



May 16

Welcome!

Upcoming Activities and
Opportunities at Federated

Worship Services Online

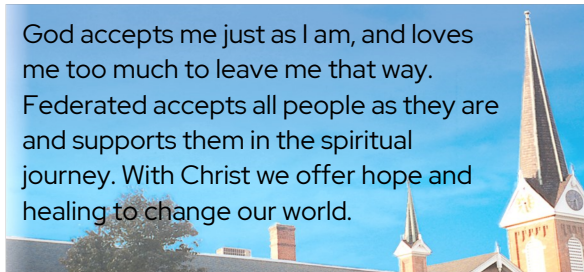
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **all worship services will continue to take place online.**

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.



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, May 23

- Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
- 10 am Online Worship Service
*Music from Marcia Snavelly and
an octet from the Federated Choir*
- 11 am Online Fellowship Hour
- 11:30 am Sunday School

Sunday, May 23

*Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sunday, May 23

- Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
- 10 am Online Worship Service
*Music from Joshua Konow and
The RISE to Shine Band*
- 11 am Online Fellowship Hour
- 11:30 am Sunday School

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.

JOIN US AS WE SPRING INTO GENEROSITY

This invitation from the Mission & Service Commission supports the UCC's **Our Church's Wider Mission**, which funds work done in local regions, as well as in the national and global church, keeping UCC churches strong, impactful, and growing. For example, it's our way of funding micro-credit projects in Africa, assisting refugee families fleeing war-torn countries, and training UCC young adults to be members of local communities of action. Together we are stronger and our reach is wider. To indicate your generosity springing forth, mail a check to *Federated Church, 76 Bell St, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022* or go to fedchurch.org/giving and **designate your contribution to Spring into Generosity**

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, May 23, 11:15 am on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/261964671?pwd=czFEQ1llRzJIUjk2dHE4NGdQaVFUTUT09>

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!

Stephen Ministry Offers Support

Our Stephen Ministry is offering short term support for members of our congregation who are experiencing adverse effects from the prolonged pandemic.

If you are experiencing loneliness, sadness, or worry that you think would be helped by talking with a caring listener, you may want to consider having a Stephen Minister as someone you can talk with on a weekly basis, or for a caring conversation as needed.

Stephen Ministers are lay people from our congregation who are specially trained to provide support to people who are encountering difficult situations in their lives. Their ministry is confidential.

If you would like to engage the services of a Stephen Minister, please contact Dan Kershner at 330.425.8902 or drekersh@gmail.com.

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 6th.

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."

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

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

For May, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Back Bay Mission**.

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 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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