


October 2022



The Spire

The Federated Church Newsletter

United Church of Christ  An Open and Affirming Congregation

Performing Arts Series Presents:



Romantic Strings

Andrew Sords, violinist
Saturday, October 29th, 7pm

The Federated Church Performing Arts Series presents an eclectic evening of chamber music by Brahms, Shostakovich, John Williams, Rachmaninoff, Dvorak, and others - the concert includes anecdotes, showpieces, and Chagrin's own Andrew Sords, violinist. The program is set to conclude with the incredible "Piano Quintet in A, Op.81" by Antonin Dvorak.

Elizabeth DeMio, piano, Andrew Sords, violin, Mari Sato, violin, Eric Wong, viola, John Walz, cello

To purchase tickets, please visit www.fedchurch.org/PAS or call 440-247-6490 x 120

Premium: \$45
Gold Level: \$38
Blue Level: \$30
Students: \$15



BUNDLE AND SAVE: Purchase tickets for this concert and our April 29th, 7 pm concert featuring pianists Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanuela Friscioni and save \$5 for each ticket!

From the Desk of Rev. Throckmorton

Dear Friends,

As I write, change is in the air. Overnight, we've just gone from temperatures in the mid-80s to overnight lows in the low 40s. Halloween decorations are filling windows and lawns. Several weeks ago, in mid-September, Mary and I heard the Christmas carol "Joy to the World" in a local store. Fall and winter and what we refer to generically as "the holidays" will soon be upon us. The days rush by and stop for nothing.

Prayer is, in a sense, an intentional pause in this relentless march of days and seasons. It's our way of savoring what we have from God. I pray, as I imagine you do, as well, in a variety of ways. But one of the primary ways I pray is to express my gratitude. I look back at what has been and say, "Thank you." Often I do this at the end of the day, in a prayer form with long and deep roots called the "examen." I remember and take stock of the richness of the day's details.

As September gives way to October, I pause to give thanks for the energy and joy and fun of Rally Day on September 11. Melissa Owen and numerous church members and friends helped set up and clean up and cook and offer financial support for the delicious ice cream and the creative balloon-maker and the superb band, AJ and the Woods (featuring Federated member Zach LeFeber!) that graced us with their music. What a fantastic way to begin a new program year!

The very next Sunday, at Plymouth Church, UCC, Shaker Heights, we had the privilege of sharing in the ordination into Christian ministry of our Pastor for Transformational Ministries, the now REVEREND Betsy Wooster. The service itself was a full and captivating one, with wonderful preaching and music and the bestowing of some special gifts from significant churches in Betsy's life. Federated gave to Betsy a purple stole, pictured on p. 22. A stole is the liturgical piece that is draped around the neck of a clergy person and hangs at the front of the robe. It represents a yoke, the sort of yoke that would be tied to a horse or oxen, and signifies that, as clergy, we are bound to Christ in all we do and are. The yoke Federated gave to Betsy is purple. She will wear it in March and April during the season of Lent, as a sign of repentance and humility as she and all of us turn, again and again, to Christ.

I give God thanks and praise for all this and more. We at Federated are abundantly blessed. May we celebrate the richness of God's presence in and among us this fall and beyond.

Yours in Christ,

Hamilton



Federated News & Info

Worship Themes for October 2022

The words of the prophets. In the month of October, we will listen for the peculiar, challenging, and resonant words of some of the prophets of the Hebrew scriptures.

October 2:
“Wait for the vision; it will surely come”
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Rev. Betsy Wooster

October 9:
“Wash and be clean”
II Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

October 16:
“A new covenant”
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

October 23:
“Being saved”
Joel 2:23-32
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

October 30, Reformation Sunday
“Let us argue it out”
Isaiah 1:10-18
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton



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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Services: Weekly at 10 AM

Livestream & In-person worship
with Child Care

Sunday, October 2

Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches

Sunday, October 9

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
preaches

Sunday, October 16

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
preaches

Sunday, October 23

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
preaches

Sunday, October 30

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
preaches

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

Online Worship on our
YouTube Channel:
[TheFederatedChurch](#)

Pastor Office Hours

Need to see a pastor? Our Pastors have Standing Office Hours. Please see below for their available hours and direct contact information. It is encouraged to schedule an appointment.



Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
Senior Pastor

P: 440.247.6490 x100

F: 440.247.2516

E: hamthrock@fedchurch.org

Office Hours: Tuesdays 2PM-5PM



Rev. Betsy Wooster
Pastor of Transformational Ministries

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Office Hours: Mondays 1PM-4PM

November Spire Deadline

Do you have something you'd like to see
in the September Spire?

Please email your information to communications@fedchurch.org by **Friday, October 21st**.

Include "**Spire**" in the subject line. Thank you!

A Note from Operations...

Federated Staff is ever-evolving to meet the needs of our congregation and community. Last month you read about our Faith Formation Staff; now let's take a look at what's new with some of our other Staffers:

Hamilton Throckmorton, Senior Pastor – HCT has had a busy year! He was instrumental in finalizing the Visionary Action Plan (VAP) and he is now leading the charge to help implement VAP, all the while attending meetings, interviews and planning sessions as part of the Pastor Search Committee on Sunday, September 18, he played a significant role in Pastor Betsy's ordination, where he debuted his musical tribute to her. All this in addition to his own pastoral growth, work and outreach to our flock and beyond. Thank you, HCT! In addition to his regular work, Pastor Throckmorton will now hold Open Office Hours every Tuesday 2-5PM.

Betsy Wooster, Pastor of Transformation Ministries – Rev. Betsy has brought her many gifts to Federated; she is working with Spiritual Formation to broaden our Confirmation and Youth offerings as well as to expand our care and outreach to our congregation and beyond. She recently spoke to (and won the hearts of) our Primetime Forum group about the intricacies of creating programming for all ages. She uplifts us all with her thoughtful care, positive attitude and practical thinking. Thank you, Rev. Betsy! Rev. Betsy will hold Open Office Hours every Monday 1-4PM.

Brooke Strong, Congregational Life Administrator – Brooke joined us in May and is a brilliant addition to Federated. She has elevated our Social Media, expanded our extravagant welcome and has uplifted us all with her warmth, humor and marvelous work ethic. Brooke has made it possible for many of us on staff to expand our own offerings and duties – we know she has 'it' covered, 'it' being everything from ensuring our Sunday Worship runs smoothly to facilitating Committee/Commission meetings, providing care to our members, creating our weekly, monthly and special publications and she does all of this with kindness and true grace. Brooke – we are so grateful to you! Brooke can be found in her office most weekdays, Brooke's office is located on first floor just around the corner from the Lounge.

Joshua Konow, Director of Music Ministries – Joshua has been busy, busy, busy working to grow our music programming. He is working alongside Ms. Kristin and Pat Haynish to develop new music events for youth and families; he is also working hard to expand our Performing Arts Series to include special music events, renowned and innovative artists, all the while ensuring your favorites, such as Apollo's Fire, return each year. Joshua is also working closely with Operations, developing relationships with local and visiting musicians to use our beautiful venue for recordings, auditions and, of course, performances. Each week, Joshua spends his evenings working with the Choir, the Bell Choir and the Band to ensure Sunday Worship is beautifully scored with music in keeping with our weekly theme. Joshua also has a deep sense of faith and approaches all that he does with hope and enthusiasm. We so appreciate you, Joshua! You can connect with Joshua though email or phone or visit him on Tuesdays...or better yet, join Choir, Bell Choir or our Band!

Jake Magalski, Properties Director – Jake is our very own renaissance man. In addition to his brilliant work keeping our facilities well-maintained and running smoothly, Jake created the beautiful flower gardens you see at the front and back of our church – the dahlias are his own special blend. Be sure to take in the beauty. Jake is constantly finding creative ways to improve our facility, from conserving energy by updating fixtures, HVAC and keeping the rest of us in line. He has made the most of our resources, creating space for our groups and staff, members and visitors: a dedicated room for sewing and knitting groups; warm, welcoming and personalized offices for Brooke and Rev. Betsy; a dedicated yoga/exercise room; fun, fresh wall art in the pre-school and a bevy of other creative touches throughout the church. Jake recently saw us through the parking lot renovation and is now working on several other significant projects. Each week Jake ensures our staff, members and visitors have a solid foundation from which to launch. Thank you for your diligence and quiet strength! Jake can be found in and around 76 Bell Street most days.

Next month I will regale you with tales about our other staff members. For now, thank you all for your support and trust in our wonderful Staff. We appreciate you!

With Gratitude,



Melissa Owen, Senior Director of People and Operations

Office of Fund Development Update



We are so grateful that you provide a safe place for our church school children and young adults to grow. We continue to make a difference in their faith journeys – as witnessed by Amanda Taylor during Sunday worship on August 21st (viewable at youtube.com/thefederatedchurch) or the above artwork of our Altar Cross from one of our 1st graders. Our children are here throughout their journey, observing and learning from us. Thank you for providing a safe space through your broad support of Federated Church!

Food for thought: This fall's Generosity 2023 Invitation theme is entitled "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving." During Gratitude Sunday, on November 13th, we will have another opportunity to express our thanks. In preparation, please be thinking about how you'd like to answer these questions:

A blessing I received this past year was

In remembering this blessing, I give thanks to....

As a symbol of my gratitude, I promise to...

Can you share with others a physical gesture that expresses your thankfulness, showing what you can "do" to express your gratitude for your blessing? For example, a hug, a notecard, a donation, a prayer, a luncheon date, or a phone call. What would that gesture look like?



In Gratitude,

Laura

Laura Piper Taylor
Fund Development Associate
Generosity Commission staff liaison
Legacy Fund Committee staff liaison

How Do you live your faith?

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Marty Culberson and Laura Taylor would like to create a Generosity Impact Moment video that highlights the nonprofits that our members AND friends volunteer at/serve – either as a volunteer, lending your expertise, serving on a board or committee, etc. We want to give folks a picture of how our faith family lives its faith, either with our own mission partners or elsewhere – the impact that flows from being in community with Federated and spreading out into the community. Who do you serve or support? Where do you lend your expertise? How do you help others? What do you learn as you live your faith in community with others? Where do you spend your time?

Feel free to send us an email (mculbert@fedchurch.org or ltaylor@fedchurch.org), call us (440-552-8549 or 216-533-4234) or post your answer on our church's [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) account. Thank you for helping Marty and Laura gather this information!

To begin this journey, Laura has listed the ways that she has lived her faith – mostly here at Federated because Federated is her church and her employer! But where has your faith led you? To which local or national nonprofits do you devote your generous spirit?

“At different times of my life I have lived my faith in different ways. When I first became a church member I volunteered as a Sunday School teacher for 5 years. Those were special times because I “followed” the same kids as they aged up from one grade to the next. That allowed me to really get to know “my kids” over the years. It was a special treat to see them honored as high school graduates in our Sanctuary years later! I was so proud of who they had become!! I also began volunteering at Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center. After that, I became a campaign consultant to administer the Rejoice & Renew capital campaign here at Federated. I lived my faith by applying my fundraising experience to the betterment of my church. Then I became a member of our Telling Our Story Commission, so I lived my faith in service to that church commission. Learning about the church’s marketing and communication efforts and helping with Federated’s rebranding effort was so uplifting! More recently I have lived my faith as a part-time staff member of Federated, working in conjunction with the GenCrew and the Legacy Fund Committee, to cultivate a generous spirit for our church, our personal lives, and the community we impact. That’s also inspirational! Outside of my work here at the church, I work for 3 family foundations, learning about local nonprofits and the ways that they serve their community and clients, in hopes of finding ways to match their funding needs with the needs of the foundations I serve. Through this work, I live my faith by listening to others as they share their viewpoints and stories. That helps me to see where they’re coming from and to respond with a generous spirit, giving time, expertise, or financial support. Thank you Federated for teaching me the way!!”

~Laura Piper Taylor

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The Community Life Collaborative

Join the Conversation & Celebration!

The Community Life Collaborative celebrates recent collaborations while October brings even more to the table promoting awareness and advocacy for social and environmental justice!

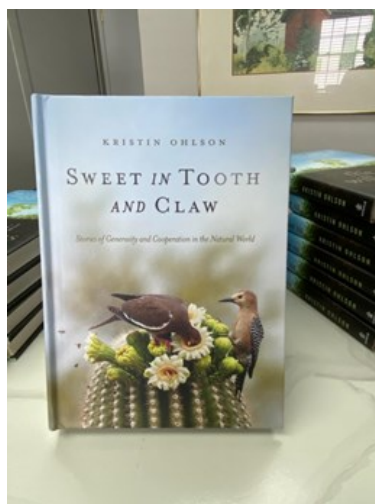
In August, we hosted a kayak paddle with representatives from 4 park districts and 3 organizations. This was done using the 1st ever Permit given by the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to show the Cuyahoga River as "programmable space" (similar to how you rent a pavilion) and launches a region wide effort to create more equitable access to greenspace and the water.

In September, we collaborated with Chagrin Arts and Fireside Bookstore to host best-selling author, Kristin Ohlson, in a launch party of her new book *"Sweet In Tooth and Claw"*. The gathering of book-signing and conversation at Chagrin Arts was an extension of the CLC spring *"Our Nature"* forum series. This long anticipated book extends the concept of cooperation in nature to the life-affirming connections among microbes, plants, fungi, insects, birds, and animals – including humans—in ecosystems around the globe. Then, On September 25th, we had our first *All Abilities 5k and Walk* at the Family Life Center to kick off our "Prism Series" diving into the intricacies of the disability community.

Through October, the CLC will be hosting community conversations with the subjects of Youth Services, Young Adult/ Adult Job Training, Adult Services, and a De-stigmatization and Public Perception panel. Please stay tuned to our [CLC website](#) for dates and details. We will conclude this October PRISM series dedicated to the disability community with a *Sensory Festival* on **October 30th**.

The Community Life Collaborative (CLC) is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit partnering with Federated Church to nurture transformation through collaboration for a just and sustainable world. Join us as we grow and make a difference.

For ways to get involved, or to partake in the forums, subscribe to our email blasts, follow us on social, or reach out anytime! Thank you to so many Federated members for your enthusiasm and willing participation!



Mission & Service

St. Paul's Outreach

The first sign of winter comes a bit early when you are working for our Homeless Population. Way ahead of the first snowflake (hopefully), I found myself sifting thru packages of thermal underwear looking for both needed sizes and favorable prices. Fortunately, I found some of both, although the search will continue.

This is an important piece of clothing for many who live on the street especially when we hit those single-digit temperatures. In most cases, it is a basic element of survival. Because this type of clothing is seldom donated, we depended on the generosity of those such as yourself to help us maintain the supply. I must admit, that I do get some strange looks when I show up at the checkout counter with a cart full of thermal underwear in late September.

Thanks again for all you do to ensure that this winter will once again allow us to provide for those in need.

Tim Walters



St. Paul's Thrift Store Collections

Saturday, October 15, 9 AM—Noon

The St. Paul's Thrift Store is a very important ministry of our long-standing relationship with this community church on the near west side of Cleveland. Proceeds from the sales of goods from the shop support the operations of the church and their outreach programs.

The third weekend of each month, we will have the mission trailer and volunteers in the church parking lot to receive your donations. Things that are not acceptable to donate: Old TVs (that are not flat screen), winter skis and ski boots, anything that has broken parts, used undergarments. If you don't want it because it is damaged or stained, please dispose of it. We will accept gently used items and clothes that still have a good life ahead of them. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry in this new way!

Fellowship Treats

We are **so excited** to continue Fellowship Hour after Sunday worship services. Members of the congregation take turns bringing in treats for fellowship time following the service on Sundays, as scheduled by the Congregational Care Commission. Of course, anyone is welcome to bring treats at any time!

Please bring ready-to-serve treats in disposable containers. Healthy food choices are especially welcome. *Please no nuts.* Thank you for helping to make our Fellowship time delicious and enjoyable!



October 2– last names beginning with A or B
October 9– last names beginning with C or D
October 16– last names beginning with E, F, or G
October 23– last names beginning with H, I, J, or K
October 30– last names beginning with L or M

We Need Your Help!

This fall we are hoping to support our unhoused or “homeless” neighbors in need.

Now, more than ever, folks are having to make very tough choices to eat or pay rent, and even mortgage or real estate taxes, if they’re lucky enough to own a home.

Please look in your closet, or check the resale shops or catch some sales for CLEAN Warm winter jackets, hats, scarves, waterproof boots (NOT fashion boots) and waterproof gloves for Kids and adults; with veterans being a population in great need as well .

We will collect each of the 4 Sundays during November outside Fellowship Hall.

If you’re unable to find what you’d like to donate, checks are always welcome, made out to Federated church with “Homeless” in the memo line.

Please know that all ages and sizes will benefit from your generosity. Thank you again.

Questions?
Call or text Cathy Watterson
216.978.1037



Troop 150– Holiday Greens Fundraising



Boy Scouts Troop 150 is doing a Holiday Evergreen-FRESH from the Pacific Northwest- Fundraiser! If you are interested in participating, Scouts will be taking orders on Sundays after Church in Fellowship Hall starting on October 9th through Sunday November 6th.



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Christmas Eve Applications Now Being Accepted

Federated Church's Mission and Service Commission is inviting applications for its Christmas Eve offering from community organizations. We value groups that are trying to make a just world for all through their benevolent programs.

Applications and instructions are available at fedchurch.org/xmaseve. Completed applications are due to the church office no later than Monday, October 31.

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Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. This allows us to speak prophetically to those in power and to advocate for a society where all people have a voice in decisions that affect their lives. In the spirit of Christ, we will seek to confront evil in the world and to alleviate suffering. We will do this through direct service as well as advocacy.

One third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

More information about the NIN offering can be found on the UCC website, [UCC.org](https://ucc.org). We will be accepting donations for the NIN offering on October 9. Donations may be made at the Sunday service, by check, or through the church website.



Will You Be Our Friend?

As we create an **'Extravagant Welcome'** for All; help us create an **'Extravagant E-Welcome'** on our online platforms. Please like, share, and subscribe to all Federated's social media platforms. The more you engage with the pages and share with your friends, the more people we can reach with our message that **All Are Welcome!**



www.facebook.com/TheFederatedChurch



www.instagram.com/federatedchurch

Social and Environmental Justice (SJAM) news

The mission of the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry is to be a voice and witness to God's love for all people and creation and to advocate for justice for those who are marginalized, discriminated against and denied their inherent rights as children of God and citizens of our nation and world.

We strive to become well informed, provide opportunities to educate ourselves, balanced with opportunities to take action. Live Our Faith!

To learn more, please contact Kathy Franz (440.821.7795 or wfranz@roadrunner.com).

Next SJAM Meeting October 23, at 11:30am at Federated Church in Room 240
Or join by Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVlWdz09>



Racial and Economic Justice

Racial Allyship: Instead of the 8 week sessions offered numerous times over the past 4 years, we are offering several 3-week series on Institutional Racism specific to different topics. The focus of the first series will be Education. The curriculum developed by Bill Shaul and Robin Harbage will be more secular in focus. Each 90-minute session will be on ZOOM. Sessions will be held on November 3, 10 and 17 at 7 pm. To sign up call or email Bill Shaul. 513-280-2836 or theshauls@msn.com

Immigration

SJAM embraces immigrants to Northeast Ohio by supporting a network of organizations including Heights Friends of Immigrants (HFOI), Americans Making Immigrants Safe (AMIS) and HOLA.

From time to time, we learn of specific needs of immigrants in our area. This request came from HFOI:

Seneca Jail Isn't Meeting Basic Needs of ICE Detainees:

This article was written by Gambino Medina, a client of Brian Hoffman, who spent considerable time in the Seneca Jail before being deported to Mexico. It's a very interesting and distressing article. <https://go.tiffinohio.net/2022/09/seneca-county-jail-isnt-meeting-basic-needs-of-ice-detainees/>

Jasmine is looking for work

Jasmine is a 22-year old immigrant from Mexico who recently arrived in Cleveland to live with her cousins. She is looking for work, either cleaning homes or cooking excellent Mexican food and cakes for special occasions. She has a little bit of English and is planning to take ESL classes. If you would like to give Jasmine some employment, please contact Anne Hill for more information at anne.hill2@gmail.com or 216-333-4454.

Questions? Contact Rannigan Walsh, SJAM Immigration lead: ranni@me.com

Human Trafficking

SJAM October Movie Night: Please join us on Monday, October 24th at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall as we hear from Kirsti Mouncey, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, along with Laura Bartchak, Co-Founder and Director of the Harriet Tubman Movement. They will share their stories and educate us on their initiatives. We will also learn how we might become involved. There will also be a Zoom link. Or join using this Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVlWdz09>

Our Faith Our Vote

You guys, you Rock! In September, as a result of our efforts, 23 volunteers attended training to register voters. Throughout the month, we spread out to various events in Cuyahoga and Geauga Counties and assisted voters in confirming their voting status and registering if need be. Our actions helped citizens make their voices heard. The deadline to register for the November 8th General Election is October 11th. If you are unsure if your voter registration is up to date, you can check at: vote411.org

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVlWdz09>



Environmental and Creation Justice

What is Creation Justice? ([For more on click here.](#))

You have probably known since childhood that the earth and every living thing on earth constitute “*creation*” and that it is God’s creation. But what is justice and why this movement? *Justice* is defined as “our responsibility to protect God’s planet and God’s people from exploitation and to repair the damage that has been done”. This global movement among people of faith and the name itself were given a jump start by the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis! Using the word “creation” in lieu of “environmental” helps us keep the focus on God’s world that we are gifted.

A small group of dedicated church members, who are part of the Federated’s *Creation Justice* team (part of SJAM) have been exploring *Creation Justice* and what it would mean for our church if we lived and operated with *Creation Justice* integrated into the fabric of this church. In May of 2019, council approved a process for Federated to work towards becoming a Creation Justice Church as designated by the UCC. After a few delays, we are now energizing this process again.

If you are on a church commission or committee you can expect to see one of our smiling faces visiting an upcoming meeting to share with you, listen and discuss what this would mean for our church. Did you know there are already many churches in the UCC who have already achieved designation? This is about acting on shared common values of living our commitment to care for God’s creation in all of our endeavors as a church. We are so excited to join together in a renewed sense of purpose and mission.

There are many ways to get involved! Watch for updates, but if you can’t wait to jump in, we’d love to hear from you.

Contact Dawn Dole, Creation Justice team lead at coopdole@gmail.com

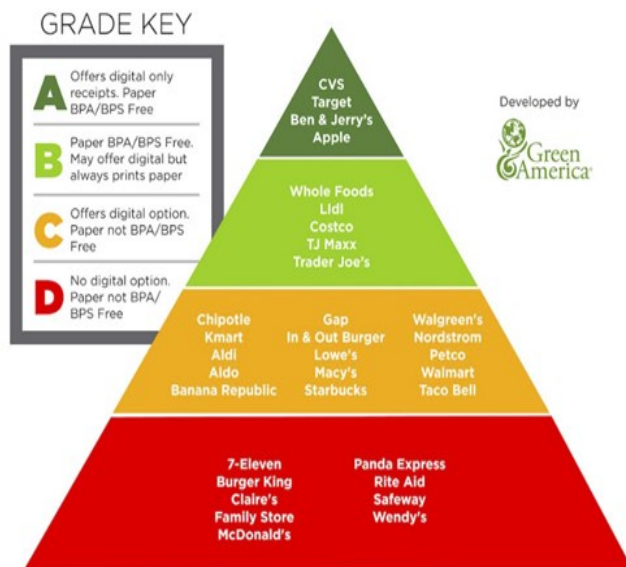
Did you know..... Did you know that when you shop and get a receipt for your purchases that...

Receipt production emits the greenhouse gas equivalent of over 471,000 cars on the road each year. And most thermal paper receipts are coated with BPA or BPS— which are endocrine-disrupting chemicals linked to various serious health issues.

And, do you know which retailers are taking this seriously? Check out this graphic and be knowledgeable about the impact receipt production has on the environment and you.

Please keep encouraging companies to improve receipt practices by providing customers with digital and no receipt options and only using phenol-free, recyclable receipt paper.

2022 Retailer Receipt Scorecard

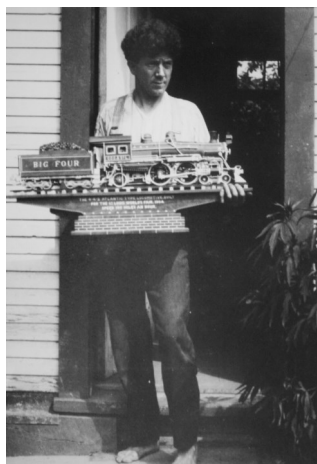


[For more information visit GreenAmerica.org, click here.](https://www.greenamerica.org/receipt-scorecard)

Upcoming Primetime Trips

Primetime: Ernest Warther Museum & Lunch

Thursday, October 20, 10AM-3PM
Cost: \$30



Primetime: Lunch Out at Barrel Lodge and Grill

Thursday, October 27, 12PM-1:30PM



Full information at fedchurch.org/primetime. Contact Melissa Owen with your interest at mowen@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x110.

Youth & Family

Confirmation at Federated Church

"You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives..."

(Matthew 5:13-16 The Message, Eugene Peterson)

We invite youth in 9th & 10th grade and above to participate in bi-weekly Confirmation lunches and discussions from the beginning of October through the end of April. Classes are uniquely designed to support our teens as they explore the faith of their childhood through the lens of a growing adult. We provide a sacred space in which our youth can gather in friendship to share a meal, explore their faith through

- Story
- Music
- Film clips/discussions
- Scripture lesson reflections and prayer
- Service experiences

The culmination of these experiences are shared on Confirmation Sunday in late April, where our youth are invited to write and share their faith journeys with our church family.

We look forward to working with our amazing youth!

Your Confirmation Leaders,

Rev. Betsy Wooster, Gary Dole, and Zach LeFeber

(Contact Rev. Betsy Wooster with questions: bwooster@fedchurch.org)





Calling all UCC children and youth: Draw or paint about climate hope, environmental justice, or protecting the Earth. Winners will be selected in November! The winning artwork will be used to create postcards that will be sent to Congress and the White House to pressure them to take sufficient action to combat the ongoing climate and environmental justice crises.

Templates and coloring supplies will be available in Fellowship Hall after worship all of October!

For more information please contact Kristin LeFeber, klefeber@fedchurch.org

The poster has a Halloween theme with a background of orange and yellow rays, silhouettes of pumpkins, and a large, stylized '921919' in the top left. The text 'TRICK OR TREAT' is written in large, orange, dripping letters. Below it, the date and time 'Sunday, October 30th 2-4 pm' are listed. To the right, a group of five people in Halloween costumes (a man in a pirate costume, a child in a black cape, a woman in a green dress, a child in a purple dress, and a woman in a black cape) are standing in front of a pumpkin. The text 'Meet at the Church' and 'Costumes are encouraged!' is at the top right. Below that, it says 'We will walk to Hamlet Village and share smiles and Halloween Treats with friends in the Community'. At the bottom right, it says 'Join the fun! Bring the whole family!' and '(Candy will be provided)'.

2022-2023 Performing Arts Series



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Christmas Carol Festival

Saturday, December 17th, 4pm

Join our combined community chorus for an evening of Christmas cheer and some of the most beloved Christmas carols.



Alla Boara featuring Amanda Powell

Performing Arts Series Fundraiser Gala

Saturday, February 25th, 7pm

This incredibly festive evening will feature an Italian meal, dancing, raffles, and giveaways to uplift and support our Performing Arts Series. The featured performer of the evening is Alla Boara, a group which seeks to revitalize Italian folk music. The group features drummer and composer Anthony Taddeo, vocalist Amanda Powell, guitarist Dan Bruce, trumpeter Tommy Lehman, bassist Ian Kinnaman, and accordionist and keyboardist Clay Colley.

Tickets will be available through Realm or in-person. Full details available at fedchurch.org/PAS.

Check your emails, bulletins, and newsletters for tickets to go on sale.

Contact Joshua Konow with questions at jkonow@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x120.



Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanuela Friscioni, pianists
Saturday, April 29th, 7pm

Tickets: Premium: \$45, Gold Level: \$38, Blue Level: \$30,
Students: \$15

World renowned pianists Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanuela Friscioni will perform a two-piano program featuring works by Rachmaninoff. Reception to follow the program!

Apollo's Fire at Federated

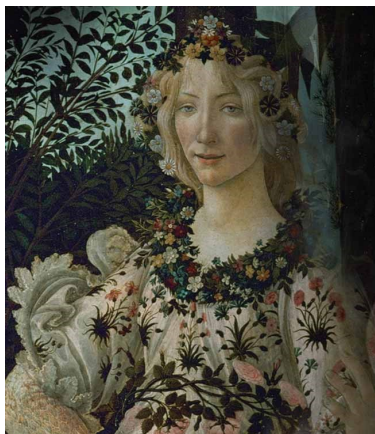
100 tickets for each program will be made available to Federated Church. Please purchase directly from



Handel's "Messiah"
Tuesday, December 6th, 7pm

Sonya Headlam & Erica Schuller, *soprano*
Kimberly Leeds, *mezzo-soprano*
Steven Caldicott Wilson, *tenor*
Edward Vogel, *baritone*

Sound the trumpet! Jeannette Sorrell, soloists, and chorus bring their nationally acclaimed interpretation of Messiah back home to Northeast Ohio. The singers become musical storytellers, bringing spirituality and theatricality to Handel's richly layered masterpiece.



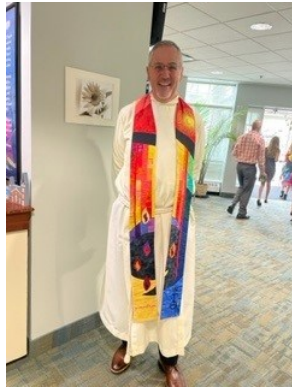
Vivaldi's Four Seasons rediscovered – Tour Send-Off
Concert
Saturday, April 8th, 2023, 7:30pm

Join us for a festive send-off as our musicians warm up their 2 programs for our European tour. – Or better yet, plan to come with us! London (UK), Heidelberg (Germany), and more...!

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Rally Day 2022





Fun At Federated



Dear Federated...

Dear Federated,

To share a memory; in July of 2002, 11 church members led by choir director Bill Foley and his wife Carol toured England, Ireland, and Scotland. So now all these years later I'm remembering so much of people and places as I watch on YouTube the funeral of Queen Elizabeth. Glad to have my memory of that tour. Blessed days ahead.

Love,
J.

Dear Federated Angels,

It's good to know God's help desk is always open. Thank you so much for the colorful floral pick me ups. It put a smile on my face. It was so kind to have Peggie Jo enter my home with her great smile and all your love. I'm feeling better everyday. Thank you Federated.

With my love,
J.

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.
-John 13:34

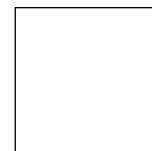


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Hope to see you
this Sunday!

10:00 AM
In person and Online