



## Federated Christmas Festival

Saturday, December 17th  
4-8pm at Federated Church

Chagrin Falls



Invite your friends and family for a festive winter evening of fellowship!

A scavenger hunt will lead you to activities such as cookie decorating, Christmas crafting, Christmas stories, Christmas caroling and more!

Potluck dinner and scavenger hunt begins at 4pm in Fellowship Hall

Caroling begins at 6pm in the Sanctuary

All ages are welcome and encouraged!

For more information, please contact Kristin LeFeber:  
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## From the Desk of Rev. Betsy...

### November, A Time to Go Deep:

**Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Reign of Christ Sunday, and yes, even Advent!**

Dear Federated Church,

This is one of those unique years when Advent begins in late November. Are we ready for it yet? Not really! Wonderful as the Advent and holiday seasons are, it is easy to get caught up in the details that the dawn of Advent, a time of waiting and preparing, means in our daily lives. We begin to think about the gifts we will buy, wrap, and give, when to put up the Christmas tree, the flights we need to book, the family and friends we will host, the parties we might or might not attend, and on and on and on. These are meaningful things that can bring us joy, and they can also crowd our senses and separate us from our connection to God.

Consider this: waiting and preparing for Advent is impossible if we aren't first attuned to God's presence within us. Now is a time to go deeper into our prayer lives as we begin waiting and preparing for the season of waiting and preparing! The month of November is full of sacred opportunities to nurture our spiritual lives and tap into the sacredness of life itself:

**-October 30<sup>th</sup>** was Reformation Sunday, a day that commemorated the history of our faith and the way that God's spirit continues to be with the church through the ages.

**-November 6<sup>th</sup>** is All Saints Day, when we remember the saints in light who have gone before us and whose lives remind us of the light and wonder of God.

**-November 20<sup>th</sup>** is Reign of Christ Sunday, when we give thanks and praise for the fullness of both Jesus' divinity and humanity.

We are in a pre-Advent time that, if we let it, can deepen our ability to see clearly the light of God in ourselves, in the sacred earth, and in each other. Celtic Spiritual teacher John Phillip Newell writes about the Celtic wisdom of reawakening, specifically the "reawakening of our souls," in his book *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*. Newell makes a connection between our ability to pay attention to our souls and our ability to reawaken the sacred ways of God within and around us.

So, let's slow down and give thanks for the light of God that forever envelopes us, yet often eludes us. Let's look to our ancestors, who kept the faith in their own times of struggle, who prayed to, and sought solace in, the presence of God known to us through Jesus Christ. Let us quiet our souls and pray without ceasing that the light of Christ may also be known in us.

*The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world (John 1:9).*

A Prayer of Celtic Awareness:

Awake, O my soul,  
To the sacred stream of light that  
Runs through you.

With Grace and Peace,

Rev. Betsy



# Federated News & Info

## Worship Themes for November 2022

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

November 6:  
"Take Courage"  
Haggai 1:15b-2:9  
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

November 13:  
"Rejoice Forever in What God is Creating"  
Isaiah 1:10-18  
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

November 20:  
Reign of Christ  
"If You Are The Messiah, Save Yourself and Us"  
Luke 23:33-43  
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

November 27:  
First Sunday of Advent  
"The Season of Hope: Keep Awake"  
Matthew 24:36-44  
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton



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### UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Sunday Services: Weekly at 10 AM

Livestream & In-person worship  
with Child Care

#### Sunday, November 6

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton  
preaches

#### Sunday, November 13

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton  
preaches

#### Sunday, November 20

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton  
preaches

#### Sunday, November 27

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. It is encouraged to schedule an appointment.



**Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton**  
Senior Pastor

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**Office Hours:** Tuesdays 2PM-5PM



**Rev. Betsy Wooster**  
Pastor of Transformational  
Ministries

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## 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](https://www.facebook.com/TheFederatedChurch)



[www.instagram.com/federatedchurch](https://www.instagram.com/federatedchurch)

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### In Memoriam

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

**Dave Larsen — October 7, 2022**

### December Spire Deadline

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

Please email your information to  
[communications@fedchurch.org](mailto:communications@fedchurch.org)

by **Friday, November 18th.**

Include **“Spire”** in the subject line. Thank you!

## A Note from Operations...

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Federated Staff is ever-evolving to meet the needs of our congregation and community. Last month you read about our full time staff and in September you learned what our Faith Formation Staff is doing. Now let's take a look at what's new with some of our other Staffers:

Laura Taylor, Fundraising Liaison – Laura has been an enormous blessing, guiding Federated through Fundraising; she led us through the Capital Campaign, shepherded the evolution from a Committee to what is now the Generosity Commission. What you may not know about Laura is her behind the scenes work: Laura ensures donations are properly allocated and that gratitude is expressed and shared. She puts articles and notes of thanks in our Spire newsletter; and, every Sunday, the Generosity Impact Moment (GIM) during worship is a direct result of Laura's work with the Generosity Commission and her staff partner, Marty Culbertson. Laura has a deep love of Federated and all we do and can do as a church – she expresses that love by giving her all to ensure Federated members know the significant impact of their contributions – thank you, Laura and thank you Federated!

*Note: Laura will be retiring from her staff position in March of 2023, but she will still be an extremely active member of Federated. The plan will be to continue Laura's important work and add to it higher level messaging, community connectivity, expansion of our offerings, partnerships and other development opportunities to help us accomplish (and go beyond) our Visionary Action Plan goals.*

Marty Culbertson, 'Director of Care' – Marty has brought so much to Federated. She has served in many staff roles and shared with you she is stepping away from her Director of Youth Formation. Marty's role has evolved into a position I like to call 'Director of Care' and while not an officially sanctioned title, it is something I enjoy teasing Marty about...actually, in all earnestness, Marty does direct our care. She directs all to understand where our efforts are needed, then ensures those efforts are maximized, the impact is felt and the gratitude is shared. She does this through her staff role with Mission and Service, generating excitement and creating new avenues for giving; she does this during Sunday Worship by creating the marvelous videos that show us all the impact of our generosity and leave us feeling that what we do truly matters. She also does this behind the scenes, guiding staff, congregants and community members to connect their gifts and creating more robust offerings and cohesiveness between what happens in the church with what we do for the church and the community. Thank you, Marty!

Janis Stefanchik, Bookkeeper – Janis lends her wonderful skills to her position as Federated's keeper of the books. She does all of the things you would expect, paying bills, tracking gifts, processing payroll, reconciling accounts, tracking reimbursements, processing statements, but does so with a deep appreciation for your generosity. She is equally struck by those who give a few dollars, knowing how much this means to them, and those who give thousands, knowing the impact those gifts will make – she appreciates you all. Janis also saves and shares the notes you write, ensuring the rest of our staff knows what it means to give a gift. Janis does her work with precision, skill and love...oh and a marvelous sense of humor. Thank you, Janis!

So much to say about everyone – I had thought a two part series would be in order – silly me! Tune in next month to learn what the rest of our staff is doing. As ever, 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



## From the Desk of Rick Bryan, Moderator...

The October Church Council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The agenda focused on three main issues. The first was Imagining the Church Council at full strength. This was based on a series of recent discussions I have had about restoring the Council and the lay leadership to full strength so that we can fulfill the mission of our lay leadership. At the time of the meeting, we were missing a Treasurer, and Councilors for Generosity, Telling our Story, and Spiritual Formation. In addition, the Worship and Music Commission is very small.

We filled the councilor for Spiritual Formation by electing Sunny Doxey to that role. The Council has approved the first reading of a policy stating that if a commission does not have a councilor, the commission chair should attend Council meetings and have a vote, until a new councilor is elected. We also determined that lay leadership will become a focus of the Council in the months ahead.

The second item we explored was how Mission and Service is meeting some of the major themes of the VAP. These are the four questions we used to focus our discussion:

- A. What major initiatives is Mission and Service undertaking to meet the major themes of the VAP?
- B. What are some of the proposed action steps that Mission and Service are not taking on, and why?
- C. What will Mission and Service need from the Church Council in the next year?
- D. How do you plan to interact with other commissions in fulfilling your initiatives?

The Council was blessed to have the insight and wisdom of the Mission and Service Commission Chair Linda Zelazny and Councilor Dan Kershner. We learned about the robust level of activities led and sponsored by Mission and Service. They asked for support of commission events, especially the new proposal for Federated Church to become a Creation Justice Church.

Finally, the Council addressed a proposal to allow for beer and wine to be served at approved events at 76 Bell Street. This question was last discussed five years ago and was voted down. The Family Life Center was granted the ability to host events with alcohol, but the church building was not.

Addressing the issue now was based on two factors. One was whether the church was missing out on hosting events (arts performances, receptions) by its restrictive policy and the additional revenue they might bring? Two, the intent of many of the suggestions of the VAP strategic plan was to bring the church closer to the community through welcome and featuring our programs and service opportunities. Were we holding ourselves back with our current policy?

We first raised the issue at the September meeting. Council members were charged with seeking the opinions and feedback from commission and committee meetings and talks with individual members of the congregation. In our October meeting we heard the viewpoints of many people, both pro and con. Some were extreme in their opinions, many were somewhat neutral, feeling that if there was a strong checks and balance system on potential events, that modifying the policy was worth a try. We agreed that this would result in few proposals in the immediate year ahead.

The proposed policy allows only beer and wine, and the consumption of alcohol only in Fellowship Hall. Events must first be approved by the Senior Director of People and Operations, and then the rental agreement must be approved by a majority vote of the Church Council in advance of the event. No Federated Church funds may be used to purchase beer and wine for the event in question, nor may beer or wine be sold.

The measure passed. There are no events, at the moment, being considered by the Church Council.

The November Council meeting will focus on the work of the Generosity Committee.



## Advent by Candlelight

This popular and traditional Federated event has returned, hosted by Congregational Care Commission. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of December, and plan to come for an evening of fellowship and peaceful reflection to prepare our hearts for the season of Advent. The theme this year is "Music of Advent" with program performed by Laura Hancock, a professional singer and musician.

Laura is a graduate of Chagrin Falls H.S., and was a 3-year member of the "Joyful Noise" swing choir, she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Baldwin Wallace College, a Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy from Queens University, Charlotte, NC, and a Masters in Special Education in Applied Behavior Analysis from Arizona State University; Laura performed as a professional vocalist/performer for Opryland, U.S.A. at venues in Nashville, Colorado Springs, and Myrtle Beach, SC. Currently works with children with autism as a behavior analyst, providing socially significant treatment programs to improve the quality of the lives of her patients and their families. Is currently active in her church as a choir member and church soloist.

Music will include a wide array of genres. Attendees are invited to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres or desserts to share for our light meal together. Thank you in advance for avoiding single use plastics. China plates, mugs and silverware will be provided.

The event will be **Monday December 5 at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall, 76 Bell Street**. All are welcome to attend, sign ups are encouraged at the sign up table on Sundays after church. Guests are welcome as it is a wonderful time to bring a visitor to experience Federated's warm hospitality.



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## Women's Fellowship

Join us for our upcoming events:

### Women's Circle– St. Paul's Workshop

November 21st

1PM in Room 240

Please bring toiletries, washcloths, white tube socks, individual hot chocolate and coffee mixes, small candies, one yard of fleece for three scarves or a throw, empty spice jars, cinnamon, sugar, and tea bags.

### Helping Hands Fellowship

November 28

1PM--3PM in Room 240

### Sit & Stitch

Thursday Mornings:

10AM-12PM in Room 240

For more information, contact Lynne Kessell:

[LynneKessell@hotmail.com](mailto:LynneKessell@hotmail.com).



## 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!

**November 6– last names beginning with N, O, P, Q, or R**

**November 13– last names beginning with S or T**

**November 20– last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y, or Z**

**November 27– last names beginning with A or B**



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## Communion to the Confined Ministry

### Sunday November 13, 2022, 11:30

Communion is a solemn and sacred moment between God and you – so imagine how you would feel being unable to participate in Communion with your church family because of a prolonged physical or mental condition? The Congregational Care Commission is sponsoring training on to provide communion to individuals who are confined. Persons who feel called to this ministry should register to attend this session led by Senior Pastor, Rev. Hamilton Coe Throckmorton on **Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30-12:30 in Room 240**. Once trained, you will serve the Sunday's Communion elements to shut-ins in their homes at a mutually agreed upon time.

During the training you will learn about the sacrament of Communion including its meaning and how it could be served to individuals in different situations. If you have any questions, please contact Peggie Jo Shinagawa at 216-401-2287 or Hamilton. You may register for the training on REALM or by calling the office or Peggie Jo.

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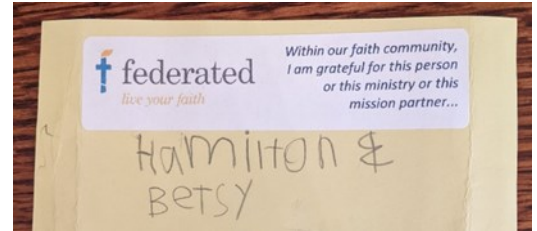
# Generosity Commission

## Office of Fund Development Update

Thank you for your continued faith and year-round investment in our mission and ministries - and for recognizing that Federated is a valuable partner in your faith journey.

- We look forward to renewing our expressions of gratefulness and generosity together on Gratitude Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

◇ We're tickled that our congregation has taken this spirit of generosity to heart by expressing their gratitude year-round. We are grateful for Hamilton and Betsy too!



◇ This year's questions will be:

- ◆ 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...

- Invitations to submit Generosity 2023 intentions were mailed in September to those who had already fulfilled their Generosity 2022 intentions, as well as to church leaders.
- Laura, the Generosity Commission, and Hamilton worked together designing stewardship materials to invite 634 households to **submit their Generosity 2023 intentions by:**

- ◇ **mailing or dropping off a pledge card to the church,**
- ◇ **submitting an online Intention to Give form via our website ([fedchurch.org/giving](https://fedchurch.org/giving)), or**
- ◇ **committing online via their Realm account.**

- We are grateful for so many near and far who:

- ◇ Quickly responded to the September invitation with Generosity 2023 intentions,
- ◇ Connected with Federated while living out-of-town – a benefit of our livestreaming services and online programs - and made contributions totaling \$21,700
  - ◆ Living in Florida, Washington, North Carolina, California, Maryland, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Hawaii,
- ◇ Were first-time donors to Federated this year: almost 30 households with gifts totaling \$8,300 to support our JustHope Truck of Hope giving opportunity, Easter Lily Fund, UCC 5 for 5 offerings, Memorial Gifts, and General Fund support.

- Generosity Impact Moment videos during September and October worship services celebrated these generous moments. YOU make this happen!

Mission & Service	Looking ahead to Future Drives & Collections
Church Council	Support of all staff members
Telling Our Story	Who we are: our progressive faith
Mission & Service	UCC Neighbors in Need special offering
Worship & Music	Sacred Ceremonies in our Sanctuary
Telling Our Story	Who we are: embracing community
Mission & Service	The impact of our Mission & Service ministries

## Gen Crew

The Generosity Mailing was distributed early in the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>; hopefully you have received it. If not, please contact Laura Taylor at [ltaylor@fedchurch.org](mailto:ltaylor@fedchurch.org).

As we enter into this time of gratitude and commitment, I thought I would reiterate a portion of the “generosity witness” that I provided while serving as Worship Leader on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. I referenced an illustration that came from a book I am reading, “The Power of Unwavering Focus”. It is written by a man named Dandapani – a Hindu Priest, Entrepreneur and former Monk of 10 years. He was a key-note speaker at this year’s Human Resources State Conference. He was talking about our personal energy. He said that the center of the napkin is our energy and the four corners represent four key aspects of our life, such as family, faith, work and leisure. If you have positive energy, it is uplifting. As it rises, the four key aspects also rise ... positive energy brings positive outcomes.

I found myself thinking of generosity in that manner. Take the same napkin or tissue and think of it as our church, Federated Church. Then, consider the center to be generosity and the four corners to be: (1) Worship and Music (2) Programs and Staff (3) Missions and (4) The Building or physical facility. As generosity individually and collectively rises more intentionally, the four corners also rise and are enriched.

Several lay leaders have already submitted their intentions to our 2023 “From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving” generosity campaign.

We will gather on Gratitude Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and will be invited to submit our intentions for 2023. I invite you to join us in intentionally and prayerfully raising up your level of generosity, giving back a meaningful portion of what we have been provided, so that the four corners of our ‘Federated napkin’ can also rise and enrich our lives and countless lives beyond these walls.

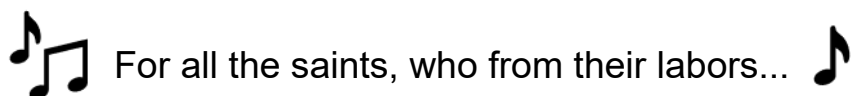
Martine Scheuermann, Generosity Commission member

## How Do You Live Your Faith?

Live Your Faith: Where do you volunteer? We know that you are a blessing to Federated and other nonprofits who serve the local community. Tell Marty Culbertson or Laura Taylor which organizations are close to your heart. We’re gathering this info for a future Generosity Impact Moment. Thanks!

**#LiveYourFaith**

# The Legacy Fund



We give thanks and praise that we have a “great cloud of witnesses” who have provided us with countless examples of how to live a faithful life. That is surely something to celebrate! **All Saint’s Sunday is coming up on November 6<sup>th</sup> and Federated is blessed to have generous saints who have given gifts to our church over the past 12 months.** Our saints:

- leave gifts in their wills to The Legacy Fund, our endowment fund, which annually supports our church operations and ministries,
- designate memorial gifts in memory of their loved ones to Federated, or
- make current contributions to the Legacy Fund from their desire to ensure Federated’s long-term sustainability.

**You are our saints!** The Legacy Fund Committee would like to thank all those in our faith family who have supported Federated in the past year by telling us they have included the church in their estate plans or contributed in these ways:

- Memorial Gifts received in the past year designated by family members or received in memory of:

Rita Coney	Saundra Evans
Rick Jones	John Eberly
Marjorie Law	Roger Pettibone
Judge William & Dorothy Thomas	Ruth Carlton
Edward Brandon	Jim Sutherin

- Legacy Fund gifts  
-Robin Harbage and Katie Swanson-Harbage

If you are considering leaving a legacy gift to Federated in your will, please let us know. Contact Laura Piper Taylor at [ltaylor@fedchurch.org](mailto:ltaylor@fedchurch.org) or 440-247-6490 x115 for more information. Your will is the last lesson in values you will ever have the chance to teach. What you say then will tell your loved ones, and the world, what mattered most to you. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions

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The Federated Church  
Chair, Legacy Fund Committee

# The Community Life Collaborative

## Join the Conversation

The CLC's **Prism Series** is underway with impactful conversations around the prism of disabilities in our community. Our partnerships with Solutions Behavioral Consulting, Fieldstone Farm, and Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities are exploring vantages of the community from Youth Services to Public Perceptions to Adult Resources. The series will culminate with an exciting interactive Sensory 'Leaf Party' on October 30th. All are welcome. Please plan to attend.



**Looking Forward** Our organization is working to make 2023 even more exciting and community driven with conversations and events on specific sectors of *Social and Environmental Justice*:

**January —** Addiction Disorder De-stigmatization

**February —** Jurisprudence/ Racial Equity (Deep Roots Initiative)

### Our Nature Series

**March — May —** Environmental Justice

**June —** LGBTQ+

**July —** Native Voices and more.

All abilities, ages, and communities are welcome at every conversation hosted by the CLC. Become Involved. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram and check out our website at

[www.communitylifecollaborative.org](http://www.communitylifecollaborative.org).



# Mission & Service



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## MedWish International

The Mission and Service Commission is pleased to announce that we are resuming the collection of hospital and rehab equipment for MedWish International. One of our members, Lee Johns, has agreed to be the driver to MedWish in downtown Cleveland when the collection closet gets full. This unlocked closet is in Larry Trace's former office, near the main stairway in the ground floor lobby. Equipment must be in new or good condition, and small packages unopened. **Medications of any kind, sealed or not, will not be accepted.** As far as we know, no pharmacy or group will take medications.

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## St. Paul's Thrift Store Collections

Saturday, November 19th, 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!



## Can We Do It? Yes We Can! Collecting 50 Coats!

November is the month to support the unhoused (homeless) Cleveland neighbors in need. Folks are having to make tough choices between eating, paying rent or obtaining needed medicines. We can help.

Check your closets, resale shops or shop for new warm winter jackets, scarves, waterproof gloves and waterproof boots (not fashion boots). Items must be clean and in good condition. All adults and children's sizes are needed. Many are Veterans.

Collecting all four Sundays in November in Fellowship Hall.

Don't like to shop? Checks made out to Federated Church are always welcome. Mark "Homeless" in the memo.

Help us reach our goal of 50 coats and help our neighbors in need. Thank you.

Questions: call or text Cathy Watterson 216-978-1037 or [cwstarfish2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cwstarfish2000@yahoo.com)



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## Troop 150– Holiday Greens Fundraising



We are so very thankful for your support of Boy Scout troop 150! Please share our fundraiser website with your friends and family. Profits from this fundraiser will be used to support our Scouts with camping fees, gear repairs and replacement, transportation expenses, Scout Scholarships, and much more!

Visit: [sherwoodfundraiser.com/troop150](http://sherwoodfundraiser.com/troop150) to order or for more information.

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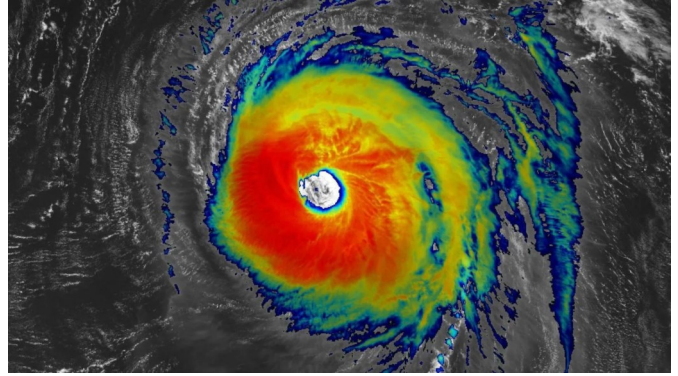


## Hurricane Relief

### Feeling called to help?

In response to recent natural disasters, Federated is collecting funds to help those who were so severely affected by the Hurricanes Fiona and Ian that plowed through the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, and the Southeastern United States.

All funds contributed to Federated for Hurricane Relief will be donated to UCC Disaster Ministries. Contribute by check or give online anytime at [fedchurch.org/giving](https://fedchurch.org/giving) and look for "Hurricane Relief UCC" in the dropdown menu.



Together, we can make a difference to those who were affected by such devastating loss.

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## Refugee Mission Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the October Mission Trailer for the collection of items for Refugees living in the Cleveland Area. There is still a great need for many items. Will you partner with us to help fill the Missions Trailer with our love as these families set up their new home? These items should be new or like-new quality. **Urgent Needs are in BOLD.**

- Kitchen: can openers, spatulas, wooden spoons, measuring cups, sieves, graters, **cutting boards**, mixing bowls (metal or glass), flatware trays, complete sets of flatware, **steak knives**, **cutting knives**, large plates, salad plates, soup bowls, glasses, cups, **strainers**, serving bowls, platters, kitchen towels, oven mitts, large frying pans, stock pots with lids, sauce pans, large oven safe baking dishes and large microwave safe serving bowls
- Bedroom: blankets, comforters, sheet sets and **mattress pads (full and twin)**, pillows
- Bathroom: heavy shower liners, **shower rings**, bath mats, bath towels, hand towels, washcloths
- Cleaning: **hand soap**, **brooms**, **dustpans**, **mops**, buckets, floor cleaner, **toilet bowl cleaner**, **toilet brushes**, dish soap, thirteen gallon kitchen trash cans with lids, small bathroom trash cans (and trash bags), **Vacuums (new only)**
- Laundry: **baskets**, **detergent**, hangers, **clotheslines**, **clothespins**
- Lamps: floor and table (working order), **Rugs**: new or gently used must have been professionally cleaned recently, Bags: **Reusable grocery bags large and small**, Rolling shopping cart
- Appliances: tea kettle (stovetop and electric), **microwave ovens**, coffee pots (stovetop and electric), toasters, pressure cookers, rice cookers (in working order)
- Paper products: towels, **tissues**, and toilet paper
- Toiletries: shampoo, **conditioner**, **shaving cream**, razors, body lotion, **dental floss**, toothpaste, band aids, **Q-tips**, **nail clippers**, **nail files**, **hairbrushes**, **combs**, feminine products,
- Baby: baby and children's shampoo, baby lotion, Pack-n-Play cribs and sheets, standard cribs, crib mattress, crib sheets, **diapers - especially size newborn**
- Children: books that teach the alphabet and early math skills, **soccer balls**, **baby dolls with all skin colors**, backpacks with school supplies (rulers, scissors, calculators, paper, folders, tape)
- Electronics: televisions, laptops, **sewing machines** (working order)
- Visa Gift Cards for Groceries (\$25 or more) - Marc's, Walmart, Save-A-Lot

For more information, contact Marty Culbertson, [mculbert@fedchurch.org](mailto:mculbert@fedchurch.org).

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# Chagrin Valley Council of Churches

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday, November 20, 2022 – 5:00 pm**

*The Christian congregations of the Chagrin Valley invite you to an ecumenical worship service of Thanksgiving.*

**Donation:** The service will include a special offering to benefit the Geauga Hunger Task Force and local food banks. Grocery bags and a list of needed food bank items will be distributed to each congregation by Monday, October 31 and can be brought to Valley as part of the offering on November 20.

**Music:** The service will include two choral selections “Simple Gifts” by Poole and “A Time For all Things” by Wagner. If you would like to sing, practice will be held that Sunday at 4:00 pm in the church sanctuary. Dress is casual and music will be provided.

**Location:** Valley Presbyterian Church  
17560 Chillicothe Road  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023  
[www.valleypc@netlink.net](mailto:www.valleypc@netlink.net)



*The Chagrin Valley Council of Churches is an ecumenical body of Christian churches in Bainbridge, Chagrin Falls and Novelty who give witness to the gospel, support, initiate the good works of local communities, and encourage cooperation among local congregations.*

*Participating churches include: Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ; Chagrin Falls United Methodist Church, Church of the Holy Angels; Federated Church; Ledgewood Christian Church; Lord of Life Lutheran Church; Saint Joan of Arc, Saint Luke Orthodox Church, Saint Martin's Episcopal; Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church; Valley Presbyterian Church*



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

**Next SJAM Meeting November 20, at 11:30am at Federated Church in Room 240**  
Or join by Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVIWdz09>



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## Racial and Economic Justice

Author Nikole Hannah-Jones, Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of the 1619 Project will present a virtual lecture for the Cleveland Public Library Writers and Readers Series on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00pm via Zoom. Register for free [here](#).



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## Our Faith Our Vote

**Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>:** Vote in person at your polling place, vote early at your Board of Elections, or Vote by Mail! Need help? Check out: [www.vote411.org/ohio](http://www.vote411.org/ohio)



# Immigration

**SJAM November Movie Night: Monday, November 21st at 7:00 pm** in person at Federated Church (76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls). **Or on Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVIWdz09>



Please join us for a very informative Speaker Night as we hear from two presenters speak on their current work with immigrants in Northeast Ohio.

Anne Hill is a founding member and the immediate past president of AMIS (Americans Making Immigrants Safe) and current Vice-President. She also is a founding member of the Northeast Ohio Friends of Immigrants (formerly Heights Friends of Immigrants) and serves on its Steering Committee and Linkages Committee. Prior to retirement Anne was the Director of Local Government and Community Relations at MetroHealth.



Graham Bell runs development at US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) Cleveland, focusing on grant writing, fundraising, and community engagement. He has a political science degree from Kenyon College and he focused on refugee resettlement while studying abroad in Jordan. A lifelong Clevelander and graduate of Cleveland Heights High School, Graham is proud to have spent the last year welcoming Afghan and Ukrainian refugees into the community he loves.

There will be a Q and A and we will also learn how we might become involved.

This evening will provide critical information and a path forward.

From time to time, we learn of specific needs of immigrants in our area. This request came from NEOFI (Northeast Ohio Friends of Immigrants):

**Antony Martinez needs our support** - Antony Martinez is an asylum seeker being represented by Attorney Brian Hoffman. He's currently in the Seneca County jail with no family in this area. So, our cards and notes of support are very important to him. He's also in need of financial support to use in the commissary for personal hygiene and snacks. To write Antony, send your cards to him at: **Antony Paisano Martinez, Seneca County Jail, 3040 OH-100, Tiffin, OH 44883** To send money to him, go to JailATM.com and look him up under his last name, "Paisano Martinez", or his ID, 252491. His first name will be listed as Adonis.

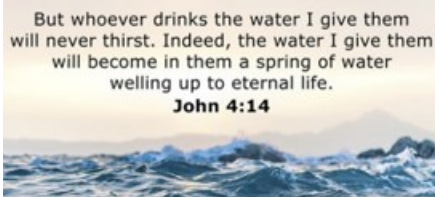
**Questions? Contact Rannigan Walsh, SJAM Immigration Lead: [ranni@me.com](mailto:ranni@me.com)**



# Environmental and Creation Justice

**Water = Life – God’s world and specifically the water on the earth is threatened.**

What do you know about the Great Lakes? The Great Lakes are a breathtaking and unique natural resource. They are the world's largest surface freshwater ecosystem holding about 90% of the freshwater in the United States and 20 percent of all surface freshwater on the planet. The Great Lakes include eight states and Canada which means that more than forty million people depend on this system for clean drinking water.



And, did you know that threats to the Great Lakes' ecosystems include invasive species, climate change, pollution, and habitat destruction? Climate change affects water temperatures, weather patterns, and lake levels. Pollutants from residential, agricultural, and industrial areas reduce water quality. Land development decreases the amount of wildlife habitat. Fish populations have been declining in recent years as a result of these threats and increased fishing pressure.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) is a public-private partnership that provides major investments in the Great Lakes' health, ecosystem, and water quality—more than \$2.9 billion in GLRI funding has been used for over 6,000 projects in the Great Lakes. Protecting the Great Lakes and other freshwater resources that drive our local economies, host important biodiversity, and serve as drinking water for millions of people should be a top environmental focus. Currently \$375 million is authorized to fund the GLRI and it will increase by \$25 million per year until it reaches \$475 million in 2026.

**The GLRI** strategically targets the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem and to accelerate progress toward achieving long term goals. It was developed with input from states, tribes, local governments, universities, business and others. It outlines priorities and goals working to accelerate environmental progress in these Focus Areas:

- Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern
- Invasive Species under control
- No new self-sustaining invasive species
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Impacts on Nearshore Health
- Foundations for Future Restoration Actions
- Fish safe to eat
- Water safe for recreation
- Safe source of drinking water
- All Areas of Concern delisted
- Harmful/nuisance algal blooms eliminated
- Native habitat protected and restored to sustain native species

There are also organizations like the *Alliance for the Great Lakes*, a non-profit, nonpartisan organization working across the region to protect our most precious resource: the fresh, clean, and natural waters of the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes are massive and awe-inspiring. But they are at risk if we do not take care of them. Learn more about what you can do to support the efforts of organizations like the Alliance for the Great Lakes. <https://greatlakes.org/>

*But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream! Amos 5:24*

# Primetime

## Upcoming Primetime Trips

**Elf The Musical**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
**12:30-4:00PM**

Join us for Lunch at Federated Church followed by the 2PM performance  
of *Elf* at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre:

**40 River Street**  
**Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022**



Full information at [fedchurch.org/primetime](https://fedchurch.org/primetime). Contact Melissa Owen with your interest  
at  
[mowen@fedchurch.org](mailto:mowen@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 x110.

# Youth & Family

*"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)

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## Learn About a Middle School and High School Colorado Trip Opportunity!

On, Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, join Marty Culbertson and Rev. Betsy in the lounge for a pizza lunch to learn about Federated's time honored Colorado Trip and a chance to go this coming summer.

All youth currently in grades 6-12, and their parents, are invited to join us at this informational meeting to learn about the annual Faith Journey to the Rocky Mountains. For nearly 30 years the youth of Federated Church have built on the foundation of their faith as they pushed themselves spiritually and physically on an outdoor adventure, including Whitewater rafting, rock climbing and rappelling, backpacking and a ropes course. This summer, weeklong trip is a life changing experience, we hope to see you at the meeting. **Please RSVP on Realm to attend this lunch gathering!**



## 2022-23 Confirmation Class!

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

### Our Confirmation class this year is off and running to a great start!

What a great group we have! Twice a month on Sundays after worship we provide a sacred space in which our youth can gather in friendship to share a meal, explore their faith, ask questions, and share experiences with one another. 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.

Led by Rev. Betsy, Gary Dole and Zach LeFeber, our classes are uniquely designed to support our teens as they explore the faith of their childhood through the lens of a growing adult. Our confirmation class is invited to gather together in community to share a meal and experience the Confirmation journey. For more information, contact Rev. Betsy.



## Senior High Youth News

### Service Hour Opportunities for Senior High Youth!

At Federated Church we believe that people of all ages have gifts of service to offer, and we welcome our youth to live their faith through action and have opportunities to receive service hours for the time that they commit to Church mission efforts!

Upcoming events for youth to sign up for service hours:

**(Please RSVP on Realm to serve at the events below.)**

1. Sunday, November 20, immediately following Worship:  
In service hours as you help out with the **Ingathering Thanksgiving Celebration** for St. Paul's Church! We will sort the generous food donations given by our church community to be shared with our Friends at St. Paul's Church in Cleveland.
2. Saturday, December 17, 4:00-7:00PM in Fellowship Hall  
In service hours during this annual **Federated Christmas Festival** by helping out with the younger kids!





# 2022-2023 Performing Arts Series



## **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.

## **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!



*Tickets will be available through Realm or in-person. Full details available at [fedchurch.org/PAS](https://fedchurch.org/PAS).*

*Check your emails, bulletins, and newsletters for tickets to go on sale.  
Contact Joshua Konow with questions at [jkonow@fedchurch.org](mailto:jkonow@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 x120.*



# 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...!*

***Tickets will be available through Realm or in-person. Full details available at [fedchurch.org/PAS](https://fedchurch.org/PAS).***

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# Fun At Federated



# Dear Federated...

Dear Federated Family -

I wanted to thank you so much for the help and support that you provided me in so many ways throughout my recent journey with neck surgery. Your prayers have truly lifted me up through this challenging time and the flowers from the Church reminded me of God's love. Thank you again so much.

With deep appreciation,  
Kiko Weinroth

Dear Friends:

*Our family worked so hard to avoid COVID virus – but it hit us – one at home and one ended up at the hospital for five days. And then came the beautiful flowers from the Altar Flower ministry – bringing cheer into our lives with your thoughtfulness. Special thanks to the deliverers! Our family and friends have taken excellent care of us so we should be back to normal soon.*

*Thanks for your prayers!*

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

Dear Flower Friends:

*What a bright cheerful bouquet from all of you.*

*Do you really remember humble me? I'm touched because I miss all of you at Federated.*

*Federated helped me through a very difficult time in my life.*

*Forever grateful,*

*K.F.*

Dear Federated Church,

*I have been tuning in for the last few months.*

*Thank you all for all you do.*

*~J.M.S.*



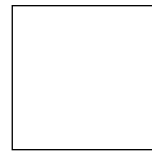
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Hope to see you  
this Sunday!

10:00 AM  
In person and Online