


February 2023



The Spire

The Federated Church Newsletter

United Church of Christ  An Open and Affirming Congregation

Free Italian Dinner and Music Event for All Ages presented by **Federated Performing Arts Series** and Family Ministries



Anthony Taddeo, Amanda Powell,
Dan Bruce, Tommy Lehman,
Ian Kinnaman, Clay Colley

Italian Folk Musicians Alla Boara

Saturday, February 25th 6:00–8:00PM
Fellowship Hall
Activities, Ice Cream Bar and More!

FREE WILL OFFERING WILL GO TO FUND FUTURE EVENTS.

From the Desk of Rev. Wooster...

"In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot." - from the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

Dear Friends,

Indeed, Jesus came to us and shared our Common Lot.

Recently in Confirmation class we explored the theology of the incarnation, that Jesus came to us as both a human and divine being, quite a sophisticated topic for people of all ages. Taken from the UCC statement of faith as listed above, this is a core understanding of our faith, that Jesus is both divine and human.

In the season of Lent which is fast approaching (Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 22nd this year), I encourage you to read through the verses listed below that remind us how our savior came to us with lived experiences not dissimilar from our own. It is a matter of faith and contemplation to explore the concept of the Incarnation, the mystery that the God of the universe took on flesh and lived among us while also being *fully God*.

As we bring our hearts, minds, and bodies into the Lenten season, when we follow Jesus' ministry all the way through his Passion, Crucifixion, and ultimately his Resurrection, it is important to consider that Jesus was born into our human world and experienced all the pain, sorrows, and joys that we do. Each of the scripture verses below remind us that there is no experience as humans that God does not share. There is no place in the experience of our lives where God does not meet us. The divine and human mystery that Jesus was "God among us" is central to our faith. God is among us still. Jesus walks with us still. Let us, together, deepen our awareness of the divine in our midst this Lenten Season.

John 1:1-18 – The Divine became human in Jesus Christ.

Luke 22:63-23:46 – Jesus was physically hurt.

Mark 4:35-38 – Jesus Slept.

Matthew 21:18 – Jesus was hungry.

John 11:28-36 – Jesus wept for a friend.

Mark 6:30-32 – Jesus spent time with his friends.

John 2: 1-11 – Jesus celebrated.

John 2:13-16 – Jesus got angry.

Luke 2: 41-51 – Jesus upset his parents.

Matthew 15: 30-38 – Jesus felt sorry for someone else.

*The suggested scripture passages above come from a lesson in the UCC Confirmation Curriculum *Affirming Faith*.

*In Christ,
Betsy*



Federated News & Info

Worship Themes for Epiphany, 2023: "Christ Appearing"

"This February, as we continue to move through the season of Epiphany, we will encounter God appearing in our shared life in a huge variety of ways. Epiphany means "appearance" or "manifestation." At the heart of Christian faith is the conviction that the risen Christ is appearing to us again and again and again. So it will be our privilege to explore that manifold appearing in this rich and verdant season.

Feb. 5 Matthew 5:13-20; Theme: "Being salt and light in the world"

Feb. 12 Reception of New Members, Matthew 5:21-37; Theme: "Impossibly high moral standards?"

Feb. 19 Transfiguration Sunday, Matthew 17:1-9; Theme: "Do not be afraid"

Feb. 26, first Sunday of Lent. On this day of Federated's Annual Meeting, our scripture passage will be Matthew 4:1-11, and our theme will be "Living by the Mercy of God."

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

Online Worship on our
YouTube Channel: [TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTheFederatedChurch)

March Spire Deadline

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

Please email your information to communications@fedchurch.org

by **Friday, February 17th.**

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

In Memoriam

Recognition of those who have passed recently.

A farewell to friends; May God welcome them with open arms.

Bob Ference— December 2022
Shirley Donley— January 14, 2023

PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS

Need to see a pastor? Our Pastors have Standing Office Hours.
We are here for you!

Rev. Hamilton
Throckmorton
Senior Pastor
P: 440.247.6490
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Office Hours: Tuesdays 2 PM-5 PM

Rev. Betsy Wooster
Pastor of Spiritual
Formation

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Office Hours: Mondays 1 PM-4 PM

'Extravagant E-Welcome'

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



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

From the Desk of the Moderator...

The January Church Council meeting was held Tuesday January 3rd. The agenda focused on planning the Annual meeting and the upcoming budget discussions, as well as continuing our work on lay leadership and the VAP strategic plan overview.

One tradition of every Church Council meeting is to ask council members for their recommendations on the work of staff or members of the congregation who deserve a note of thanks for a special effort in the past month. The following week, I sit down with note cards and pen and happily write these notes of praise. This month, I would like to make our list public so that every member of the Federated Church community can share in their thanks.

Jim Scheuermann for his faithful commitment to Loaves and Fishes Ministry. **To all involved** in the very successful Christmas Family Fun event on Saturday December 17th. Special thanks to **Joshua Konow, Brooke Strong, and Krisitin LeFeber** for their organization and team work in this special afternoon; **Melissa Owen**, for giving up vacation time to handle the burst pipe situation in the Preschool area in late December. Melissa adds, don't forget the help from **Larry Trace, Jake Magalski and Shawn Bottcher!** Thanks to **Pat Haynish** for the delightful Christmas Pageant; **Marcia Snavelly and Randy Fusco** for the Christmas Eve music. I wish to add **Peggie Jo Shinagawa** for her faithful and comprehensive work as the Clerk for the Church Council.

Please circle the date of **Sunday February 26th at 11:15 am** for the **Federated Church Annual Meeting** of the congregation. We will present a comprehensive report on the church year, the current and proposed church budget, as well as the proposed slate of new lay leaders. We welcome your attendance and participation.

In recent meetings, the Church Council has continued its oversight of the church strategic planning document. We have developed a progress review form that we will share and summarize at the Annual Meeting. We also focused on the recruitment of lay leaders in the church, and explored the nuances of the church governance model. Last month, we unanimously passed and endorsed the Creation Justice Covenant developed by **Dawn Dole** and her impressive and dedicated committee from Mission and Service. The Covenant will be presented and voted on by the congregation in the Annual Meeting.

For the past year, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the Church Moderator. The Council is blessed with **Brendan Buescher** as Past Moderator, **Peggie Jo Shinagawa** as the Clerk, **Brady Hively** as the Treasurer, and Councilors **Kelly Kimball, Sunny Doxey, Dan Kershner, Diane Tuuri, Doug Harlan**, and Committee Chairs **Todd Smith and Martine Scheuermann. Hamilton** and **Melissa** attend each Council meeting. We would be remiss if we didn't also mention **Alexandra Ziots**, who served as a Councilor for much of the year before moving out of town.

At the Annual Meeting, we will welcome **Adam Graves** as our Moderator, and his leadership will guide and enrich the church and the council in the year ahead.

Rick Bryan, Moderator



Fellowship Treats

We are *so excited* to continue Fellowship Hour after Sunday worship services. Federated members take turns bringing treats for Fellowship Hour each Sunday, 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!

February 5– last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y, or Z

February 12– last names beginning with A or B

February 19– last names beginning with C or D

February 26– last names beginning with E, F, or G



Wear Your Faith

As you **#LiveYourFaith**, you can now **#WearYourFaith**. Federated merchandise is now available. Click [HERE](#) to view the online store or visit, <https://federated2021store.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>. View some of the available merchandise below:



Need Directions?

How well do you navigate our church home?

Would you like a tour of our building?

There are floors, spaces, nooks and crannies that most of us have never seen. Congregational Care is organizing tours guided by the very knowledgeable Larry Trace.

If you would be interested in a tour, please sign up in Realm, or in Fellowship Hall during Fellowship Hour.



Dreams and Spiritual Growth

Women's Retreat

March 10-11, 2023



Mt. Saint Benedict Monastery, Erie PA

We invite you to join us for a time of spiritual retreat. Set in a contemplative atmosphere, we will consider what God desires for us, and what God may be communicating to us through our dreams. We will look at what dreams are and study a dream from scripture to learn how we might apply such learning to our own dreams. We will also explore the dream as a source of God's ongoing revelation to us, as we seek to live more wholistic lives.

Presenter: Janice Bachman, O.P., is a Dominican Sister of Peace, who is a Jungian Analyst and spiritual director in practice in the Columbus area. For the past 25+ years, Janice has been involved in training spiritual directors and has offered a variety of workshops and retreats on dreams. A key area of interest for her is the convergence of analytical psychology and spirituality, and how the two disciplines and their symbols inform the process of analysis, spiritual development and becoming more whole persons.

Janice is on the summer faculty at Creighton University, Omaha, NE., where she teaches in the Graduate Program in Christian Spirituality. Over the years, one of the courses she has taught is Dreams and Spiritual Growth. She holds a Masters' Degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University, a degree in Analytical Psychology from the Ontario Association of Jungian Analysts (Toronto) and an MBA from Xavier University, Cincinnati.

Registration for this event is currently limited to 20 participants and will be open until the limit is reached. Early registration is suggested! Register by calling **440.247.6490 Ext. 111** or register through [Realml, fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events). Registration is not considered complete until payment is received. Payment can be made by credit card via online registration or by check to Federated Church, memo: *Women's Retreat*.

Cost for this retreat is \$65.00 which includes overnight accommodations and all meals. Scholarship assistance is available for those requiring help.

This retreat facility is accessible to all with physical limitations through ramps and elevators.

Suggested arrival time is 4pm on Friday, March 10th. Programming will begin promptly at 7pm. Program will end at 4pm on Saturday, March 11th.

Further information will be sent to registered participants to help you prepare for the retreat.

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Betsy Wooster at bwooster@fedchurch.org or Mary Senechal at msart@windstream.net.

Wondrous Wednesdays

Come participate in a special Ash Wednesday Wondrous Wednesdays with Federated!
February 22nd, 5:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

A Wondrous Wednesday community dinner will be held at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.
Following Dinner, join us for an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM.



Please remember to sign up for the dinner at fedchurch.org/events, or at the Angel Desk by the parking lot door.

We want to be sure to make enough food!

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact:

Katie Harbage

katiesharbage@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 PM

Federated Sanctuary

Join us for

Ash Wednesday Service

led by

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Rev. Betsy Wooster



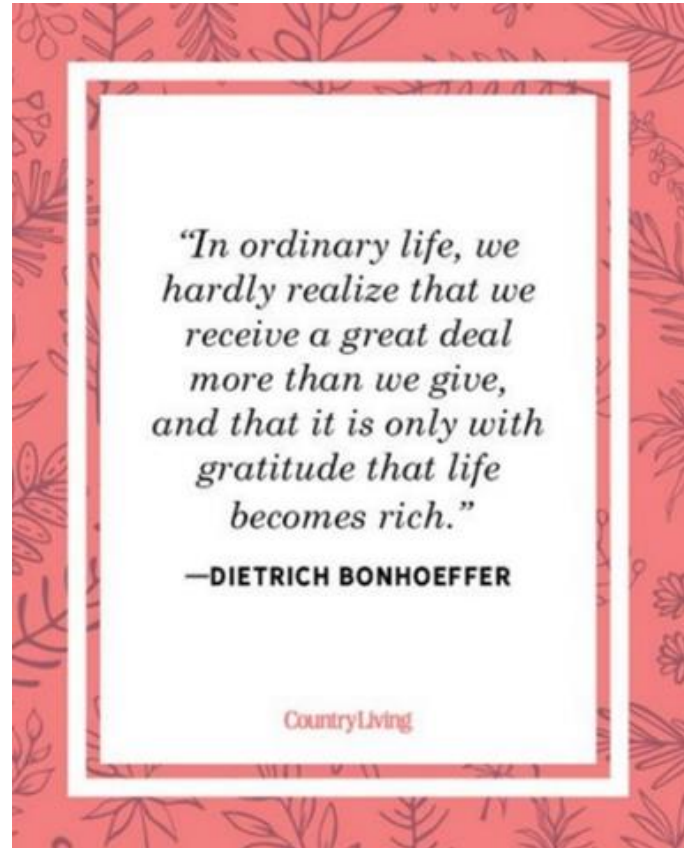
Generosity Commission

Office of Fund Development Update

By faith, we live into our gratitude.

I've been re-reading your Gratitude Index Cards, feeling touched by all that you wish to do this year as a symbol of your gratitude...

- Be a better person in all ways
- Pay it forward – in time, talent, & treasure
- Serve
- Donate monetarily and goods for the poor
- Be kind
- To try to remember that I am powerless over almost everything and trust in God
- Live joyfully
- Remain a volunteer
- Be more love & light in the world
- Continue my involvement in my church
- To remember my blessings for the next year
- Live out my faith
- Be grateful for health
- Continue to support a ministry close to my heart
- I will renew my intention to give
- To remember you never know what people are going through, and how far kindness and understanding can go
- Be thankful and aware



Here are the numbers: as of January 20th:

- We are 91.82% (\$918,231) of the way towards our \$1M goal with 286 households responding to our Generosity 2023 invitation.
- 23 member households have started (or started again) pledging this year, welcome and welcome back!
- 75 member households have been able to increase their intention from prior years

What a celebration! Thank you for investing in Federated's ministry plan, transforming the world with God's love.

Laura

Laura Piper Taylor

Fund Development Associate

The Community Life Collaborative

Community Life Collaborative to Engage Conversation & Deepen Understanding at the Family Life Center and Beyond

Mark your calendars!

Throughout February and into March, local organizations are partnering with the CLC to bring light to issues of racial equity and jurisprudence. The CLC *"Deep Roots Initiative"* offers a series of opportunities to engage community conversations at the Family Life Center as well as other locations.

The Gardenview Gallery continues to engage hearts & conversation through art:

Feb. 8-13 Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry *"Stitch, Breath, Speak- George Floyd Quilts"*. (See SJAM description for interfaith worship, vigil, documentary, and public exhibit times for what promises to be a remarkable community experience) in partnership with SJAM, Heartland Conference, Living Water Association, and Chagrin Arts.

February 21st: Power of Harmony "Community Conversation" 7:00pm at the FLC, hybrid event

Hear from the Power of Harmony, a group that uses vocal ensemble singing and positive male role models to demonstrate the values of cooperation and community. Their mission is to reduce recidivism and help change the trajectory of incarcerated youth.

In early March, watch for a "Community Conversation" with South Street Ministries. SSM equips and inspires restoration of community, economy, and faith with a holistic approach to community development elevating community voice and leadership. Join the conversation.

March 11: Hand to Hand Veronica Robinson facilitates a "Community Conversation" **1pm at the FLC** A deep dive into some groups that are creating programming around at-risk youth, giving them the intrinsic skills to navigate life and excel as members of society in "Life Skills Through Sports".

March 25: Panel discussion by the "Hell and Back Gang", lunch and music 11am-2pm at the FLC, hybrid event. The Hell and Back Gang is a book written in 2020 about the accounts of seven individuals who have been through the prison system and are now working to give people resources in society (personal, material, employment, etc) for transitioning out of prison and staying free.

Engage. Empower. Understand.

The CLC manages operations and covers the costs of the FLC for Federated Church. To schedule church programs at the FLC, please contact CLC Executive Director, Peter Bode at ed@communitylifecollaborative.org for details.

The CLC is a separate 501(c)3 nonprofit partnering with Federated Church to nurture transformation through collaboration for a just and sustainable world. To get involved or to partake in the forums, subscribe to CLC email blasts, follow us on social media, or reach out anytime!



Mission & Service

Thank You!

Thanks to all who participated in the inaugural [Reverse Advent](#) collection.

Boxes of staple items were delivered to Chagrin Falls Parks, and received with enthusiasm!



MedWish International

[Federated Church](#) has [reconnected with](#) MedWish International. MedWish, a past Christmas Eve Offering recipient, Saves Lives and the Environment by repurposing surplus medical supplies and equipment to provide humanitarian aid to people in need. Recently, MedWish was elated to receive Federated's first delivery of donated medical supplies. Most of the items delivered by Lee Johns were wheelchairs and walkers that had been stored at the church and FLC for years. Executive Director Brittany Latz said they could use many more wheelchairs, as they are in short supply, and badly needed. Other mobility devices are also welcome. If you have a wheelchair or other Medical Equipment to donate, please contact Marty Culbertson or bring items to the church during business hours. We are also excited to announce we are starting a monthly volunteer opportunity to sort donated supplies at the MedWish facility. Possible times are weekdays, both AM and PM, and on Saturday mornings. Groups of us could carpool to their facility at 1625 E. 31st St. in Cleveland. Contact Kathy Kolcaba if you are interested and for further information: Kathykolcaba@yahoo.com.

Social and Environmental Justice (SJAM) News

Upcoming Events/ News

Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

A ministry for action as we live into our call for Care and Justice for all of God's people and creation

Sacred Ally Quilt Project – February 8-13 at the Community Life Collaborative (CLC)
in The Family Life Center, 16348 Chillicothe Rd., Bainbridge

A banner for the Sacred Ally Quilt Project. It features a central text box with the event details, flanked by two vertical strips of quilt squares. The left strip has a star and the words 'Please', 'I can't breathe', 'I can't move', 'MAMA'. The right strip has the words 'they gon', 'KILL me men', 'Come on man', 'I CANNOT BREATHE', 'I Cannot breathe', 'they gon kill me'.

Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry
February 8th through 13th, 2023
Family Life Center
16349 Chillicothe Rd.
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023
[fedchurch.org/events](https://www.fedchurch.org/events)
<https://www.communitylifecollaborative.org/>

The Sacred Ally Quilt Project is a collaboration of churches across New Hampshire, quilting the last words of George Floyd, and now comes to Bainbridge.

Come on a sacred quilt pilgrimage during
Gallery open hours & other events:

Wednesday, February 8th
Quilt Gallery open: 11 am - 4pm,
Worship service: 7 pm
Doors open at 6 pm to view quilts,
then experience worship in the midst of them.

Thursday, February 9th
Quilt Gallery open: 3pm - 7pm

Friday, February 10th
Prayer Vigil: 12 pm - 3 pm
Come pray for an end to racism.
Quilt Gallery open: 12 pm - 3 pm

Monday, February 13th
Quilt Gallery open: 6 pm
Movie "Stitch, Breathe, Speak": 7 pm
Sacred Conversation with founders of the
Ministry following the movie.
<https://stitchbreathespeak.com/>

All events presented in collaboration with



**Freewill
offering
for all events.**



Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

A ministry for action as we live into our call for Care and Justice for all of God's people and creation

Immigrants need work

AMIS (Americans Making Immigrants Safe) and the Northeast Ohio Friends of Immigrants work with people who are seeking asylum and who are undocumented. They are creating a list of jobs that these people (also called Newcomers) can provide. If you have a need for someone to do odd-jobs, this is a great way to support Newcomers until they can get work permits. Please note that sometimes Newcomers will need a ride. The list below represents possible winter jobs. It could change in the summer. Please contact Anne Hill with AMIS (cell - 216-333-4454) if you are interested.

Elder care

House cleaning

Basement cleaning/moving large objects

Loading things in vehicles to be donated or recycled or trashed

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SJAM General Meeting

Want to learn how you can take action? Join us for our next General Meeting
February 19th at 11:30 am, in Room 240 in the Church or via the Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVIWdz09>

Becoming a Creation Care and Justice Church

Over the past few months we have shared with you our process for becoming a Creation Care and Justice Church as designated by the UCC. This is an exciting time in the life of Federated Church and we invite you to join us on this journey. At the annual meeting, Church Council will present and ask you to “affirm” a Church Covenant that promises that we as a church will hold God’s creation in our hearts with all we do. This Covenant is included here. Please read it with an open heart, an open mind, and with Gods’ love for all creation at the center of our lives.

Federated Church’s Creation Care and Justice Covenant

We, the people of Federated Church, declare our sacred connection to God, each other, and the world around us. In response to God’s call to be stewards of God’s creation, we commit ourselves as individuals and as a congregation to responsibly care for creation and seek justice for those unjustly and unequally affected by human abuses of creation.

With collective resolve, we covenant to continuously promote awareness, advocacy, and action to heal, renew, and protect the Earth and its people and demonstrate our covenant in all that we do.

With courage, hope, and joy, trusting God’s spirit to empower us, we promise to keep Creation Care and Justice at the forefront of all our conversations, policies, practices and decisions and build it into the fabric of our church.



How can you learn more?

Visit the information table in Fellowship Hall on

Sundays, February 5 and 12
right after the worship services.

Ask questions, share thoughts,
and support this important
process to become a
Creation Justice Church.

Tip of the Month

From the Creation Care and Justice Ministry

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](https://www.ucc.org/pollinator) to get regular updates from our UCC Minister for Environmental Justice, Rev. Brooks Berndt. <https://www.ucc.org/pollinator>

This resource is inspiring, informative and well worth the time to read.



Primetime

Hello Everyone!

We have moved to The Spire so we can invite everyone to join our fun—please join us for an event, lunch or to learn something new. We love being together! Looking ahead we have much on the horizon and so very much to be grateful for, including each other.

With Love and Gratitude, Melissa Owen, Senior Director of People and Operations, Primetime Liaison

Night Out: Dinner and Theatre

Friday, February 17 at 5:30 PM, 8 PM



THE PLAY THAT GOES
WRONG

Meet at **Balaton Restaurant** in Bainbridge. This popular Shaker Square restaurant just moved to Chagrin this January—just in time for cozy eats! Enjoy a Paprikash, Goulash, Stuffed Cabbages. Breaded Pork Chops and other marvelous options!

After dinner, drive/carpool to Aurora Community Theater for the opening night of the Broadway hit *The Play That Goes Wrong*. Things quickly go from bad to utterly disastrous in this hilarious 1920s whodunit. Part Monty Python, part Sherlock Holmes, this Olivier Award-winning comedy is guaranteed to leave you aching with laughter!

Cost: \$25

RSVP via Realm or to Melissa: mowen@fedcurch.org
or call 440.247.6490 x110 or text 805.636.4256

Federated Forum:

No Forum in February
We will return in the Spring!



Primetime Lunch Out: Sleepy Rooster

Thursday, February 23 at Noon

Join us at The Sleepy Rooster
5210 Chillicothe Road (aka RTE 306)
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022

Enjoy farm-fresh food, in a modern comfortable atmosphere. Locals Craig and Sarah returned home, bringing Cordon Bleu skill and style to Bainbridge. Delight in a unique twist on your old favorites or try something new!

Lunch and transportation on your own; carpooling available, contact Melissa if you need a ride !

RSVP via Realm or to Melissa: mowen@fedcurch.org
or call 440.247.6490 x110 or text 805.636.4256



Save the Date(s):

- ✓ March 16 Lunch Out: Yours Truly in Solon
- ✓ March 26 Night Out: *Something's Rotten*
- ✓ May 9 Night Out: *Ain't Misbehavin'*

RSVP via Realm or to Melissa:
mowen@fedchurch.org
call 440.247.6490 x110
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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)

Keep an Eye Out: Middle School Youth Group Starting Soon

Federated Church Middle School Youth Group Will Begin in the Months Ahead

Emily Moore, member of Federated Church, middle school science teacher, amazing human and former JOY student herself, will be leading middle school youth group on a weekly basis on Sunday afternoons before dinner, beginning in late February or early Spring. Emily and her co-leader will have more detailed information to share with parents in the weeks ahead. Emily will also be one of the adult leaders on the Colorado trip this summer!



Reach out to Rev. Betsy Wooster with questions:

bwooster@fedchurch.org.

Federated Communion Classes

Fifth Grade kiddos and older, along with their families, have a wonderful opportunity to participate in our Communion Class! ed by Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton and Kristin LeFeber.

This year, the class will be held on **Wednesday, March 1** from 7:00–8:30 PM in the Lounge.

Designed with kiddos *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 5th at the 10 AM service**

Also invited to participate in these classes and 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 **Wednesday, February 22nd**

Please call/email Kristin LeFeber

(440) 247-6490 x130 or klefeber@fedchurch.org

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Confirmation & High School Youth



Who says learning about the importance of doing service in God's name can't also be fun? Gary Dole in costume during a recent Confirmation lesson about the importance of giving away items to others in need...items that we may no longer want or need, but that are also in good condition and meaningful to those who receive them.

Special Confirmation and High School Youth Group February Event

Don't miss Ally and Alley Day!

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

Details Below

A. Visit the Ally Quilt Ministry Display at Family Life Center, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Right after worship, we'll head over to Federated's Family Life Center, where the Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry, a ministry of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church Christ, is currently in residence. The quilts on display are an opportunity to become aware of projects in the wider UCC, and to reflect on the dialogue about the church's history and role in racial justice.

B. Bowling: 1:00-3:00 PM, Cost TBD

We are adding high school youth group activities to the calendar and the kids chose bowling as a start! After the quilt exhibition, we'll leave the CLC and head to the bowling and whirly ball alley, where we'll play some games and grab some food for lunch! ***Stay tuned for further details on the place/time/cost, etc.**

Please RSVP your attendance directly to Rev. Wooster at bwooster@fedchurch.org

*Parents, you can transport your youth to these two events, or Confirmation leaders can carpool and drive the youth from the church to the CLC and the bowling lanes, and then return them to Federated Church for pick up after bowling. Let us know your transportation preference when you RSVP. Thank you!

2022-2023 Performing Arts Series

Alla Boara featuring Amanda Powell

Performing Arts Series Celebration

Saturday, February 25th 6:00-8:00 PM

Fellowship Hall, Free Event, Dinner Included

Join us for a lively Italian-themed evening .

Entertainment by the very talented Alla Boara: drummer and composer Anthony Taddeo, vocalist Amanda Powell, guitarist Dan Bruce, trumpeter Tommy Lehman, bassist Ian Kinnaman, accordionist and keyboardist Clay Colley.



Apollo's Fire: **Buy your tickets NOW:** fedchurch.org/PAS

Vivaldi's Four Seasons rediscovered

Saturday, April 8th, 7:30 PM

Tickets: Gold Level: \$67 ; A-Level: \$51 ;

B-Level: \$38 ; C-Level \$25



Apollo's Fire will whisk us away with Vivaldi's virtuosic "Four Seasons" for their **ONE NIGHT ONLY European Tour Send-Off Concert**. Jeannette Sorrell and Francisco Fullana become musical storytellers, celebrating along with 18th-century Italian peasants, whose joys and sorrows Vivaldi so vividly described. Dueling cellists evoke Vivaldi's "rock 'n roll" personality in the stormy *Concerto for Two Cellos*. The party ends in exuberant madness when the group whips up Vivaldi's *La Folia* ("Madness").

Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanuela Friscioni, pianists

Saturday, April 29th, 7 PM

Tickets: Premium: \$45 ; Gold: \$38 ; Blue Level: \$30 ; Student \$15

World renowned pianists Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanuela Friscioni will perform a two-piano program featuring works by Piana, Chabrier, Borodin, Poulenc, and Rachmaninoff.

Mr.Pompa-Baldi rose to stardom after winning the 1999 Cleveland International Piano Competition and the Silver Medal at the 2001 Van Cliburn Competition. He and his wife, Emanuela, have long served on the faculty at CIM and tour globally in solo, concerto, chamber music, and two-piano programs.



For full details and tickets for upcoming events go to: fedchurch.org/PAS or contact Joshua Konow jkonow@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x120.

Lenten Season at Federated

Spiritual Formation in the Lenten Season

Hot off the Press! Read All About It! This year's all-church book read for Lent:

The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith, by Marcus Borg.

Our community Lenten book this year, written by theologian and biblical scholar, Marcus Borg, revisits the heart and soul of Christianity in the midst of a changing world and invites us to explore our own Christian journey with both head and heart.

SIGN UP ON [REALM](#) OR THE [CHURCH WEBSITE](#) to join one of the following three book groups or the chance to officially join the weekly women's Bible study who will also be reading the book during Lent:

1. **Monday Afternoons, 2:00–3:00 PM, by Zoom: led by Rev. Betsy Wooster and Bill & Silvia Kenneweg:**
February 27–April 3.
2. **Wednesday Afternoons, Noon–1:00 PM, at the church, led by Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton:**
February 22 – March 29.
3. **Wednesday Evenings, 7:00–8:30 PM, at the church, led by Rev. Susi Kawolics and Richard Falkenberg:**
March 1 – March 29.
4. ***A Special Women's Bible Study Book Group Option:**
Friday Mornings, 10:00–11:30 AM: Our Ongoing Women's Bible Study, led weekly at the church by Harriett Rogers, will be studying this book during the Season of Lent. If you would like to become a *regular member* of the Friday Women's Bible study group, you could begin your journey with them during the season of Lent! Contact Harriett Rogers or Betsy Wooster with questions.

How to Get Your Book?

Books can be ordered, new or used, on Amazon.com

Used copies of the book in good condition can be ordered online through AbeBooks or Alibris.

***Be Sure to Pay Attention to the title of the book when you place your order!**

There is a companion guide to our book this year with a *very similar* title to the book itself (which is not required for the book group study).

The Book Title: *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*

The Companion Guide Title: *Living the Heart of Christianity*

(Feel free to get both the book and the companion guide, but the only required read is the book.)

Questions? Call the Church or email Rev. Betsy Wooster,

bwooster@fedchurch.org.

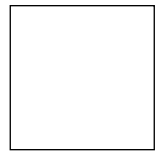


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Hope to see you
this Sunday!

10:00 AM
In person and Online