

## Trinkets 'N Treasures (TNT) Returns in the Spring!

*A message from Mimi Bathgate, TNT Coordinator*

The next Trinkets 'N Treasures Sale is scheduled for the last full week of April 2022. We will start the set up at noon on Friday, April 22. We will continue as in the past with donations being accepted Saturday morning (April 23) through Tuesday at noon (April 26). The sale will begin with the preview sale Wednesday evening (April 27). Then the take-down will begin Saturday afternoon (April 30) and Sunday (May 1). As of now we do not have storage space and therefore **do not** have the ability to accept any donations before Saturday, April 23.

We will need strong men, women and teens to help with the set up and take down. Muscles are needed to move donations onto the sales floor during donation acceptance and to help people load their purchases into cars during the week. And, of course, we need help all week with the sorting and pricing of donations. Please consider how you and your family can help with Trinkets 'N Treasures 2022.

Thank you in advance for your donations. Remember to consider the salability of your items. This pertains particularly to clothing. We do not have the ability to display and sell great quantities of clothing. We realize that some of you may not be able to store everything until April. Feel free to donate items where they will do the most good, but please save the best for us!

We hope to see all of you as volunteers and purchasers at our big sale in April. I would love to hear from those of you who feel that you can commit now or who have questions. I am only a phone call or email away.

Mimi Bathgate,  
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## From the Desk of Rev. Throckmorton

Dear Friends,

As we turn the calendar on a new year, I am filled with a sense of hopeful promise. We here at Federated Church are in a position to look ahead eagerly to a ministry and mission full of extraordinary possibility.

One of the reasons for my hopefulness is that the lion's share of our strategic planning, our Visionary Action Plan, has now been completed. All that awaits is the implementation phase. And that's where you come in. We've identified five areas upon which to focus in this next chapter of our common life. Energize participation, community engagement, spiritual deepening, congregational care, and financial sustainability are what we've recognized as the linchpins of the work of the congregation. Church leadership invites us all to reflect on how we might best further these exciting priorities. These goals bear fruit as we, the congregation, own them and make them our own. They will heighten our sense of God's presence as we put them into action.

Another reason for my hopefulness is that the Search Committee looking for a new pastor is well into its work. A job description has been created, and a detailed profile of our church is nearing its completion. Once those two documents are finished, we will be ready to post the position and begin interviews.

And one more reason for my hopefulness has to do with all of you. First, our staff is remarkably dedicated and gifted. While listening to the promptings of God, it has carefully planned all the services of Advent and Christmas, as well as carrying out the ongoing work of the church. I want to thank them here for their devotion and energy.

And my gratitude to you, the congregation, is boundless. You continue to support our marvelous ministries with exceptional support and enthusiasm. I speak for church leadership and staff when I say: thank you, thank you, thank you!

As the calendar turns, I simply want to name my, and our, gratitude, and to point us to a future rich in the grace and wonder of God. May God bless us going forward just as God has blessed us up to this very moment.

With the season of Epiphany beginning in January, I pray for the fullness of Christ's coming near in your life, and in our life together

Yours in Christ,



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### UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Every Sunday at 10 AM:

Livestream & In-person worship  
with Sunday School and Child Care  
(No Sunday School on 1/2)

#### Sunday, January 2

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner preaches  
*Music by a vocal quartet and Marcia Snavelly*  
- Communion celebrated

#### Sunday, January 9

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
*Music by the Federated Choir and Marcia Snavelly*

#### Sunday, January 16

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
*Music by the Federated Choir and Marcia Snavelly*

#### Sunday, January 23

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
*Music by the Federated Choir and Marcia Snavelly*

#### Sunday, January 30

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
*Music by the Federated Choir and Marcia Snavelly*

**Worship Every Sunday**  
**In-person & Online**  
**10:00 AM**

**Online Worship on our**  
**YouTube Channel:**  
**TheFederatedChurch**

### February Spire Deadline

Do you have something you'd like to see in the February Spire? Please email your information to Trisha Holland at [communications@fedchurch.org](mailto:communications@fedchurch.org) by **Saturday, January 15** and include "Spire" in the subject line.

# FEDERATED NEWS & INFO

## Generosity Commission Expresses Gratitude

Generosity brings gratitude and gratitude brings generosity...those two acts are truly connected. Over the past several months, we have seen examples of the impact of generosity, near and far. Those moments of impact are no accidents. They are the result of intentional generosity and gratitude. As the Generosity Commission was preparing notes to mail to homes of this wonderful Federated faith family, we reflected on the months since we convened on the heels of Commission members attending an online workshop entitled "Festival of Stewardship and Generosity" and another one entitled "Cultivating Generous Congregations." One result of those workshops was a Pacesetter Letter, mailed in September inviting leaders to respond early to our Generosity 2022 invitation – another way to express leadership roles. And you responded! We believe our focus on cultivating a generous congregation is reaching the hearts of our members and friends; you are hearing us and responding! However, our work is not done. It takes all of us, contributing our time, treasures, and talents, as we continue to create generosity impact moments, individually and collectively. We are all on a journey of including generosity as a spiritual practice in our lives.

Let's continue on this journey together. Members and friends are invited to our class offering titled "Money Matters as Faith Matters: Five Fundamentals of Fiscal Fitness" led by a local Certified Financial Planner on January 20 from 7:00–8:00 PM. See the article on page 10 for more details.

If you have already formally expressed your 2022 Intention to Give, THANK YOU. If you have not yet done so, won't you join us? Mail/drop off your *Intention to Give* card to 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, or submit an Intention online at [fedchurch.org/giving](https://fedchurch.org/giving) or through your Realm account.

New Year Blessings,  
Eric Goodman  
Ken Horner  
Maren Koepf  
Michael Quintin  
Martine Scheuermann  
Dawn Thatcher

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## Contribution Envelopes

**2022 Contribution Envelopes** are available for pickup. The boxes contain an envelope for each week of the year and are useful in many ways: as a reminder to give regularly, as a means for the church to record cash contributions, or for privacy.

If you used contribution envelopes last year, a labeled box is waiting for you behind the Reception Desk in the Lobby. New requests and new cancellations should be directed to Melinda at [smithm@fedchurch.org](mailto:smithm@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 x111.

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## In Memoriam

Recognition of those who have passed recently. A farewell to friends; May God welcome them with open arms.

**Betty Carter—November 20**  
**Franz Sauerland—November 26**  
**Tim Healy—December 13**

# FEDERATED NEWS & INFO

## Sunday School in Review

### *A Message from Ms. Kristin*

The faith formation of kiddos (of all ages!) is important to me. With school and sports and music lessons and family obligations clamoring for attention it is easy to push spiritual education to the side. And while spiritual education and faith formation certainly occur outside of church and Sunday School, I think they are both an important part of living a healthy spiritual life. So even though a pandemic has rocked our world for almost two years now, spiritual education and faith formation offerings for kiddos at Federated have continued.

Back in March of 2020, I was left scrambling. How could I teach Sunday School if there was no Sunday School? In those first few weeks I wasn't sure what to do. So, I sent weekly emails with prayer activities to do at home. And then it hit me, students across the world are learning virtually, why can't I teach that way as well?

In April 2020, I began teaching Sunday School via Zoom. Minus a week off here and there we continued in this way without interruption for 13 months. Well, my dogs did bark often and we lost internet once, but overall, it was very successful. Not surprisingly, my numbers were lower than they had been when we were in person, but the kiddos who were there were really committed, and we had some great lessons, games, and discussions through the computer screen.

On Easter of 2020, I also began writing and recording 90-second videos to offer just a little more content and connection. I covered topics from the Fruit of the Spirit to Honesty to Willingness. All 50+ of my "Ms. Kristin videos" are still available on the Federated YouTube page, you know, if you get bored.

Then the Summer of 2021 rolled around, and things were looking up. Instead of weekly Sunday School, I moved to monthly Family Sunday School gatherings outside. We met first at South Russell Park Pavilion, then the Family Life Center, and then my own backyard. Each gathering provided time for face-to-face fun and a spiritual exercise. And snacks, always snacks.

And now, beginning after Rally Day 2021, Sunday School has returned to in-person. We play it safe and wear masks and apply hand sanitizer as soon as we enter the room. We focus on behaviors such as lighting (battery) candles, gathering in our sacred space and saying a daily prayer. We often spend time sharing personal stories and experiences. My hope is that the kiddos get to know each other and themselves in a new way and learn how to practice their faith throughout their lives.

Our most recent set of lessons was on the season of Advent. We used a bulletin board Advent Wreath and a Nativity set to learn. Of course, we re-discovered the story of the birth of Jesus this way, but we also learned that Jesus can be experienced as hope, peace, joy and love.

In January, we are going to focus some on the importance of giving and choose a new organization to be the recipient of our weekly change. (Have you seen the contraption in the stairwell?) Depending on the organization we choose we may even be able to build a relationship with them in other ways beyond monetary donations.

So, all that to say, consider sending your kiddos to Sunday School. Their faith formation and spiritual education is important to me.

Grace & Peace,

Ms. Kristin



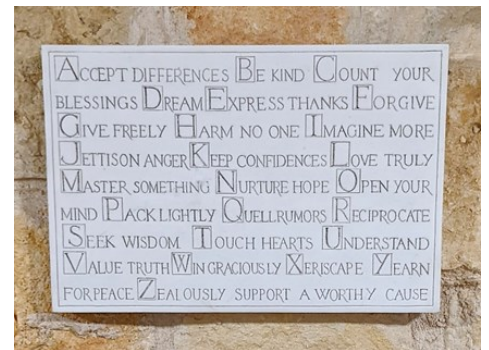
## Congratulations Bethel Students

Since the dawn of creation, God's spirit has been moving over the face of the earth. The spirit moved in the lives of men and women throughout our sacred history, through patriarchs and matriarchs, judges, kings and prophets. God's spirit was made incarnate in the person of Jesus. This rich sacred biblical history is the heart of the intensive Bethel Bible Study Series led by Peggie Jo Shinagawa.

We honor the accomplishment of **Leslie Fincun, Rosemary Foradori, Sue Giles, and Melissa Owen** who have recently completed this study with their tremendous commitment of attending classes over the past 20 months, via Zoom. Congratulations Bethel Class of 2022!

## Fund Development update

As we reflect and act on these  
**ABCs** this new year,  
here are more  
**E**xpressions of Thanks  
submitted by our faith family:



"I am grateful for..."

- the Bell Choir – my first small group @ Federated 34 years ago. That was only the beginning. I've never left!!
- the clergy of this church – the depth, intelligence, the love, and compassion with which they minister to us."
- fine music, penetrating sermons, opportunities to serve, happy faces!"

We celebrate generosity and the light that Christ brings! Thank you to all who have submitted a big-hearted 2022 Intention to Give!

243 households have submitted Generosity 2022 Intentions totaling \$778,300+ as of December 15.

**Year-End Giving** is the opportunity that most people take to

**C**ount Your Blessings,  
**T**ouch Hearts,  
**Z**ealously Support a Worthy Cause.

For those of you who haven't been able to participate in our own generosity invitation, feel free to submit your 2022 intention by:

- mailing or dropping off an Intention to Give card to the church,
- submitting an online Intention to Give form ([fedchurch.org/giving](https://fedchurch.org/giving)), or
- responding online via your Realm account.

**For those who want to maintain their monthly (or recurring) 2021 payment schedule throughout 2022, email our bookkeeper, Janis Stefanchik ([business@fedchurch.org](mailto:business@fedchurch.org)) and she'll make sure your intentions are honored.**

Federated was the **Charity of Choice** for some families who were shopping at Target in December. When they noticed Federated's Youth Group buying children's toys and asked the youth advisors about our St. Paul's Christmas Tree ministry, they donated funds and recently-purchased toys to the collection. Yet again, we celebrate generosity and the light that Christ brings to all!

# FAITH FORMATION & SPIRITUALITY

## Winter Book Study-Prayer Group

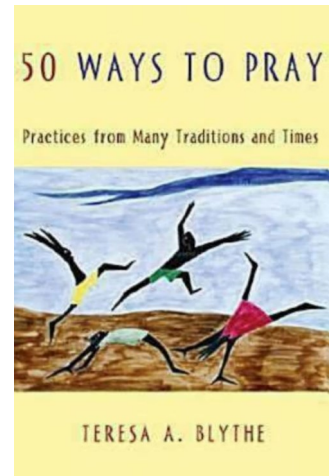
Are you someone who wants a more consistent prayer life but doesn't quite know how to go about it? Join us three Saturday mornings a month from January 8 to April 9 to study the book, 50 Ways to Pray by Teresa Blythe.

We will experiment with different prayer methodologies from the book at home on a daily basis, then meet to share experiences and pray together.

We will meet from **10-11:15 AM at the Family Life Center**  
**on January 8, 15, 29, February 5, 19,**  
**March 5, 19, 26, April 2 and 9.**

Please contact Judy Bagley-Bonner for further information or to sign up at 440.478.0159, or email her at [jbagbon@gmail.com](mailto:jbagbon@gmail.com).

Judy Bagley-Bonner and Jane Kenneweg will lead this group. There will be no group book order so please procure the book on your own.



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## Winter Book Study on The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis

Join Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner and Bill Kenneweg for a Zoom Book Study on C.S. Lewis's imaginative classic, The Great Divorce.

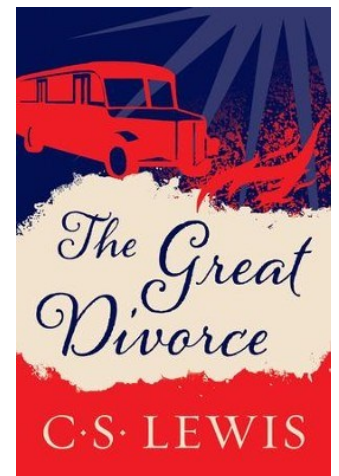
The book is a short, Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven. An extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment, Lewis's revolutionary idea in the The Great Divorce is that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis's The Great Divorce will change the way we think about good and evil, heaven and hell.

**Wednesday Evenings, 7-8:15 PM**

**January 26, February 2, 16, 23, March 9**

**Online via Zoom**

Please contact Judy Bagley-Bonner for further information or to sign up at 440.478.0159, or email her at [jbagbon@gmail.com](mailto:jbagbon@gmail.com). There will be no group book order so please procure the book on your own.



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## Save the Date for Women's Retreat

Attention all women of Federated Church: please save the dates of Friday evening, February 25 and all day Saturday, February 26 for a church Women's Retreat at the Family Life Center with Judy Bagley-Bonner and Mary Senechal.

Further information to follow.

## Epiphany Theme, 2022: Christ Appears

The word "Epiphany" means "appearance" or "manifestation." In this season of Epiphany, we will seek to pay attention to the countless ways in which Christ appears in our lives and the life of the world. We will reflect on the 1001 ways Christ comes to us, focusing each week (with one exception) on a passage from the gospel of Luke.

**January 9:** The Baptism of Christ; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22: "You are my Child" (Luke 3:22)

Focus: Christ appears in affirming us

**January 16:** John 2:1-11: "The Good Wine" (John 2:10)

Focus: Christ appears in holy surprises

**January 23:** Luke 4:14-21: "The Spirit of God is upon me" (Luke 4:18)

Focus: Christ appears as we open ourselves to the Spirit

**January 30:** Luke 4:21-30: "No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown" (Luke 4:24)

Focus: Christ appears in challenging us

**February 6:** Luke 5:1-11: "Let down your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4)

Focus: Christ appears as we trust

**February 13:** Luke 6:17-26: "Power came out from him and healed all of them" (Luke 6:19)

Focus: Christ appears in healing

**February 20:** Luke 6:27-38: "Love your enemies" (Luke 6:27)

Focus: Christ appears in loving our enemies

**February 27:** The Transfiguration of Christ; Luke 9:28-36: "To this one you shall listen!" (Luke 9:35)

Focus: Christ appears as we pay attention to Christ

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## FEDERATED HAPPENINGS

### Primetime Federated Forum

**Monday, January 10**

**Gather at 1:30, Presentation at 2:00**

**Fellowship Hall**

Presenter: Dewey Forward

The Chagrin Falls Popcorn Shop

Dewey Forward, owner of the iconic Chagrin Falls Popcorn Shop, isn't about to retire. His entrepreneurial spirit showed itself when he was 8 years old and started a canteen in his basement.

Dewey was friends with Mort McClennan whose mother started the Popcorn Shop in the 1940s.

In 2000, a van crashed into the store forcing it to close. Dewey got involved, gutted the building, and created a new layout. The shop has been successful ever since it reopened. Dewey credits our community with the success, saying the people who visit love the shop and are very protective of it. Come hear Dewey recall the wonderful history of the Popcorn Shop that we all love.



## 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](mailto:wfranz@roadrunner.com)).

### **Next SJAM Meeting – Sunday, January 23, 11:30 AM**

**Online on Zoom. Join with this link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/261964671?pwd=czFEQ1llRzJIUjk2dHE4NGdQaVFTUT09>

## Immigration

### **Ansly Damus Update**

Ansly Damus is a Haitian teacher in the Cleveland area seeking asylum. He spoke to us at one of our Wondrous Wednesday dinners pre-pandemic. He lost his most recent appeal for asylum status. There will be another appeal which will likely take 12 to 18 months. During this time he is safe from removal. He has also applied for Temporary Protected Status [TPS] which would keep him here even longer and he will likely get that status while the appeal is pending. The bad news is that TPS does not allow his family to come here. Only asylum allows that so we are hoping and praying for a win at the 6th Circuit.

AMIS (Americans Making Immigrants Safe) set aside \$15,000 for his defense some time ago. They now have half of that amount. They are waiting to hear from the court. To contribute please go to [amisohio.org](http://amisohio.org).

### **The Welcome Kettle: An Afghan Refugee Resettlement Call to Action**

The Welcome Kettle is a project of the Community Life Collaborative. Located at the Family Life Center at 16349 Chillicothe Rd. in Chagrin Falls, they are open for donations on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 AM -2 PM, Thursdays from 5 PM – 8 PM, and Saturdays from 9 AM – 12 PM through January 31.** Visit: <https://www.communitylifecollaborative.org/programs> for the most up to the minute list of items they are seeking.

### **Afghan Refugees Settling in Cleveland—How to Help**

There are three resettlement agencies in Cleveland helping with the Afghan refugees resettling in Cleveland: Catholic Charities, US Together and U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI).

Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) has developed an online “Volunteer Interest Form” for people interested in becoming involved in some way to help the Afghan refugees.

<https://a101416.socialsolutionsportal.com/apricot-intake/731e08e3-4e1f-4b34-b9c2-0acecffd775>

All agencies are now taking only **new** bedding and pillows. They especially need Visa gift cards (\$25 minimum to Marc’s or Walmart), new twin and double sheets and blankets, new pillows, mops and brooms, 13-gallon kitchen trash cans with lids and bags, RTA bus passes, new heavy-duty shower liners with rings, body lotion, baby diapers, wipes, shampoo and lotion, toddler sippy cups, general cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues, and children’s books.

**The Welcome Kettle provides a local way to coordinate with and assist the large Refugee Resettlement agencies in Cleveland. They are not competing initiatives. Donate, volunteer, support any of these fine organizations.**



## **Opportunities to Advocate**

Currently there is no process for families fleeing death threats and persecution to access protection at the US southern border. Title 42 is the policy being used by the Biden administration to refuse entry by immigrants at the southern border based on the pandemic. **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. END THE MISUSE OF TITLE 42.** Please call 1.888.496.3502 and request "Rescind Title 42"

**BUILD BACK BETTER** will ensure permanent residency for Dreamers, essential workers and those seeking Temporary Protective Status. Please email or call your Senator in support of Build Back Better.

**Email:** <https://immigrantjustice.salsalabs.org/senate-citizenship-bbb/index.html>

**Phone:** <https://www.wearehome.us/takeaction>

Questions? Contact Rannigan Walsh, SJAM Immigration lead : [ranni@me.com](mailto:ranni@me.com)

## **Environmental and Creation Justice**

### **Six Ways to be More Earth Friendly During the Winter**

For the Christmas shopping season, please keep the environment in mind. Avoid buying anything made of plastic, avoid things with a lot of plastic packaging, and buy natural, organic products. Avoid plastic gift cards (some gift cards can be paper). Buy from companies that care for the environment and have recycling programs.

### **12 Ways to have an Eco-Friendly Winter**

*Why should we care about taking care of the Earth? And what can we do in our lives to do so?*

This Earth we call home is a gift from God. God created all that lives, breaths and co-exists on this Earth. As Christians, it is our responsibly to care for all of God's creation. During the winter months, we waste a lot of energy. In general, 61-86% of home energy use is wasted. Here are a few easy eco-friendly tips to reduce energy use, greenhouse gases, and pollution during winter.

Layer up. Wear long johns, undershirts, and other base layers under your clothing and bundle up in sweaters and scarves. This way you can turn down the temperature a few digits on your thermostat. You can also help end plastic pollution by choosing clothing made of natural fibers – instead of synthetic fibers, which pollute our environment with microplastics when washed.

Seal your leaks. A common energy waste during the winter months is leaking air inside and outside your home. Leaking air waste is costly and it can also cause indoor air quality problems (i.e. moisture). Fill holes and gaps with weather strips and expanding foam installation.

Turn down your water heater. Heating water can account for 18% of your home's total consumed energy. A quick and easy way to lower your energy usage is to turn down the water temperature setting to about 120 degrees Fahrenheit (from the typical setting of 140 degrees Fahrenheit).

Use better light bulbs. Since regular light bulbs use a lot of energy and are hard to dispose of in an environmentally -friendly way, it's best to switch to LED light bulbs or CFL light bulbs. These light bulbs can save you 25-80% of energy use, are mercury-free, and last longer than regular light bulbs.

Skip the street salt. Road salt has negative effects on aquatic ecosystems. To clear your own path, choose a safer alternative, such as beet wastewater (from sugar beet processing!), cheese brine, pickle juice, and potato juice.

Don't let your car idle to warm it up. Modern fuel injection systems can be driven immediately on startup, no need to warm them up first. Similarly, many environmental organizations recommend idling your car for no more than 30 seconds before driving on winter days. Idling your car does more harm than good - wasting fuel, and giving off greenhouse gas emissions and other types of pollution.

Taken from <https://www.earthday.org/5-ways-to-be-more-earth-friendly-during-winter/>

## Building Bridges with Our Neighbors

Carolers from Federated and Bethel AME joined to sing to folks at South Franklin Circle in December.

We look forward to building on the new relationship between our congregations.



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## Money Matters As Faith Matters: *"The Five Fundamentals of Fiscal Fitness"*

January 20, 7:00-8:00 PM

Personal finance is stressful. How do you create a reasonable budget? How can you save while barely making ends meet? Deciphering details among life insurance policies is daunting. The choices about how we steward our money affect how we live our lives.

Decisions around money and possessions are a central part of everyday conversations and everyday worries. So why keep them separate from faith conversations?

"Money Matters As Faith Matters" offers the community a series of opportunities to talk about money management and personal financing. Each presentation focuses on dimensions of finance for differing stages in our lives. We aim to break through the money taboo, normalizing talk about financial issues in the context of our faith.

On **January 20, 7:00-8:00 PM**, join our presentation on what the Alliance of Comprehensive Planners (ACP) calls the *"Five Fundamentals for Fiscal Fitness"*, by Certified Financial Planner, Britta Koepf\*. These fundamentals can be seen as the **vital signs of your financial life**. This topic especially focuses on matters for those early in their careers and on young families, but can benefit all ages. While we can't cover every aspect of personal finance in a 40 minute presentation, we will guide you. Childcare will be provided.

The Spiritual Formation Commission and Generosity Commission are collaborating to bring this series of faithful money conversations to the community, inspiring reflection and practices around a healthy relationship with money and possessions as well as for living life with an abundance mindset.

Contact [marenkoepf@gmail.com](mailto:marenkoepf@gmail.com) with your interest and [klefeber@fedchurch.org](mailto:klefeber@fedchurch.org) for child care registration.

\* Britta A. Koepf, CFP®, ChSNC® is a holistic financial planner who works with clients at all income and asset levels to find ways to use the assets they have available to create lives that are fully satisfying and richly their own. She works with North Avenue Financial Advocates.



# FITNESS CLASSES

## Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

**Mondays at 10:00–11:15 AM (January 10, 17, 24, 31)**  
**On Zoom! From the comfort of your own home/space.**

Open to all levels; Instructor: Dawn Dole – RYT200

This Gentle Slow Flow class links the breath, meditation, movement, and yoga postures together. All levels of Yoga practitioners can find their comfort level, as they slowly and mindfully move through the class. Balance, focus, calm, and peacefulness result from attention to breath as we move through physical “asana” or poses in our yoga practice.

Yoga is a great way to reduce stress in our lives. 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.

Registration is required for Zoom classes. **To register**, please email: [newdayyoga.dawn@gmail.com](mailto:newdayyoga.dawn@gmail.com).

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## SPECIAL THANKS

The church recently received a note from folks who are moving out of town and we wanted to share their sweet sentiments. Moving “was a difficult decision for us, in part because we felt so very at home each time we entered Federated’s doors. We don’t take for granted how special a community like Federated Church is and will continue to be. We know we will miss everything about Federated and most especially the warm, kind and sincere people who we’ve gotten to know. To all of our Federated family – Thank you.”

Dear JustHope Sponsors,

Through this letter I, Alejandro Zapata, from Miramar, sector want to show my greatest gratefulness to JustHope sponsors for your support offered during my university studies.

During these years of studies in my major as an Industrial Engineer, what has been more fascinating is seen with other perspectives the work done by others, for example in the administration area, investigation, calculations, discoveries and practices towards projects which facilitate work activities which are carried out on a day-to-day basis.

Totally grateful with your attention, I kindly want to say goodbye, wishing your success, health and wellness.

Sincerely, José Alejandro Zapata Delgado

Hi Federated Family,

Happy New year to you all. May each of you have a wonderful and healthy New Year!

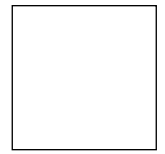
I wanted to extend another thank you to all who contributed so generously to our collection for the homeless (un-homed) neighbors that will receive the large supply of warm winter jackets, hats, gloves, winter boots, socks, and even hand knitted scarves! In addition to the new and gently worn items we dropped off, we also collected \$705 for NEOCH to use where it was most needed.

At this time, where so many are in dire need of daily necessities, whether warm winter clothes or food, I know there are many places you could also have directed these things, and I sincerely appreciated the time and care for your generosity to shine through in this effort! We loaded one and a half cars with our donations! It was truly wonderful and so appreciated by the staff at this time of year!

Peace and sincere thanks,  
Cathy Watterson



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\* **Janis Stefanchik**, *Bookkeeper*  
\* **Laura Taylor**, *Fund Development Associate*  
**Jake Magalski**, *Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

### Music Staff

**Joshua Konow**, *Director of Music Ministries*  
\* **Marcia Snavely**, *Organist*  
\* **Pat Haynish**, *Director of Children's Choir*

### Children's Ministries Staff

\* **Marty Culbertson**, *Director of Youth Faith Formation*  
\* **Kristin LeFeber**, *Director of Children's Faith Formation*  
\* **Alex Bell, Lianna Davis, Tanya Goff, Trisha Holland**,  
*Childcare Providers*

\* denotes part-time staff



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Hope to see you  
this Sunday!

10:00 AM  
In person and Online