual Event** **"13 Going on 30: The Power of Collaboration"** **Thursday, October 8, 8 pm**

JustHope has been collaborating with our Nicaraguan friends for 13 years, and with the continued collaboration of our US partners we can keep it up for another 30 years!

This year's Wine for Water will be a virtual event. Though we'd love to get all our supporters together in person, the pandemic makes this impossible for this year. The good news is, that our supporters from other parts of the country can also participate in Wine for Water and place bids in the online auction.

Tickets to the Virtual Event are \$13 and are available at [JustHope.org](http://JustHope.org). All proceeds support JustHope's work in Nicaragua.



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

**David, Jonathan, Kailin, and Brigitte Edwards** - 315 Solon Rd Apt 407, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-3360 - on the death of their mother/grandmother, **Helen Edwards** on September 25. There will be a live stream service held on October 9 at 11:00am at Murphy Funeral Home.

**Jeff Kerekes** - 5950 Richmond Rd, Bedford, OH 44146-2563 - who is having an outpatient heart procedure on October 8.

**Caroline Reeder** - 14 Kensington Dr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-4264- who is recovering from surgery for a broken arm.

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

For October, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **JustHope, Stitching Hope, and all Nicaraguan ministries**.

### **The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:**

Myia Sterling, 440.338.4893; Carol Kelly, Elsie Lutman, Janet Peters, Sonja Solar, Nelson Fenner.

*Please forward prayer requests to Kiersti Critchfield [kcritchfield@fedchurch.org](mailto:kcritchfield@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 x103, or submit them online at [fedchurch.org/prayers](http://fedchurch.org/prayers). Our Pastoral Care Team and our Prayer and Praise Team will pray for your requests.*

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