

In-Person Worship is Back Beginning Sunday, June 13!

A message from the Director of People and Operations

Registration Required | Maximum of 50 Congregants

Phase III of our reopening plan includes a return to in-person worship on Sundays, beginning on Sunday June 13 with a maximum capacity of 50 congregants. Worship will begin at 10 am in the Sanctuary and simultaneous online worship will continue to be available for everyone! Please join us at YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch for online worship. You can also click the button on our homepage at fedchurch.org for easy access.

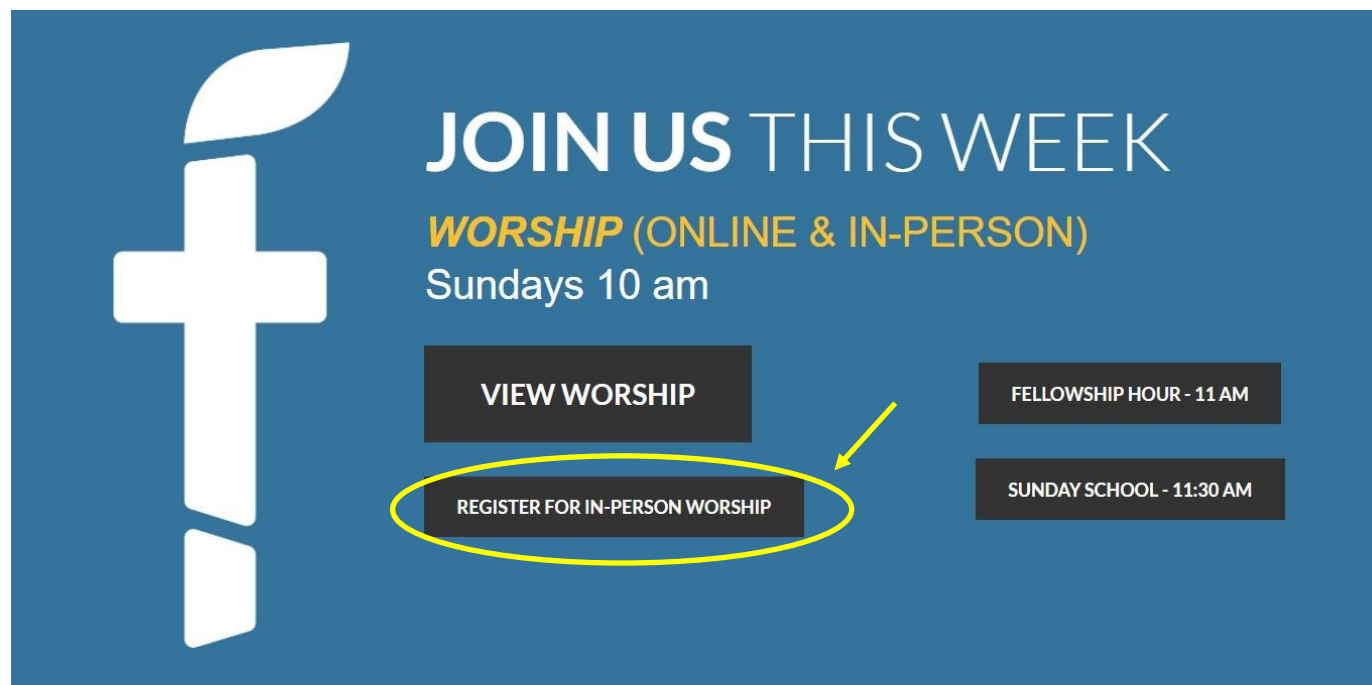
Registration will be required for those planning to attend worship in-person. Registration for any given Sunday will open on the preceding Monday. (You be able to register for the June 13 service starting Monday, June 7.) Registration will close 48 hours prior to the event (for Sunday worship, registration will close at 10 am on Friday).

A separate registration will also be available for up to ten worship ambassadors. On the Friday before worship, I will be in contact with those who sign up to do a brief orientation. Worship ambassador duties will include warmly welcoming people into the church, checking attendees off the registration list, welcoming people into the Sanctuary, answering questions and ensuring a smooth entrance and exit into the church and Sanctuary.

There will be two ways to register for in-person worship:

Online: You can register online using the “**Register for In-Person Worship**” button on the homepage of the Federated website (will be available starting June 7) or through your Realm account, where you will find it listed as an event. When you register online, you will be able to register multiple members of your family with a single

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JOIN US THIS WEEK

WORSHIP (ONLINE & IN-PERSON)

Sundays 10 am

VIEW WORSHIP

REGISTER FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP HOUR - 11 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 11:30 AM

registration. Be sure to complete all the steps. There are several. Successful registration will result in a confirmation email that you must bring with you on Sunday as proof of registration. It can be printed or displayed on your smart phone. If you do not receive such an email, your registration may not have been completed and you should try again.

Phone Call: You can call the church at 440.247.6490 x111 and leave a message for Melinda Smith. The message should include how many members of your family plan to attend. She will call you back to confirm your registration; if you do not receive confirmation, please assume the registration is full and plan to attend a future service instead.

Upon arrival on Sunday morning, you will check in with a worship ambassador at the parking lot or Bell Street entrances.

Here are the details for in-person worship:

Masks: While inside the church building, you must wear a mask covering both your nose and mouth. Your mask must be worn at all times and must be worn whether or not you have been vaccinated. This will remain our church policy until otherwise indicated. Clergy and worship participants may be unmasked when speaking. Feel free to sing along, but do keep your mask in place.

Available seating will be designated. Please respect others' comfort levels with distancing and social interaction.

Childcare will not be provided during this phase of re-opening.

We will not share communion during this phase of re-opening.

The passing of the peace will be done at a distance.

An opportunity to leave an offering will be available as you depart the Sanctuary.

Fellowship Hour will not be held inside the Bell Street building.

We realize that not all people are able to receive the vaccine, including those with prohibitive medical conditions and young children. To ensure all have an opportunity to attend, we will continue to require masks. If you are able to be vaccinated, you are encouraged to do so, not only to protect yourself, but to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus to others. We all long to put this pandemic behind us and move on and encourage you to do your part. We are constantly monitoring health and safety guidelines and we will continue to evaluate and make adjustments based on current scientific data. We understand everyone's comfort level will be different and we will continue to respect and celebrate those differences and each other.

Please contact Melissa Owen with any questions or concerns: mowen@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x110.

With Gratitude,



Melissa Owen, Director of People and Operations

From the Desk of Hamilton

Dear Friends,

What a time of change for Federated Church! And with that change comes both loss and gain.

I

First, let me say what momentous news it is that the Rev. Mark Simone will be retiring on the first of October. After his 31 years here, and with his ministry overlapping my entire 17 years at Federated, his departure is a huge loss for me. I have been enormously graced by Mark's presence. His liveliness and spirit and sense of humor are a buoy to me, to the staff, and to the church. We have been graced by his presence in countless ways. I have treasured Mark's extensive pastoral care, the many memorial services he has led, the countless weddings he has performed, his devoted leadership of senior high ministries, and his steady and encouraging presence through thick and thin. With all that he has meant to this church, our first work is to grieve Mark's departure and to celebrate his distinguished ministry.

A team is already at work to plan for our celebration of Mark's ministry. On the weekend of September 18 and 19, we will honor him in his departure. Mark will preach and lead worship on Sunday morning, September 19. And a party will be planned for that weekend. Details will be forthcoming, but I want you to be able to mark your calendars.

II

That is not the only staff change, either. Both Kiersti Critchfield and Dolly Herschel will be leaving the staff at the end of May. Dolly will retire. And Kiersti will take a position as a pre-kindergarten teacher, a job that will allow her to honor her passion for working with children, and one that will enable her to be on the same schedule as her own children. Both Kiersti and Dolly look forward to being enthusiastic members of the Federated family. And we are thrilled both for their honoring their sense of God's call in their lives, and that they will continue to be part of Federated.

I need to say how much I will miss them both. Dolly has led Primetime with enthusiasm and vigor, planning countless events, leading numerous trips, and enjoying innumerable lunches. Primetime has been the beneficiary of her enormous love for its people. That love shines through in all she is and does. Her presence will be sorely missed.

Kiersti has held two vitally important positions at Federated, first for a number of years as our Director of Children's Ministries, and for the last few years as our Pastoral Care Administrator. One of the special gifts she has brought to Federated is the Search for

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, June 6

Rev. Mark Simone preaches on God's Will
Communion celebrated
UCC Strengthen the Church offering
10 am Online Worship
11 am Virtual Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, June 13

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on
Living in Christ: It's All New
10 am Livestream & In-person Worship
(Registration required for In-Person)
11 am Virtual Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, June 20

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on
Faith in the Midst of Fear
10 am Livestream & In-person Worship
(Registration required for In-Person)
11 am Virtual Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, June 27

Rev. Mark Simone preaches on Healing
Powers
10 am Livestream & In-person Worship
(Registration required for In-Person)
11 am Virtual Coffee Fellowship

Online Worship: fedchurch.org/live

Online Coffee Fellowship: tinyurl.com/fedfellowship

Online Worship:

**Every Sunday
10:00 AM**

**on our YouTube Channel:
TheFederatedChurch**

July SPIRE Deadline

Do you have something you'd like to see in the July SPIRE?

Please email your information to
communications@fedchurch.org

by **Tuesday, June 15**
and include **"SPIRE"** in the subject line.

the Christ Child, to which she has devoted immense energy. That pre-Christmas event has engaged countless Federated people in its compelling drama. And it has opened our doors to numerous community members who have gotten, through that event, a great taste of who Federated is. In her pastoral care role, Kiersti has shown deep and abiding care for members and friends of Federated who have needed the support and prayers of this faith community. Kiersti's absence, too, will be keenly felt. We have been so richly blessed by both of them. And we wish them Godspeed.

III

The paradox of such departures, of course, is that, while they bring a palpable sense of loss and grief, they also open Federated to new and promising chapters. Church Council has appointed a search team from its members who have gone immediately to work to fill the position of associate pastor on a temporary basis while we engage in a search for a settled associate pastor. In the next few months, we hope to engage a designated associate pastor who will also, if they are interested, be eligible for the settled position.

In the meantime, once our Visionary Action Plan (VAP) is fleshed out, a search committee will be formed from among our membership, a committee that will engage in a search for the associate pastor who will carry out the ministry we identify, and who best fits with Federated's energy, identity, and mission.

In addition, as that VAP is completed, we will identify how best to carry out the ministries vacated by Kiersti and Dolly. For the time being, Melissa Owen, our Senior Director of People and Operations, has graciously offered to ensure coverage on both of those fronts. Her leadership in this time of flux will enable us to configure the staff in the most productive way as we go forward.

IV

Nor is that all on the change front! We are just now preparing to open our worship services for in-person gatherings beginning in mid-June. What a gift that will be! We will continue to livestream, of course. But we will also have the chance to connect again in person. Details on that reopening are on pages 1 and 2 in this issue of The Spire. What a promising development!

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The upshot of all this is that we are in a position of acute flux. There are notable losses that go with that change, and we need to grieve appropriately and fully.

At the same time, though, change is a glorious opportunity for us to engage with God in new and immensely fruitful ways. New staff will come. New energy will bloom. New opportunities will emerge.

I want to say that I will greatly miss Mark, Kiersti, and Dolly. And also that I am very much looking forward to this next chapter in Federated's life. The possibilities are endless and they fill me with excitement. I know you will join me in the fullness of what's to come. Together we will be filled by God's grace, and led to new pastures. What a blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Hamilton



FEDERATED NEWS & INFO

Planned Giving

A message from The Legacy Fund

On Father's Day we celebrate the men in our lives who have filled the role of father through their love and kindness as a positive role model. Reach out to the fathers or father figures in your life and thank them for the gifts they've given you over the years. Then, consider creating a lasting tribute to them by making a planned gift in your will to Federated's Legacy Fund in their honor.

This month is the perfect time to include Federated, a place that we trust has been a source of joy and connection over the years, in your will. The first (and most vital) step is to **have a written will**. Have you taken this step? Many people think they don't have enough money or possessions to warrant a will. Members may not be able to leave a huge amount to Federated's Legacy Fund, but **a planned gift of any size can make a difference for the long-term future of Federated**. A will is how someone lets their loved ones know how to distribute their prized possessions after they're gone.

If you have already made a provision for Federated in your estate plans, please contact Pete or Laura, or let anyone on the Legacy Fund Committee know. We would like to honor your extraordinary commitment to your legacy.

The Legacy Fund Committee:

Peter R. Franz CFA, CFP (440.724.9365, franze35@gmail.com)

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Tricia Baumgartner

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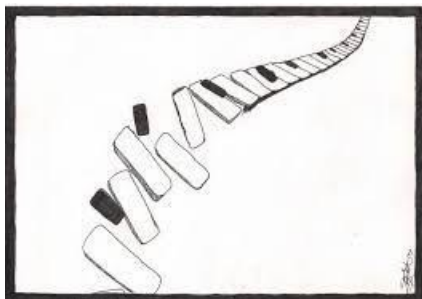
Laura Taylor, staff liaison (440.247.6490 x115, ltaylor@fedchurch.org)

Sanctuary Piano and Music Ministry Future

In March, a dear friend of our Music Ministry decided to retire. That friend is our Sanctuary piano, diligently in use at our church since 1997 and built in 1981. Our Kawai piano is no longer able to be tuned, experiencing an unfortunate decline over the last few years. In the meantime, we are making do with the piano from our Chapel – a smaller Yamaha.

Purchasing a piano that is appropriate for our Sanctuary, congregation, and ministry is paramount. Joshua Konow, our Director of Music Ministries, has gathered a team including Marcia Snively (Church Organist), Randy Fusco, Bruce Gigax, Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton, and others to search for a profoundly better instrument to lead our Music Ministry long into the future.

This is an exciting time and opportunity that is being approached with the utmost care, attention to detail, and prayerful diligence. Stay tuned for future updates about our Music Ministry Sanctuary Piano Initiative.



In Memoriam

Recognition of those who have passed recently.

A farewell to friends; May God welcome them with open arms.

Jim Parr on May 1, 2021



Fund Development Update

Here's a recap of why we're celebrating:

Since the annual meeting, the number of intentions or pledges has increased to 325

The total dollar amount submitted = \$999,875.99

Just \$125 shy of \$1 million!

Over ½ of the intended funds have already been received: \$537,000

15% of these funds have been received through Realm online payments

Our outreach with livestream services is working!

We have something **to offer – community, friendship, prayer, peace, growth, worship, and ministry with those in need.**

By extending our outreach through livestreaming, we have given others an opportunity to participate in the spirit of love and grace with us.

Non-Pledge gifts to-date equal \$14,400

Including gifts from residents of Washington, Florida, and Pennsylvania

Some of these gifts are over-and-above already completed intentions

Living lives of generous love transforms a one-way street into a sacred bond. Together with God, we're making a big impact!

In Gratitude,

Laura Piper Taylor

Staff liaison to the Generosity Commission

Fired Up... Ready to Go

A message from The Generosity Commission

In Barack Obama's recent book *"A Promised Land"*, the above was the rallying cry for all manner of folks associated with the organization. I think it applies in spades to your new Generosity Commission's attitude toward the reimagining and broadening of Generosity for our beloved Federated.

Folks let's just tear off all the Band-Aids at once. Excitement **ABOUNDS** at Federated. We are no longer heading into, nor languishing in, a pandemic, but God's Grace has allowed us to start **EMERGING** from it! We have an amazing new relationship and strategy for exciting uses of the Family Life Center property through the Community Life Collaborative! We are progressing in a new Visioning and Strategic Planning process as we speak! And while so much is NEW and fresh and eye-popping, we are **STILL** the community with core values of graciousness, inclusion, extravagant welcoming, incomparable music, and focus on the example of Jesus that we **ALWAYS** have been. Are you fired up?! Are you Ready to Go?!

Generosity is not a bill to pay. It is not a task to complete and check off. And it isn't only about dollars and cents, though that is important. Folks, generosity is a FABRIC, and that fabric must drape over the ENTIRE community at all times. It is the essence of who we are at Federated, and to be a part of the Federated community means to pull that fabric up around your chin and feel warmed and comforted by it, and at the same time CHALLENGED by it to do better. Be a thread in our fabric! Be a whole swatch! Each time you participate in a worship service, a Wondrous Wednesday event, an SJAM initiative, or a silent behind the scenes ministry, I challenge you to do two things:

RELISH and BASK in the idea that you are wrapped in the comforting fabric; **AND**

ASK what is a NEW way you can extend the reach of our fabric to others, or deepen Federated's fabric in your own life.

We have monumental efforts ahead of us, but a God with **LIMITLESS** resources that she both possesses and of which she watches as we steward over. Step **OUTSIDE** your comfort zone. Don't worry...the fabric will be there to wrap up in when you return, whether the steps outside were wildly successful or just ho hum! Your Generosity Commission is **Fired Up and Ready to Go**. If you'd like to join us we would welcome your partnership on this exciting journey.

Generosity Impact Moments

"Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our minds to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others." – Barbara Bush

What a blessing it has been to celebrate the many ways that Federated is a premier messenger of grace and love. Thanks to the beautiful videography of Marty Culbertson, Hamilton and Mark shared these Generosity Impact Moments during April's Sunday worship services.

Date	Commission	Ministry Area	Being Celebrated
April 4	Congregational Care Commission	Women's Circles	47 Easter baskets for families of St. Paul's Community Church and Chagrin Falls Park Community Center
April 11	Spiritual Formation Commission	JOY and GROUP (Middle and High School youth groups)	Bird house installation for the Community Life Collaborative at Federated's Family Life Center
April 25	Mission & Service Commission	In partnership with Chagrin Falls Community Center	Cleaning supplies collection. The call went out and you responded with generosity – your donations filled a car to the brim!

To revisit these videos, go to fedchurch.org/live and view the Generosity Impact Moment Playlist.

Together, we are making a difference!

SJAM Environmental Justice Activities

April and May were full of activities to bring awareness to, care for, and opportunities to think about the future of God's Earth we call home. What is God calling us to do and be in an age of climate crisis and the intersection of systemic racism with the degradation of Earth's limited resources?

SJAM worked in collaboration with several partners, including the Community Life Collaborative (CLC), CF Methodist Church, the Chagrin Valley Council of Churches and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. The focus throughout April and May was to keep the conversation, awareness of issues, witness to lament and transformation, and call to action on behalf of the environment, while co-creating honest, hands-on and aspirational programs. Protecting the environment and all God's creation requires so much more than loving the outdoors. It requires all of us to collaborate and work together.

It takes many hands and deliberate decisions to turn the tide, and God is counting on all-hands-on-deck. We share here a brief summary of our Earth Activities and plan to continue with this focus throughout the year.

Family Earth Day Activity

In spite of cold weather about 50 people of all ages gathered at the Family Life Center (FLC) for a celebration of Earth Day, on Sunday, April 25. The theme centered on the importance of both enjoying and protecting the environment, especially trees. Those gathered enjoyed a children's story/discussion about appreciating nature, a nature hike through the FLC grounds, a nature scavenger hunt, prepackaged healthy snacks, and potting tree seedlings to take home and plant. The group also helped weed and clear debris from beds at the FLC. It was a fun-filled afternoon where wearing masks made us able to connect in person! Thanks to all for your participation and help with the cleanup.

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Tree Planting to Help the Earth

More than 30 people including adults and youth from Federated Church, Community Life Collaborative, Chagrin Falls Methodist Church and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, planted nine native trees around the retention pond at the Family Life Center on a glorious Sunday afternoon. God has been watering them ever since.



Geothermal & Solar for your Home

You are invited to watch the video recording of "Geothermal & Solar for your Home" webinar and panel discussion that was hosted by the SJAM Environmental Justice team. Responsible professionals and homeowners using the alternative energy systems shared and answered questions. Enjoy the video on our YouTube Channel: TheFederatedChurch or click this direct link www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNrM-f1uS7U

Electronics Recycling Drive a Huge Success

If you drove down Bell Street on May 8 you saw Ward Pierson waving you in to our parking lot to recycle your electronics. Our church was the scene of a steady arrival of cars and people dropping off their electronics to be erased, reused, and recycled by our Job Corps partner, RET3. This event was hosted by the SJAM Environmental Justice Team with extended invitations through the Chagrin Valley Council of Churches. The results were evident in packed pallets of items and many thankful attendees who expressed appreciation to us for holding this event.



MISSION & SERVICE

Strengthen the Church Offering

To Be Collected June 6

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church to cooperatively build up the UCC. Local Conferences and the national UCC equally share the gifts given by our local congregation. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.



By your generosity to this special mission offering, you build up the Body of Christ. You help plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

We welcome your donations on or before June 6. You can mail a check to 76 Bell St. Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, or go to fedchurch.org/giving, click "Give Now" and note "Strengthen the Church."

Parish Nurse and Thrift Shop Corner

Our Parish Nurse Clinic has been busy every Tuesday morning counseling with clients and giving them the hygiene supplies they need. A nice group of regulars has come together for "coffee and conversation" and most of them visit the clinic too. The Clinic is supported by the Outreach Program which is a non-profit program that also helps with housing, utility bills, and re-establishing legal identity (Social Security, birth certificates, bank accounts, etc). This function is especially important for those who have been incarcerated, because they are released without any of their original ID documents! Money for this non-profit program comes largely from grants written by our director, Tim Walters. In addition, your monetary and material donations are a big help (don't forget to designate Parish Nurse Program on the memo line of your check.) And thank you for your generosity!

This month, the Outreach Program partnered with a public health agency called Community Family Practice to give COVID vaccines at St. Paul's to the population we serve. The agency supplied all the personnel, equipment, signage, and handouts and they set up a very efficient walk-through traffic pattern through the front of the church. A doctor administered the shots and was available to answer questions. There is a lot of fear surrounding the vaccines and thus we only vaccinated five people on our first day. Tim plans on holding many more vaccine clinics on Tuesday mornings to try to eventually gain trust with more folks ready to be vaccinated. On May 11 we had J & J vaccines and on May 18 we offered both the J & J and Moderna vaccines. This is an exciting and challenging new mission for the Outreach Program and the Parish Nurses who support and encourage the clients to trust the vaccines.

The thrift shop is not a part of the Outreach Program, but they obviously serve the same population of folks in poverty or starting over after an eviction, rehab programs, or jail. I am still requesting small household items and decorative pieces to be brought to my house at 84 Hall St. (*No china please.*) These items might have been designated for Trinkets and Treasures but are accumulating because the pandemic is causing a delay in the event. More items are still needed to "fill the shelves" with cheerful homemaking goodies.

Thanks again for your support for these important programs. PS. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the white sock collection May 11. The back of my CRV was full! They will go very quickly at St. Paul's.

In faith,
Kathy Kolcaba,
Parish Nurse,
440.655.2098
84 Hall St., Chagrin Falls, OH

FEDERATED HAPPENINGS

Social and Environmental Justice (SJAM) News

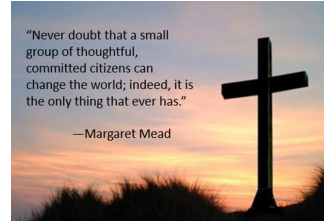
SJAM is a group of Federated and community folks learning about and taking action on a wide variety of societal justice issues such as gun violence, criminal justice, LGBTQ+ rights, environmental issues, racial justice, voter registration, and immigration as well as other areas of concern.

Sound interesting? We welcome you to join us at our next meeting. SJAM is open to all in the community who are looking for ways to work for social justice. To learn more, please contact Kathy Franz (440.821.7795 or wfranz@roadrunner.com).

Next SJAM Meeting – Sunday, June 27, 11:15 am on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/261964671?pwd=czFEQlRzJlUjk2dHE4NGdQaVFUTUT09>

Please feel free to log onto the call and check us out! No obligation. Just join the Zoom and see if what we are about speaks to your heart. We welcome you!



SJAM Focus on Federated's Open and Affirming Commitment

SJAM activities and programs in June and July focus on the Federated Church's commitment to being Open and Affirming. Many of our upcoming activities will focus on our dedication to inclusion of our welcome and embrace of our LGBTQ+ neighbors.

Open & Affirming Statement of The Federated Church

We, the members of The Federated Church of Chagrin Falls, Ohio believe that God is still speaking and we seek prayerfully to discern God's plan for us today. Acknowledging God's acceptance of us and Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we affirm our belief that we are one body in Christ.

We welcome people of all races and ages, mental and physical abilities, marital status, gender or sexual orientation. We invite those from different backgrounds of economic class, ethnicity, and varieties of thought, expression and religious tradition to join us in our worship and to participate in the full life and ministry of our church.

We celebrate the diversity of God's creation and believe that every person is uniquely made in God's image. We embrace the joy of being accepted and affirmed by God and by one another.

We strive for justice and inclusiveness following Jesus' example of love.

Wear Orange on National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Friday, June 4

Wherever you are!

Everytown and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. Orange is the color that Hadiya Pendleton's friends wore in her honor when she was shot and killed in Chicago at the age of 15 — just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade in 2013. After her death, they asked us to stand up, speak out, and Wear Orange to raise awareness about gun violence.

Moms Demand Action gains momentum when gun sense activists come together to fight for a future free from gun violence. Wear Orange originated on June 2, 2015—what would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday. Now, it is observed nationally on the first Friday in June and the following weekend each year. This year, National Gun Violence Awareness Day will be June 4.

Everytown and its partner organizations continue to do life-saving work so that we can get closer to realizing a future free from gun violence. Wear orange to be seen, show support, and demand that we be heard.

Federated Returns to the Cleveland Pride Parade

Saturday, June 5, 10 am

Edgewater Park

In June, the Federated Church flies the Pride flag to portray that we are an Open and Affirming congregation of the UCC. We strive for justice and inclusiveness following Jesus' example of love. Please join SJAM (Social Justice Advocacy Ministry) as we support the LGBTQ+ community by participating in the Cleveland Pride Parade. The parade is on June 5 at 10 am and will begin at Edgewater Park; this year will be a car parade due to COVID restrictions. If you are interested in attending (either by driving a car or as a passenger) or if you have questions about the event, please contact Tricia Baumgartner at 440.708.6231 or tricia.a.baumgartner@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

49 Bells

Saturday, June 12, 11:45 am

76 Bell Street

June 12, 2016, on a Sunday morning many of us awakened to the reality that Latinx Night at Pulse Night Club, an LGBTQ+ community gathering spot... a sanctuary... a safe-haven... in the midst of Pride Celebration, had become the site of one of the worse mass shootings in US history. Now, 5 years later, we will commemorate the 49 people killed there. We will begin with prayer, then at noon we'll toll the bell 49 times and read the names of the victims of the shooting.

Movie Night: Trans-gender education *The T-word* Film Discussion

Monday, June 14, 7 pm

Online via Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82088621192?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82088621192?pwd=L2M4TUhKaIBKdkdPWFBPOWQONmRFUT09)

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We will watch this together on a Zoom meeting, and discuss what we hear throughout the movie. If anyone knows about the struggles of transgender youth, it's actress [Laverne Cox](#), whose breakthrough role in [Orange Is the New Black](#) ushered in a new public consciousness about gender identity. In *LAVERNE COX PRESENTS: THE T WORD*, Cox interviews seven young people about their lives, their problems, and their successes. From the importance of family support to the horrors of puberty to the words they'd prefer people not use about trans men and women, these young people age 12 to 23 allow us a peek into their worlds. We hear about what it's really like to be gender-different in America.



If you want to watch it before the meeting, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDyODhfuxfl>

Here's another activity that will focus on our commitment to inclusion:

Interfaith Prayer Vigil: Prayers for Healing and Peace for our Nation

Wednesday, June 30, 7-7:30 pm

Church of the Resurrection

32001 Cannon Road, Solon, OH 44139

Jesus prayed: *The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. . .* – John 17:22-26

Join us as we gather with Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Baha'i friends to offer messages, prayers, and music for peace and healing of our nation and world. This gathering is intended to bring us together in love and acceptance in a time of world and national division and unrest. We will meet outdoors, masked and safely distanced.

Summer Sunday School 2021

Ms. Kristin is shaking things up this summer. While weekly Zoom Sunday School has been successful, it is time for a break. Over the summer, Sunday School will instead meet once a month in person. These will be outdoor family events that will include a spiritual activity or lesson and time to play and socialize.

Please save these dates:

Sunday, June 6 from 2-4pm, South Russell Village Park Pavilion (1050 Bell St.). Join us for a family prayer activity (Ms. Kristin will be the one praying!), craft, snack and time to play together on the playground and fields. Please bring your own drinks and any outdoor toys you'd like to share. RSVPs are requested for this event. Please email Ms. Kristin, klefeber@fedchurch.org to attend. Because the pavilion is large, we will attempt to meet despite the weather.

Sunday, July 11 from 2-4 pm, Family Life Center (16349 Chillicothe Rd.). Join us for a family meditation activity on the labyrinth, family relay races, snack and time to play together on the playground and fields. Please bring your own drinks and any outdoor toys you'd like to share. RSVPs are requested for this event. Please email Ms. Kristin, klefeber@fedchurch.org to attend. This event will be held indoors at the FLC if need be.

Sunday, August 8 from 2-4 pm, details forthcoming!

While the lessons and activities will be geared to families with grade school aged children, anyone is welcome to join us! Let's grow together this summer!

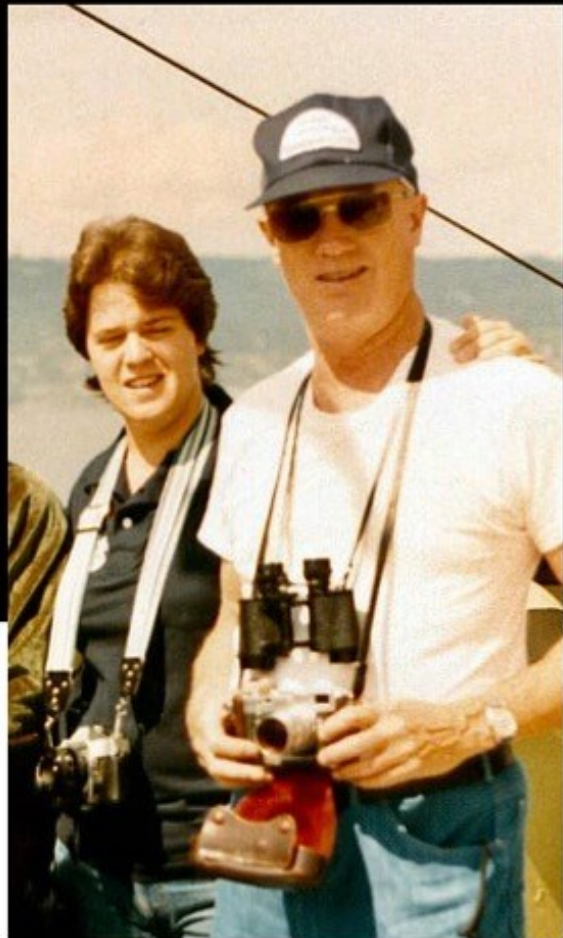
Father's Day Photos Wanted

*Send your Photos with or of your Dad
Via Email to: Marty*

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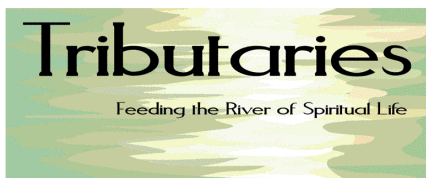
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Photos to Marty by Tuesday, June 15



Help us celebrate the Dads

In your life this Father's Day



Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

Open to all levels. Virtual class on Zoom. From the comfort of your own home.

Mondays in June at 9:30 - 10:45 am
Wednesdays in June at 5:30–6:30 pm

This Gentle Slow Flow class links the breath, meditation, movement, and poses together. All levels of Yoga practitioners can find their comfort level, as they slowly and mindfully move through the class. Balance, focus, and peacefulness result from attention to breath as we move through physical “asana” or poses in our yoga practice. Modifications will be suggested as needed. This class is open to everyone with the ability to move through seated, standing, kneeling, and reclined positions unassisted.

You will need a computer or iPad to join the class via a Zoom link from the comfort of your own home/space.

To register, or if you have questions, email Dawn Dole, RYT200 at newdayyoga.dawn@gmail.com.

Summer Book Study with Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner

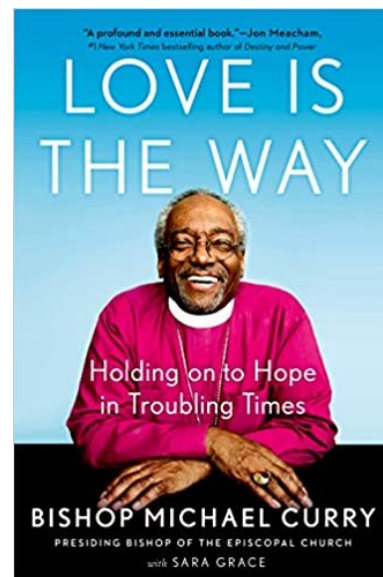
Wednesdays, July 14–August 25 | 10:00–11:15 am
Church Lounge

“Love Is the Way” by Bishop Michael Curry—Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action.

As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further.

The way of love is essential for addressing the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God. This book will lead readers to discover the gifts they need in order to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity.

Please email Judy to reserve your spot: jbagbon@gmail.com.



All-Church Outdoor Fellowship Event

Sunday, July 21 | 5:30–9:00 pm
Frohring Meadows (16780 Savage Road)

All ages are invited and encouraged to attend this outdoor fellowship event. Feel free to bring a bagged meal. There will be games, cornhole, a nature walk, and fun for everyone in the family.

Come to celebrate time together with love and fellowship.!