

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 27, 11:15 AM
In the Sanctuary or Online via Zoom

This year we will hold our Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary following our Sunday morning service on February 27. There will also be the option to tune in online via Zoom. This means you can easily join us by clicking a Zoom link on your computer, tablet or smartphone or by calling in from any kind of phone.

JOIN VIA COMPUTER, LAPTOP, TABLET, OR SMARTPHONE

To join the Annual Meeting, click [HERE](#) online.

Or

On the Zoom app or website, enter Meeting ID **884 1771 8195**
and passcode **44022**

JOIN BY DIALING IN ON PHONE

Dial: **(312) 626-6799**

Enter Meeting ID: **884 1771 8195 #**

There is no participant ID, Just Press: **#**

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 10 AM:

Livestream & In-person worship
with Sunday School and Child Care

Sunday, February 6

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on
"Let down your nets for a catch"
- Communion celebrated
Music by Children's Choir

Sunday, February 13

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on
"Power came out from him and healed all
of them"
Music by Federated Choir

Sunday, February 20

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner preaches on
"Love your enemies"
Music by Federated Bell Choir

Sunday, February 27

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on
"To this one you shall listen!"
Music by Federated Choir
Annual Meeting follows Worship Service

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

Online Worship on our
YouTube Channel:
TheFederatedChurch

FEDERATED NEWS & INFO

New Year's Resolution: Trust God, Bless each other, Love well

A Fund Development Update

Our congregation's Gratitude Cards: "I am thankful to Federated for..."

- All the activities that are provided and the support to keep them going."
- Being a caring, spiritual community; a place for my children to learn and grow with God."
- Joshua Konow and all the music ministers!"

We celebrate the light that Christ brings! **Thank you to all who have submitted a big-hearted 2022 Intention to Give!** 279 members and friends have submitted Generosity 2022 Intentions totaling \$966,940 as of January 24.

For those of you who haven't yet been able to participate in our 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), or
- responding online via your Realm account.

Christmas gifts: the church received some thank you notes from members who were touched by our Christmas Eve Offering and other Christmas giving opportunities.

In this time of need, a family decided to give gifts to charity as their Christmas present to each other. See page 11 to read their letter to Federated.

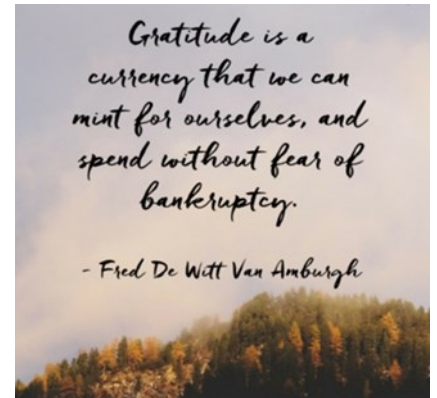
Another member wrote that she hopes that her gift can be used for the programs mentioned in the Christmas appeal. It sounded to her like it would be a success.

And a friend of Federated contributed to Federated's livestreaming fund as a Christmas gift in honor of loved ones who are members of Federated.

All are gifts that keep on giving!

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The Generosity Impact Moment videos for November, December, and January worship services celebrated these generous moments (playlist viewable at fedchurch.org/live). **Without you, we could never achieve so much!**



Commission	Generosity Being Celebrated
<i>Congregational Care Commission</i>	<i>Stephen Ministry</i>
<i>Mission & Service Commission</i>	<i>Martin Luther King Jr celebrations</i>
<i>Worship & Music Commission</i>	<i>Children's Choir ministry</i>
<i>Generosity Commission</i>	<i>Congregation's Gratitude cards</i>
<i>Church Council</i>	<i>Rejoice & Renew \$2.9M capital campaign final celebration</i>
<i>Mission & Service Commission</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Offering \$1.8M impact since 1961</i>
<i>Mission & Service Commission</i>	<i>In-Gathering ministry supporting 80 families</i>
<i>Generosity Commission</i>	<i>UCC Association and Conference grant support of Federated ministries like Parish Nurse, Loaves & Fishes</i>
<i>Congregational Care Commission</i>	<i>All Saints video of members who have recently passed away</i>

FAITH FORMATION & SPIRITUALITY

Federated Women's Retreat: "God Revealed in Our Stories"

Friday, February 25, 6:30-9 PM and Saturday, February 26, 9 AM-4:30 PM

At the Family Life Center

The purpose of this retreat is simple: to grow closer to God, the source of all grace and love. Out of this divine source we come closer to seeing the holy interconnection to each other, all life, and ourselves.

How has your story revealed this to you?

Based on the belief that the purpose of life is to become the fullest version of ourselves that God created us to be, this retreat will help us to look at our life story and see how God has been at work in us. We will further reflect on where we have responded to this Holy work of God sharing our stories with one another.

Snacks, lunch and all materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required by February 13. Register online [HERE](#) or at fedchurch.org/events or by contacting Melinda Smith at smithm@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x111.

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Prayer & Praise Ministry

There's a little known, very quiet ministry, with a huge impact that takes place weekly behind the scenes via email. Do you know what it is? The Prayer & Praise Ministry!

There are approximately 45 people that have agreed to pray, *daily*, for those from our church or greater community, for whom prayer requests have been submitted. These requests are made to the church and can come from anyone but most of them are not mentioned in church or the bulletin because they are not directly *for* church members. Your prayers could make a difference in someone's life, someone that you may not even know.

If you would like to be a part of this quiet but powerful band of prayer warriors, because prayer *IS* powerful, and at the same time enrich your own prayer life, please email Harriett at harriett.rogers41@yahoo.com.

If you, or someone you know, needs our prayers, please put your request in one of the various prayer boxes at the church, submit a request online at fedchurch.org/prayer or contact Melissa Owen at mowen@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x110.

Friday Morning Bible Study

Are you interested in being able to discuss, in a safe, nonjudgmental environment, Jesus, his teachings, God, current events and how they and you can impact today's world? The Women's Friday Morning Bible Study group offers that opportunity and more.

We are a self-led group that uses the Bible and other teaching materials as our guide. Through our study, by asking questions and having open discussions, we strive to learn and grow in our spiritual journey.

We meet every Friday, in the church Lounge, from 10-11:30 AM. Come - join us. For questions or further information please call Harriett Rogers at 440.247.5845.

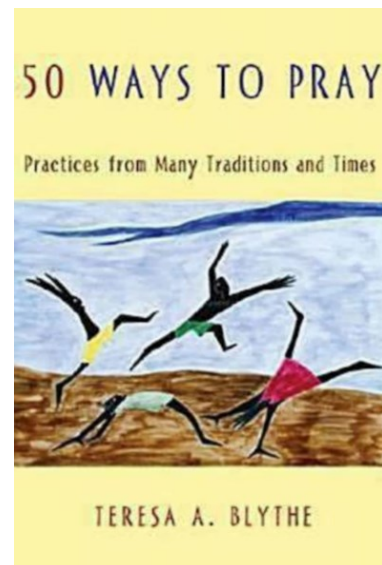
Lent at Federated

Even though Lent is still a month away, we wanted to give you a foretaste of what we have cooking, as well as give you an opportunity to sign up to be a part of it! Our wider theme will be: **“Breathing In and Breathing Out: Rooted in Prayer/Committed to Action.”** The idea here is that the spiritual life includes both inner growth and outward action. Toward this end, we invite you to dedicate the Lenten season to intentional prayer and action. There are two ways you can participate:

1. We will be offering a resource booklet to guide your journey through Lent. It is based on the lectionary scriptures, as well as on the book: *50 Ways to Pray* by Teresa Blythe. The resource booklet will be made available mid-February. Each week will have a focus scripture, suggestions for prayer practices, and also suggestions for action. The first option for participation is simply to use the resource booklet on your own.
2. For those who want more, we will be offering four small groups (see below) which you can join in order to more deeply work through the excellent book *50 Ways to Pray* with others in community. Although the prayer practices will be summarized in the Lenten resource booklet we are putting together, you are encouraged to purchase the book *50 Ways to Pray* on your own. You will read a chapter each week and experiment with the various prayer methods on your own, then come to your small group each week to discuss the book and your experiences. (Breathing In.) There will also be materials giving suggestions of practical ways you can manifest your faith externally through activism or changed behavior. (Breathing Out.)

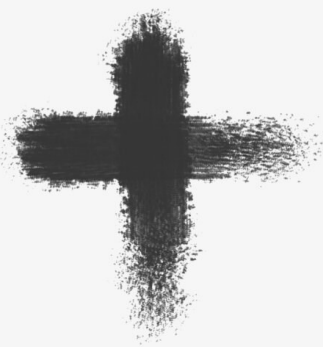
The groups will be available as follows:

1. Sunday Evenings at 7 PM - beginning March 6
Led by Kristin LeFeber online via Zoom. [REGISTER](#).
2. Monday Evenings at 7 PM - beginning March 7
Led by Maren Koepf and Susi Kawolics online via Zoom. [REGISTER](#).
3. Wednesday Afternoons at 1:30 PM - beginning March 9
Led by Judy Bagley-Bonner and Jane Kenneweg in-person in the church Lounge. [REGISTER](#).
4. Wednesday Evenings 7 PM - beginning March 9
Led by Richard Falkenberg in-person in the church Lounge. [REGISTER](#).



The groups will run for six weeks total, with the last meetings during Holy Week. Pre-registration is required. Click a link above to register for a group, or find the links at fedchurch.org/events. You can also register by contacting Melinda smith at smithm@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x111.

For further information, call Judy Bagley-Bonner at 440.247.6490 x102 or email jbagbon@gmail.com.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2, 7 PM
Sanctuary (Masks required)

Led by Revs. Hamilton Throckmorton and Judy Bagley-Bonner. This service will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)

MISSION & SERVICE



Mission "Canned Soup Collection"

**When: Super Bowl Sunday
10 am - 12:30pm**

**Where: Church Lobby
off Parking Lot**

For: Local Food Pantries



Parish Nurse Corner

I spent my last day as St. Paul's Parish Nurse on December 14, and it of course, left with mixed emotions. My departure corresponded with Leslie's departure for health reasons. We were both given a sweet thank you gift, a hand thrown pot with the phrase "thank you for the gifts you share." That plus my clients' words of thanks contributed to my sadness, even though I am very relieved to not have that drive any more. And although I am "retired" from being AT the St. Paul's Clinic every Tuesday morning, I am still helping with purchasing and delivery of supplies during the transition to another "nurse."

We still have a very active Parish Nurse financial account at the church through which all the purchases will continue to be approved and reimbursed. Tim, the Outreach Director at St. Paul's, will begin ordering supplies and plans to keep you all informed about happenings at the clinic and his department in general through the monthly Spire. So stay tuned to new chapters of the "Parish Nurse Corner."

If you would like to help with this rewarding mission, please contact me to discuss. I am also happy to drive over there with you and help you become oriented to the clients and the clinic set-up. Anyone who is retired from a health or teaching-related field would be perfect for this volunteer position.

As always, thank you for your continuing support of St. Paul's Parish Nurse Clinic.

Kathy Kolcaba, Parish Nurse (retired!)
440.655.2098

St. Paul's Donation Closet is officially closed—New Things to Come!

The Mission of the St. Paul's Thrift Shop is an important part of our outreach and the Shop proceeds provide much needed revenue to the St. Paul's Community Church's programs.

Please stay tuned for a schedule of collection dates, hopefully starting in March.

If you have Questions, contact Marty at mculbert@fedchurch.org

Thank you,
The Mission and Service Commission

Make Life Easier with Meals on Wheels

Chagrin Falls Meals on Wheels delivers nutritious meals Monday through Friday to your home.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, or for more information, please call Sue Mansour at 440.668.9399 or email her at sueman@roadrunner.com. Thanks!

JustHope—A Year in Review

In spite of political unrest and COVID-19 issues, JustHope has been able to continue to support a number of activities. Here is their 2021 year in review newsletter. If you wish to see the entire newsletter, please go to JustHope.org and click on the December 2021 Newsletter.

"I am full of hope about what tomorrow brings. Look at the amazing things we have done together this year as partners through JustHope. Consider this: In 2021, we were able to make these impacts...

200 women business owners in our Microcredit Program had training and support

Many youth participated in weekly music and dance lessons at the Cultural Center, and we started vocal choirs at each high school in Chacraseca

150 patients were served each week at our Community Clinic and **1,389 adults and children** got jabbed at the clinic during a two-day COVID vaccine campaign sponsored by the Ministry of Health

300 children received Backpack Scholarships with essential school supplies

10 young people were able to attend college on JustHope Scholarships

8000 residents of Chacraseca continue to have potable water thanks to critical repairs and updates to the water system

25 farmers in La Flor received support in planting their crops, essential aid with rising food insecurity

50 elders in Chacraseca received food baskets made possible by the Model Farm's profits and produce

Triplets born at risk in La Flor received the healthcare and support they needed to thrive

I am inspired by what our collaboration accomplished! Thanks to your support, we are dreaming bigger for 2022. We plan to invest in tomorrow by hiring an executive director, strengthening our virtual cross-national community building, and investing in our donors and in grant-writing to grow our impact combating extreme poverty in Nicaragua.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. May the knowledge of what we have achieved together bring you hope for all that is to come.

– Kevin Howe, Board President"

FEDERATED HAPPENINGS

Piano Dedication Concert

Saturday, March 5, 7 PM

Experience an evening of celebration for our music ministry's newest addition: our new Mason & Hamlin concert grand.

Featuring pianists Randy Fusco, Joshua Konow, and Marcia Snavelly, the Piano Dedication Concert will highlight the immense expressive range possible with the new sanctuary piano.

Because of the incredible generosity given to our Sanctuary Piano Fund, this concert is a gift to our whole community.

Tickets: Free-will offering



Primetime Federated Forum

Monday, February 14

Gather at 1:30, Presentation at 2 PM

Fellowship Hall

Presenter: Jerry Jelinek
The "Great American Songbook Singers"

Come and see a musical program presented by Jerry Jelinek who you probably have heard on the local radio station WKHR FM91.5 on Friday nights. He presents our favorite music from past pop and jazz eras.

This is a presentation that includes film clips of movie, TV and concert appearances of great artists such as Ella Fitzgerald, Bing Crosby, Peggy Lee, Nat Cole and Frank Sinatra. Learn about the artists as presented by Jerry Jelinek.



In Memoriam

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

Jeanus Koenig—January 14

Rita Coney—January 18

March Spire Deadline

Do you have something you'd like to see in the March Spire? Please email your information to Trisha Holland at communications@fedchurch.org by **Tuesday, February 15** and include "Spire" in the subject line.

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.

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 – February 20, 11:30 AM

Online on Zoom. Meeting ID 261964671, passcode 44022

Or join with this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/261964671?pwd=czFEQ1llRzJlUjk2dHE4NGdQaVFTUT09>

Racial Justice

February Movie Night–Monday, February 28, 7 PM

TED Talks on Participatory Defense and Bail Reform. Watch ahead of time here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Olr6_Oa6P7M&t=19s and <https://youtu.be/3B24RaqA33k>

We are hoping to get a speaker to join us that evening. Watch bulletins for more updated information.

Our Nature: Rethinking, Rebuilding, and Restoring Our Relationship to the Earth

The Community Life Collaborative and Living Water Association, UCC present a four part monthly series beginning February 26 and culminating on May 6:

All sessions are hybrid.

Register at <https://www.communitylifecollaborative.org/programs-2>

Session 1: Saturday, February 26, 2 – 4 PM

In person: Summit Lake Nature Center, 411 Ira Ave, Akron, OH 44301—Also online via Zoom

Co-sponsored by the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church

Environmental Racism, Urban Ecology, and Building Resilient Communities

Over half of our global population lives in cities, making healthy urban environments an essential component of environmental justice. Join us for this first session as we hear from Summit Metroparks' Chief Conservationist, Mike Johnson, and discuss community challenges with the Big Love Network and South Street Ministries.

Racial Allyship

There are a few openings for the Winter session on "Racial Allyship" co-facilitated by Robin Harbage and Bill Shaul.

This is an 8-week series on Zoom that examines aspects of Black history, interpersonal and institutional racism, managing difficult conversations, and actions to take for racial justice. It has a secular orientation; previous participants have come from a range of traditional beliefs and geographic locales. Starting dates and meeting times to be decided by the participants. If interested, contact Robin (robin.harbage@gmail.com) or Bill (theshauls@msn.com).

Environmental and Creation Justice

A great resource for all of us...

The Pollinator: The UCC newsletter on Creation and Environmental Justice

The Pollinator is a digital platform of the UCC for the sharing of ideas and inspiration. Its focus is the building of a faith-filled and faith-rooted movement for the Care of Creation.

Sign up to receive the Pollinator newsletter to get regular updates from our UCC Minister for Environmental Justice, Rev. Brooks Berndt. <https://www.ucc.org/pollinator>.

Immigration

Afghan Refugee Issues

More than twenty million Afghans are on the brink of famine.

*A total of 800 Afghans are scheduled to come to NE Ohio.

*Primary need is finding housing.

*Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services (800.860.7373) has a great need for individuals or organizations to serve as sponsors - which can include finding housing and helping with rent, tutors for language, financial assistance for groceries, legal issues.

Specific needs for specific immigrants that Friends of Immigrants are supporting

1) Medium petite girl teen clothing - gently used

2) A used but good computer for two Ethiopian young women to help them learn English. They were recently reunited with their mother who has been in the U.S. while they were in Ethiopia! They are being represented by Maureen DeVito of Catholic Charities Cleveland.

*Besides Welcome Kettle at the Family Life Center sponsored by the Community Life Collaborative, a second donation location is opening soon: Beth El Synagogue 3246 Desota Ave., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. Will receive furniture and household items. Open 8-5 Monday-Friday.

Here are the ONLY things the resettlement organizations are collecting. (PLEASE DO NOT bring other things).

- Sheer or beige opaque curtains 84" in length
- Globe floor lamps, light bulbs
- Area rugs, all sizes, runners, welcome mats
- Vacuums
- Full or twin sheets (new)
- Shower curtains and liners (new)
- Bed pillows (new)
- Bath towels
- Digital clocks
- Laundry hampers
- Laundry detergent
- Silverware trays and silverware
- Tea kettles
- Cutting boards
- Knife boards
- Cookware sets
- Mixing bowls
- Cookie sheets
- Can openers
- Microwaves
- Baby wipes, diapers,
- Men's and women's anti-perspirant
- Moisturizer
- Dish soap, hand soap, sponges
- Buckets for cleaning
- Trash bags
- Household cleaning supplies
- Brooms
- Plungers
- Toilet brushes
- USB wall chargers
- Aldi, Dave's, Marc's Save-a-lot gift cards (\$25+)
- Nail clippers
- Toilet paper
- Hair brushes/combs
- Paper, pens, pencils, crayons

If you prefer to make a cash donation, below are organizations resettling Afghan refugees and AMIS which is financially supporting immigrants who don't receive government assistance.

Catholic Charities Cleveland
7800 Detroit Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44102
<https://www.ccdocle.org/>

USCRI (US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants)
2103 Clark Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44109
<https://refugees.org/donate-uscri-cleveland/>

US Together
2800 Euclid Ave., Ste. 200
Cleveland, OH 44115
<https://www.ustogether.us/cleveland-office>

AMIS (Americans Making Immigrants Safe)
P.O. Box 18558
Cleveland Hts., OH 44118
www.amisohio.org

YOUTH & FAMILY

Communion Classes

Fifth Grade children and older, along with their families, have a wonderful opportunity to participate in our Communion classes led by Reverend Hamilton Throckmorton and Kristin LeFeber.

This year, these classes will be held on **Thursday, February 24** and **Thursday, March 3** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Bell Street Lounge. Please plan on attending both evenings.

Designed with 5th graders **and** their parents in mind, these classes focus on the meaning and mystery of this sacrament and include lecture, dialogue, small group discussion and fellowship. Children will also receive a Bible of their own as a gift from Federated Church. The Lord's Supper is at the very core of our faith, making this a most meaningful step in the religious journey of these children.

Children completing the class will be recognized on **Sunday, March 6 at the worship service.**

Also invited to participate in these classes are 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families who have been unable to attend in past years or are new to Federated. Welcome!

Registration is requested by Thursday, February 17.

Please call/email Kristin LeFeber at 440.247.6490 x130 or klefeber@fedchurch.org.



Are you interested in a
Faith Journey to Colorado?

We are are looking to travel
June 16th or 17th
for a week long Adventure
to journey closer to God

All Teens are welcome
and we are wondering if
there are families who would like
to have this experience together!

Contact Marty at
Mculbert@fedchurch.org
(BY February 25th)
with any questions or
to express your interest.

FITNESS CLASSES

Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

Mondays at 10:00–11:15 AM (February 7, 14, 28)
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.

Simply Fit Exercise Class

Monday & Wednesday, 5-6 PM
Room 330

Federated member Sue Brooks is offering this class where you can: Improve balance, Gain muscle strength, Increase joint flexibility, Increase energy level, And much more!

Cost is \$7 per class. First class is FREE. You can reach Sue at 216.571.4940.

SPECIAL THANKS

It is delightful to receive notes from people in our Federated faith family. We're so glad that members and friends are touched by our Christmas Eve Offering opportunity.

I opened my letter from Federated Church today and was delighted with the “A Place 4 Me” program. It was an answer to my prayer as I couldn't decide which organization to contribute to.

My whole family has decided to donate to causes instead of a gift exchange as we feel there is a greater need to others.

Thank you for helping to make my decision.

Dear members of Federated Church,

Thank you for your generous support of the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center. We greatly appreciate your donation of food from the youth group and cleaning supplies to support out families during the holidays. We rely on the wider community to assist with the resources needed to provide necessary services to our residents.

Chagrin Falls Park Community Center is dedicated to providing services to the families who live in the community. We offer individual case management, food cupboard, fresh garden produce, hot meals for seniors and more to assist the local neighborhood and unify the greater community.

*Gratefully,
Andrea Pollock, Program Director*

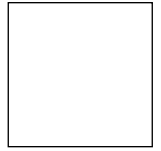
To the members of Federated Church,

I want to thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and flowers I received during my illness. Thank you for including my daughter in your prayers. She has been battling cancer for over a year. Thank you to all the prayer groups. It helps to know others care for us.

Mary Dixon and Family



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Hope to see you
this Sunday!
10:00 AM
In person and Online