

## Federated Church's Annual Rummage Sale



# Trinkets 'N Treasures

**April 26-29**

Wednesday, April 26 | 5:30-8:00 pm (\$10 admission)

Thursday & Friday, April 27-28 | 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday, April 29 | 9:00 am-12:00 pm (Half Price/Bag Day)



Antiques	Furniture	Linens
Art	Games	Small Appliances
Books	Household Items	Tools
CDs/DVDs	Jewelry	Toys
Clothes	Kitchen	... and MORE!

**Federated Family Life Center**

16349 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls 44023

**[www.fedchurch.org/TNT](http://www.fedchurch.org/TNT)**

# From the Desk of Rev. Throckmorton...

Dear Friends,

What a beautiful fullness there is to the month of April in the church. The beginning of April launches Holy Week, starting with Palm/Passion Sunday on April 2. Palm/Passion Sunday itself is a day of wonderful and terrible opposites. We begin with Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, celebrated with festive palm-waving and loud "Hosannas." How quickly things turn, though, and how precipitous is the fall into rejection, crucifixion, and death. Thrilling in one moment and ominous in the next, Palm/Passion Sunday marks the beginning of that gloomy descent.

That journey continues with the ignominy of death that we mark on Maundy Thursday. Much as we may fear or despise that dismal day, it is also the fulcrum on which Christian faith turns. It marks the reality of our lives, which is that no matter how grand our plans, no matter how successful our triumphs, no matter how glorious our bliss, failure and dissolution and death are never far from us. Failure can overtake us. Discouragement and depression can run us down. And death of our friends, our family, and ourselves will finally put all our vitality to rest. That's it in a stark nutshell.

And miraculously, that's not the end of the story! Jesus rises from the dead! Even in our despair, there is hope. Even in our brokenness, there is healing. Even in our deaths, there is life. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! The good news is that we are never abandoned, we are never left to ourselves, we are never simply the product of our worst moments and most debilitating losses. We are children of God to whom are promised restoration and hope. We are citizens of a holy realm blessed with life beyond all our various graves. Whatever losses and deaths you and I are presently experiencing, know that they are not the end of the story. God promises new life to you and to me and to all of us. Thanks be to God!

## SABBATICAL

I also want to express my thanks to all of you for the sabbatical you have granted me this spring and summer. The opportunity for two months of rest and restoration is a great gift, and, combined with my customary vacation break, is a blessing I do not take lightly. I so treasure my calling as a pastor. At the same time, the chance to take some extended "sabbath" time to rejuvenate is a gift of the highest order. I will miss you in my time away, and will look forward joyfully to resuming our shared ministry when I return in August.

May God bless you richly!

*Hamilton*



## Worship Themes for the Lenten Season/Easter Season, 2023

Worship Every Sunday 10:00 AM  
In-Person at Federated Church  
or Online on our YouTube Channel:  
[TheFederatedChurch](#)



## A Note From Our Moderator...

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Dear Federated Community,

As many of you may know, starting Monday, April 24, Reverend Hamilton Throckmorton will begin his well-deserved sabbatical. The word "sabbatical" comes from the word "Sabbath," which is a day of rest dedicated to God. Essentially, a sabbatical is many Sabbaths put together. Hamilton's intentional extended period away from work will continue through the Summer and serve

as a time for him to rest, as well as focus on his personal growth and development.

Hamilton is due a Sabbatical every five years. It is also worth noting, that Hamilton had generously postponed taking this sabbatical given a number of circumstances in the life of our church, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the search for our Associate Pastor.

With Rev. Betsy Wooster now having served as our Pastor of Spiritual Formation for close to a year, and our staff well-prepared for the months ahead, now is an ideal time for Hamilton to take this purposeful break. We can all rest assured that our faith community will be in good hands while Hamilton is away, confident he will return in late August refreshed, renewed and re-energized! Please join me in wishing Hamilton well as he begins his sabbatical.

Feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions: [adamgraves@gmail.com](mailto:adamgraves@gmail.com).

Warm regards,

Adam

# "REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING"

APRIL  
06

BY: DAN FORREST

FEATURING: FEDERATED CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

SOLOISTS:  
KIKO WEINROTH, ROSIE HORVATH,  
AND BRIAN SKOOG



## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT FEDERATED CHURCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023; 8 PM  
(7:30 PM PRE-SERVICE MUSIC)

76 BELL STREET, CHAGRIN FALLS, OH 44022



## Join us for **Easter Sunday** at **Federated Church**

**Sunday, April 9**

10:00 am — Easter Worship

76 Bell Street

Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022



[www.fedchurch.org/easter](http://www.fedchurch.org/easter) | 440.247.6490

### Trinkets N Treasures !

Donations Accepted at the FLC 9A-5P on April 22, 23, 24  
and April 25, 9-Noon  
or arrange pickup: [kathykieta@gmail.com](mailto:kathykieta@gmail.com)

Wednesday, April 26 5:30-8P: Preview Sale (\$10 admission)  
Thursday, April 27 9A-5P: General Admission Sale !  
Friday, April 28, 9A-5P: General Admission Sale !  
Saturday, April 29, 9A-Noon: Half Price Bag Sale !

### Mother's Day Photos Wanted

Please help us celebrate the mothers in our lives  
during our Worship Service on May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Send a favorite image to Marty Culbertson  
Via Email: [Mcubert@fedchurch.org](mailto:Mcubert@fedchurch.org)  
Note "Mom Photo" in the Subject Line  
and please include your mom's Name  
Send no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>





## Invitations



## How do you help to protect and heal God's Creation?

*We are called to be stewards of the Earth.  
God is asking us to care for, protect,  
and heal the earth for all people, animals and plants.*

*We all can do something... share with us a digital image  
of you and your family Caring for God's Creation.*



Recycling



Using Solar Power

Walking or biking to town

Using earth friendly  
cleaning supplies



Bee hives or planting  
pollinator flowers



Planting a tree

Composting

*Please*

send your pictures, with a short explanation of  
what you are doing or the product you are using in the picture,  
to Marty Culbertson at [mculbert@fedchurch.org](mailto:mculbert@fedchurch.org) and  
Dawn Dole at [coopdole@gmail.com](mailto:coopdole@gmail.com).

The picture can be in jpeg or png format.

If you need assistance, let one of us know.

**Please send pictures to us by April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## You're invited to an IFTAR (Evening Meal) Hosted by NORTHERN OHIO INTERCULTURAL ASSOCIATION (NOICA)



Come enjoy a wonderful dinner on **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**, here at Federated Church in Fellowship Hall. We welcome back our friends from the Northern Ohio Intercultural Association, who have generously offered to prepare and serve us an Iftar dinner.

Iftar is a meal that is taken by Muslims at sundown to break the daily fast during Ramadan which is observed worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community.

Federated Church had provided space for NOICA to host this delicious dinner for several years prior to COVID and we are honored to welcome them back. Besides the meal, we will also have an opportunity to learn more about their faith tradition. This is a family event and children are certainly welcome to come and meet some new friends.

Please RSVP by **April 11<sup>th</sup>**: Call the church office: 440.247,6490, or register through Realm.

# Easter Lilies on Sale



This year our Spiritual Formation Commission is **raising funds for the April RePlay for Kids event through the sale of Easter lilies**. As in years past, these holiday flowers will decorate our Chancel during Easter Sunday. The lilies may be purchased in your name, or In Honor Of, or In Memory Of a loved one or friend. The cost is \$16 per plant. A listing of those named will appear in our Easter Sunday bulletin and the May Spire newsletter.

The mission of **RePlay for Kids** is to increase the availability of toys and assistive devices for children with disabilities. The nonprofit pursues this mission by repairing existing devices, adapting mainstream toys, designing new devices, and educating families and clinicians. Come join us (ages 12 & up, minors with parent) for a hands-on service opportunity on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-Noon, in Fellowship Hall to “play” with toys, adapting them for kiddos with disabilities. Please contact Kristin at [klefeber@fedchurch.org](mailto:klefeber@fedchurch.org) for more information about the event.

After the Easter Sunday worship service, **we will donate the lilies to local retirement communities and assisted living facilities**, unless you let us know that you’d like to take the flowers home.

Fill out this form (please print) and mail it to the church to arrive **by Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>**. If you are writing a check, note “Easter Lily” in the memo line. This form is also available at [fedchurch.org/giving](http://fedchurch.org/giving). If you are giving online, you can add your loved one’s name in the memo line.

Paid By: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Pay Online

Dedication Name(s): ☐ In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Wondrous Wednesday

and the Creation Care and Justice group are teaming up to offer you a delicious dinner and movie.

All are welcome to join, bring your friends and family.

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

**Community Dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by the movie and table conversations after the movie.**

Two short movies – part of the *Current Revolution* series hosted by:



*We are called by God to be stewards of the Earth.  
Come learn about some ways to do that.*

*The Transformation Cannot Be Stopped*, tackles the challenge of how the utility, auto, tech, and defense industries can help modernize the aging power grid to make it more secure and responsive to the needs of its users while enhancing environmental performance.

*Workforce Rising*, looks at how the rapid advancement of electric vehicles is disrupting numerous industries and workforces, and the lack of charging infrastructure and grid capacity is lagging behind advances in automotive technology. The already-passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill provides the greatest opportunity to accelerate the transition, as long as the money is spent quickly and wisely.

**Registration requested:** Register through Realm, or calling the church office, or after church on Sundays. We need volunteers to help too – contact: Katie Harbage - [katiesharbage@gmail.com](mailto:katiesharbage@gmail.com)



## Women's Retreat 2023 Was A Meaningful, Snowy Weekend!

*Over the Route 90 and through the woods, to Erie we did go!*

*Our women's retreat turned out to be the beginning of a March blizzard weekend, and yet our accommodations at the Benedictine Sisters of Erie Monastery could not have been warmer or more hospitable!*

The 2023 Women's Dream Retreat was a beautiful gathering of women who sought to explore spiritual growth by exploring how our dreams can make us conscious of the values in which our lives are rooted. As women of faith, our lives are rooted in following the way of Jesus, which deep down motivates our lives and actions.

With the leadership of Janice Bachman, Spiritual Director and Christian Jungian Analyst, we explored the world of our dreams and our spiritual lives as a way to examine our relationship with God and how we respond to God with our lives. Through dream study, group discussion, quiet time, shared meals, worship, singing and prayer, we found a deeper awareness of our closeness to one another and the joy that comes with becoming more fully the persons God created us to be.

The overwhelming response at the close of the retreat was

*"We wish we had more time together!"*

**So, be on the lookout next Fall for news about the Women's Retreat 2024!**

*With Grateful Hearts,*

*Rev. Betsy Wooster and Spiritual Director Mary Senechal,*

*Retreat Coordinators*



## 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/>.



## 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!



**April 2– last names beginning with S or T**  
**April 9– No Fellowship Hour in honor of Easter Sunday**  
**April 16– last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y, or Z**  
**April 23– last names beginning with A or B**  
**April 30– last names beginning with C or D**

# 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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## Confirmation and Senior High Youth News

### Confirmation Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Save the Date!

We look forward to these youth affirming their Baptism and entering into full membership at Federated Church by the solemn rite of Confirmation during the Sunday worship service on April 23<sup>rd</sup>!

### A Re-Cap of this Year's Confirmation Class:

Throughout the year, our Confirmation classes have been designed to support our youth as they have explored the faith of their childhood through the lens of a growing adult. Confirmation Class has been 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.

In each class our teens have experienced the Confirmation journey through:

- Story
- Questions
- Scripture reflections and prayer
- Music
- Service experiences
- Film clips/discussions
- Good humor and more!



The culmination of these experiences are shared on Confirmation Sunday, where our youth are invited to affirm their baptism and confirm their faith in the presence of their church family.

Please join us on this special day!

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## Loaves and Fishes Service Day for High School Youth

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Gary Dole, one of our awesome Confirmation leaders, will be leading a high school youth service trip to St. Paul's Church on Sunday morning, April 30<sup>th</sup>, where the youth will join a team of volunteers to help set up, cook, clean up, and serve a meal to those in this area of our great home city who are in need of a good, solid meal.

If you are interested to learn more details about this trip, email Gary Dole at [gdd.fedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:gdd.fedchurch@gmail.com). Spots are going fast, so be in touch soon if you'd like to go!

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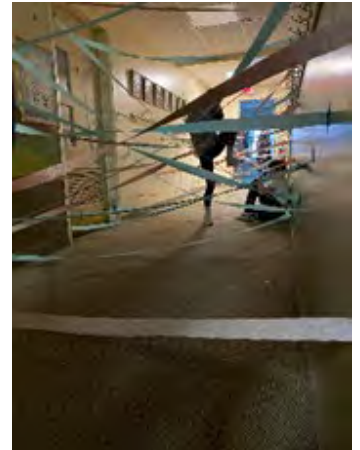
## Middle School Youth Group News!

About thirty 6th – 8th grade kids have come together for the revived middle school youth group! We have had lots of fun getting to know each other with silly games of paper “snowball” fights, crepe paper laser maze, and “sardines” hide and seek in the church. Kids have shared things that bring them joy, and ways they can use their gifts and talents to help others. Last week, participants shared what would be needed to be successful in a mission project and their interest level. Bill and Emily will take their interests and align them to mission projects they can turn into action.

The Middle School Youth Group is taking a spring break for vacations and Easter. We will be together again **4:30-6:00PM, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Church**. We will play some games in Fellowship Hall before heading up to the Youth Room (340) for more focused conversation about the spring mission projects and activities.

Emily Moore and Bill Wright

([emoore@fedchurch.org](mailto:emoore@fedchurch.org), [bwright@fedchurch.org](mailto:bwright@fedchurch.org))



## HANDS-ON SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10 am—12 pm**

**Federated Church Fellowship Hall**

**Ages 12 & Up (minors with parent)**

Come ‘play’ with toys  
and make a difference  
in the lives of kiddos with disabilities!

**RSVP to Kristin: [klefeber@fedchurch.org](mailto:klefeber@fedchurch.org)**

**RePlay *for Kids***  
because **every** child needs to play



The mission of **RePlay for Kids** is to increase the availability of toys and assistive devices for children with disabilities. We repair, adapt and distribute toys and assistive devices free of charge. In so doing, we strive to raise awareness and increase the number and variety of toys and devices available to the children who need them.



# Primetime: All Are Welcome

Thursday, April 13 at Noon: Lunch Out



360 Aurora Commons Circle  
Aurora, Ohio 44202

At Papous Tap & Grille, enjoy a casual retreat surrounded by vintage automotive collectables and historical Cleveland pop culture. Founded in 1988, the family business introduces fresh whole foods to their customers including ribs, pork chops, seafood, pizza, and the only outside rotisserie cooking in Aurora.

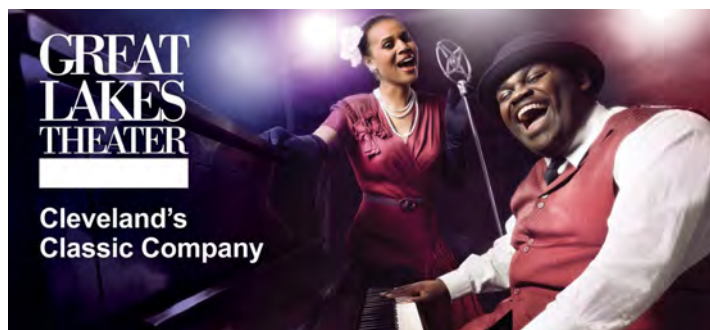
Lunch and transportation on your own; carpooling available, contact Melissa if you need a ride !



Lunch at Glenwillow Grille  
March 16, 2023

No April Forum—We Will Return Soon !

Tuesday May 9th: Lunch + *Ain't Misbehavin'*



Join us for lunch at Noon, then the long awaited Tony-winning musical at 1:30PM, *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Infectious energy and the masterful stylings of legendary jazz musician, Thomas "Fats" Waller. Delight in the heyday of American big band jazz music as the cast celebrates unforgettable hits that include "The Joint is Jumpin'," "Spreadin' Rhythm Around," "Honeysuckle Rose," and more!

RSVP ASAP - this will sell out!

Cost: \$30 (includes transportation; Lunch not included)

Save the Date(s):

- ✓ June 25: George M. Cohen at Maltz
- ✓ July 20: Primetime Picnic
- ✓ August 3: Everly Brothers + Lunch at the Hartville Kitchen



RSVP via REALM or to Melissa: [mowen@fedchurch.org](mailto:mowen@fedchurch.org) or 805.636.4256

## Blessings from Your New Generosity Councilor!

Friends, it's Ken Horner here to tell you how excited I am to be representing the Generosity Commission on Council for the next several years. I join with Adam and Steve, your Moderator and Vice Moderator, in embracing generosity not as a singular act, but as a daily lifestyle throughout the entire year.

Generosity opportunities, like growth opportunities, need to be SOUGHT OUT, not waited for. God loves us too much to leave us the way we are...and challenges us to live an every-day lifestyle of faith, participation, generosity, and growth. We are immensely blessed to have ALL of you as our seeds, water, rich soil, sprouts and thriving inspirations in this garden we call Federated Church! If you have any questions, issues, inspirations, ideas, etc. at any time regarding your Generosity Commission, please reach out to me directly at [kahorner1@yahoo.com](mailto:kahorner1@yahoo.com) or 216.401.0872.

Together we ALL can set a generous example each and every day!

Gratefully, Ken Horner

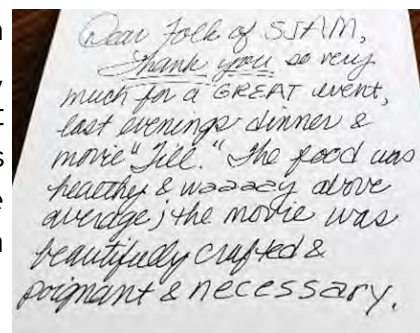
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# Generosity Commission and Legacy Fund Committee

## Generosity and Giving Update

During our Sunday Service Generosity Impact Moments (viewable on the [fedchurch.org/live](https://fedchurch.org/live) GIM playlist) we celebrate the many ministries, committees, and commissions that perform the work of God here at Federated. **Each ministry touches people's lives** - as evidenced by this thank you note received from two participants of an SJAM event. These participants, who are not church members, donated to Federated as a symbol of their gratitude for this community-wide event.

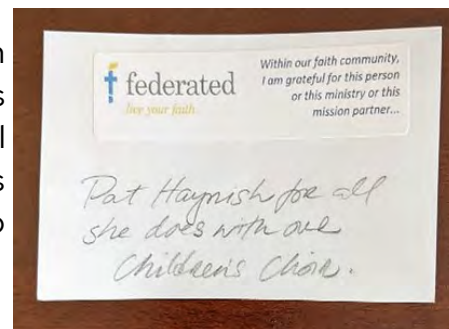
**Thank you for helping us make a difference!**



Beginning in February, we've started to pass generosity baskets during our Sunday worship service. Being able to contribute online is vital, especially with our burgeoning livestream ministry, but it's also nice to see this style of communal giving as we gather once a week. And what a precious sight to behold when Janis and I processed the gifts received from that first Sunday. Seeing this made our day!! **Each penny matters - because it's what you feel as you give gifts to God's work that's important.**



Last November, on Gratitude Sunday, the Generosity Commission encouraged our faith family to express their thankfulness for blessings received during the year. Since that time, we've kept additional Gratitude Cards available in the pew racks and recently someone was moved to leave this note in the Generosity box in the Narthex. We also love hearing the children sing!



Woohoo! Already 39% (\$374,718) of the total Generosity 2023 Intentions (\$953,907) has been received. Feel free to contact our bookkeeper Janis Stefanchik ([business@fedchurch.org](mailto:business@fedchurch.org)) if you have any questions regarding your Generosity 2023 payments or gifts or **if your donations come from TD Ameritrade**. She's here to help give you proper credit.

And a final thanks to you all, who made it such a delight to work at my church since the *Rejoice & Renew capital campaign*. *We've grown together into a core of generosity and, in doing so, made this a stronger faith family.*

In Gratitude,

*Laura*

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



# Mission & Service

## St. Paul's Outreach

Greetings from St. Paul's Outreach! We've had a great start to 2023! We've rearranged some of our spaces to make them more user friendly for our Church and Outreach programs. Our Drop-In Hospitality on Tuesdays and Thursdays is as busy as ever. It must be our great coffee! We continue to offer hygiene items, ID vouchers, t-shirts, underwear and socks. If you would like to make a donation we are low on deodorant, Q-tips, men's boxer briefs and white t-shirts - all sizes. Tim is still running our Clothing Ministry every Tuesday. People appreciate the opportunity to "shop" for something new especially as the seasons change. Our revamped Food Pantry is also a hit with our customers. They appreciate the choices they have as they shop in the pantry. We are rebuilding our supplies and are now offering meat, dairy and produce items. With the cuts in the extra SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) allotment we anticipate an increase of people needing to use the food pantry. Items we could use include peanut butter, jelly or jam, canned fruit, canned chili, and chicken noodle soup.

We hope to start a Garden Club to grow food to supplement the pantry. St. Paul's Patch community garden is across the street from the church and we plan to grow tomatoes, peppers, and lettuces. If you have a green thumb and would like to help out, let me know! We've also started a Cooking Club at St. Paul's Outreach. Control of your food and diet is one of the first losses people who are experiencing homelessness feel. The Cooking Club will plan, prepare, cook and share a meal with our partner churches and community members. Do you have the gift of cooking you would like to share? Let me know and I will give you the details. My email is [paula@stpaulscommunityucc.org](mailto:paula@stpaulscommunityucc.org) if you would like to arrange a drop off of items or have any questions.

We appreciate the sustained support members of Federated Church provide to our Outreach Program at St. Paul's. We hope you will join us as we build our programs that invite people into a transformational relationship with those we are accompanying on their journey.

Paula Miller  
Community Engagement Coordinator

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## Volunteer Opportunity

### Court (ordered) Community Service or CCS

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Court Community Service (CCS), a not-for-profit organization located in downtown Cleveland, is in need of volunteers to assist with interviewing and arranging placements for people performing community service hours ordered by area courts. This is a hands-on volunteer position, working with a diverse population. CCS provides an alternative sentencing option benefiting the participants, hundreds of area charitable organizations, and our community at large.

If you would like more information about volunteering at Court Community Service, contact Rebecca Woehrle at 720.299.2915 and/or Executive Director, Paul Klodor at 216.297.4028. You are welcome to shadow another volunteer.

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## 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



### A Whole Church BOOK JOURNEY!

*Journey with others as we read and explore the book:*



## ***Speak with the Earth and It will Teach You: A Field Guide to the Bible***

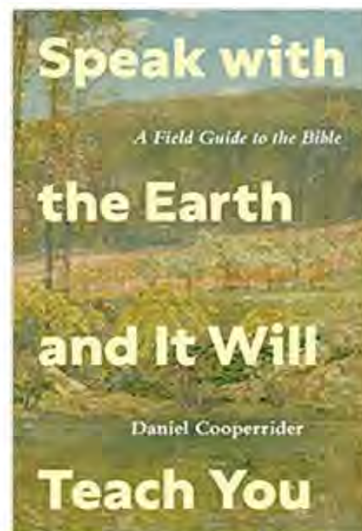
By The Rev. Daniel Cooperrider

Beginning the week of April 30, the journey will go for 4 weeks. Each week the groups will meet at a different park, enjoying the natural world around them: sharing, meditating, reading, short/easy walks and exploring. Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors to this church and community experience. Drop-ins are welcome too!

#### About the book:

"I don't think it is enough appreciated how much an outdoor book the Bible is," wrote Wendell Berry. Author Daniel Cooperrider illustrates his point with beautiful narrative - like a stroll through the woods. *Speak with the Earth* analyzes the Bible's treatment of nature and intersperses this analysis with the author's own reflections on experiences in nature.

This beautiful and insightful book is perfect for every one of every age: the nature lover, the explorer, and the spiritual seeker.



- **Group 1 - Tues. 9:30 - 11:00 am** with Dawn Dole and Diane Tuuri
- **Group 2 - Wed. 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm** with Sandra Myer and Maren Koepf
- **Group 3 - Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm** with Mary Ann Viveros and Dan Kershner
- **Virtual group – day/time to be determined if there is interest.**

Get your book now and enjoy reading it to prepare for our Book Journey. Books will be available to purchase for \$20 in April in Fellowship Hall after worship services. Books are also available at Fireside.

Watch the Book Trailer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VLET7Rrltg>.

**Register** for a book journey group at <https://fedchurch.org/events/>, calling the church office (440-247-6490) or signing up on Sundays after church in Fellowship Hall. You can also email: [coopdole@gmail.com](mailto:coopdole@gmail.com).

**Sign up with your friends and family too.**

#### About the author:

Daniel Cooperrider grew up at Federated Church, did his pastoral supervision under Pastor Hamilton and was ordained at Federated Church in 2011. Daniel is a writer, teacher, and pastor in the United Church of Christ (UCC). He was Pastor of the Weybridge Congregational Church (VT) and has served as Pastoral Resident at the Wellesley Village Church (MA). Daniel writes at the intersections of theology, environmental ethics, poetry, aesthetics, and climate justice. Daniel is the author of *Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You*, and a study on the book of Job. A fly-fisher and forager, he can often be found hiking, canoeing, wading, or otherwise navigating the landscape. Daniel lives on the edge of the driftless region in Madison, WI on ancestral Ho-Chunk land with his spouse, the Rev. Dr. Julia Burke, Senior Pastor of the Orchard Ridge UCC Church, and their young wild one, Reverie Faye. For more information on the author - <https://danielcooperrider.com/>





The Rev. Daniel Cooperrider

April 29 and 30, 2023

### Author Talk and Workshop

#### ***Speak with the Earth and It will Teach You: A Field Guide to the Bible***

**Saturday, April 29, at 3:00—5:00 with**

**Meet and Greet the Author at 5:00**

In Fellowship Hall at Federated Church, 76 Bell Street

Everyone is Invited—bring your friends and family

All are Welcome! Book signing too!

Daniel will share about his books and guide spiritual practice to move us from head to heart, allowing time to reflect together about where and how we attend to the expressions of God in nature. We'll explore the beauty of earth-based spirituality and how it can help us be in connection and conversation with the sacred in all things.

**Register** for this workshop: <https://fedchurch.org/events/>, or calling the church office (440-247-6490), sign up at the church.

### **Speak with the Earth — A Pop-Up “Wild Church” Gathering**

**Sunday, April 30, at 4:00 pm**

Meet at the South Chagrin Reservation, Metroparks, Sulfur Springs Picnic area—A Community Wide Gathering

**All are Welcome!**

We will experience an emergent outdoor church model, called a “Wild Church” gathering, where we join our worship with the wind in the trees, the birdsong, the clouds, and the many other partners in the sacred conversation between Creator and Creation. There will be readings, time to wander and wonder, contemplative openness and conversation with the more-than-human world, sharing, prayers, blessings, and sending forth.

Join us for this outdoor nature worship—Rain or Shine.

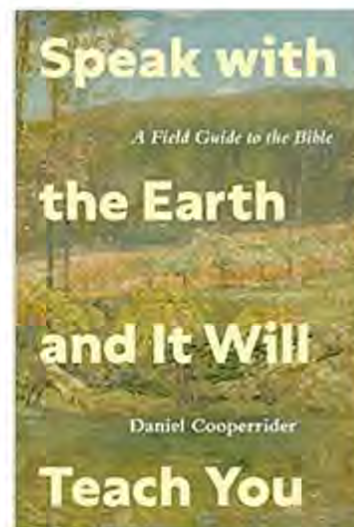
Dress appropriately for the weather.

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. No need to register.



Federated Church and the Living Water Association of NE Ohio, UCC are excited to co-present **Speak with the Earth**, an author talk and interactive workshop with Pastor Daniel Cooperrider. During our time together, we'll explore the beauty of earth-based spirituality and how it can help us be in connection and conversation with the sacred in all things.

- **Where:** Fellowship Hall at Federated Church, 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
- **Everyone is Invited:** Bring your friends and family to attend with you – All are Welcome!



**Please Register** for this workshop at <https://fedchurch.org/events/>, calling the church office (440-247-6490) or signing up on Sundays after church in Fellowship Hall.

You can also email: [coopdole@gmail.com](mailto:coopdole@gmail.com).

# The Community Life Collaborative

## Community Life Collaborative: Our Nature Series

Become a champion for all God's Creation! In April and May the CLC continues to curate community conversations with local partners to bring light to understandings of creation justice and stewardship. The CLC's "Our Nature Series" moves into full swing for spring. Engage in vital community conversations and action at the Family Life Center or in spaces around the broader region. Most events are offered through an online link. See details on our website: [communitylifecollaborative.org/events](https://communitylifecollaborative.org/events).

**April 8- Our Nature: Beginning to End the Climate Crisis--A History of Our Future.** Want to tackle climate change, but no time to become a climate scientist? The CLC will host [Climate Fresk Workshop & Book Signing](#) at the FLC with internationally acclaimed climate change organizers for youth around the world, [Alexander Reppening](#) and [Luisa Newbauer](#). Their book & workshop highlight specific stories of climate activists and community organizers. While on a book tour across the USA, the authors selected the FLC as their midwest site! In a short 3 hours, this collaborative workshop will equip and empower you to be a climate change leader.

Local sponsors make it possible to keep registration to just \$25, geared toward adults and high school & college students eager to make a difference. **Register here.** All attendees will receive a copy of the book, snacks, and any necessary materials. *Admission also includes dinner.*

**12:30-2:30pm** Climate Organizer Training

**2:30-5:30** Climate Fresk Workshop. Click here to learn more about [Climate Fresk](#)

**6:00** Dinner and discussion with author Alexander Reppening

**April 24- Our Nature: Community Conversation: Planting For Resilience.** Engage with 3 local organizations mobilizing action. [Cleveland Tree Coalition](#) is committed to reforesting the "Forest City" of Cleveland. [Foodstrong](#) is aimed to utilize fresh local food as a tool to empower, educate, and cultivate health in communities across our region. [CLELOT](#) builds healthy & resilient Cleveland neighborhoods through vacant land rescue. Hybrid event.

The FLC Garden View Gallery (GVG) continues to engage hearts & conversation through art. **Our Nature: Bees, Bugs, and Pollinators** exhibit will teach of the vital importance of pollinators to all our lives.

Please mark your calendars:  
*CLC Garden Gala* fundraiser: *The Year of the Firefly* June 10  
Games, food, music, and good times together!

The CLC manages operations and covers the costs of the FLC. To schedule church programs at the FLC, please contact CLC Executive Director, Peter Bode at [ed@communitylifecollaborative.org](mailto: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!





# 2022-2023 Performing Arts Series

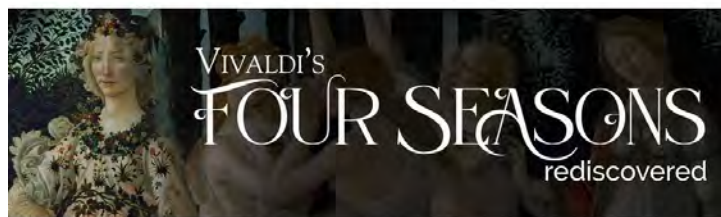
Apollo's Fire: Buy your tickets NOW: [fedchurch.org/PAS](https://fedchurch.org/PAS)

## Vivaldi's Four Seasons rediscovered

**Saturday, April 8th, 7:30 PM**

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

Purchase by April 3rd



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").

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## Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanuela Friscioni, pianists

**Saturday, April 29th, 7 PM**

**Tickets:** Premium: \$45 ; Gold: \$38 ; Blue Level: \$30 ; Student \$10

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.



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*For full details and tickets for upcoming events go to: [fedchurch.org/PAS](https://fedchurch.org/PAS) or contact Joshua Konow; [jkonow@fedchurch.org](mailto:jkonow@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 x120.*

# Generosity Corner

Dear Federated Family,

Thank you for holding me in your thoughts and prayers during the past year, and for yet another beautiful bouquet of flowers. I imagine the gorgeous "Mother Bouquet" gracing the front of the sanctuary, soaking up the sounds, sights, and spirit of our worship service; and then I imagine Peggie Jo and others chatting and laughing together in the Parlor Kitchen, as they create smaller, lovely "child- emissaries" of hope and support to those of us at home. Delight!

My recent bone marrow biopsy results came back showing no evidence of myeloma cells. I've received my flu and covid vaccines and now feel more confident in returning to larger group gatherings. It is time to break stay-at-home habits and get up and out! Although I was able to imagine all of you these past many months- and see many of you on zoom- I look forward to actually seeing and touching my Federated Family in person!

With gratitude and love for each of you and your generous spirits,

L. Fincun

Dear Federated,

Thank you for always being such an important part of my mother's (Florence Olson's) life.


Lynne Olson

Dear Friends,

We are grateful and appreciative of your many expressions of love, concern, and sympathy during Bob's hospital stay and passage into eternal life. It was comforting to know so many cared with calls, cards, hugs, flowers from the alter, and recently, cookies and candy from the Congregational Care Committee.

Thank you all so much.

Phyllis Ference and Family

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RE: Donation

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The Federated Church Women's Group;

On behalf of the Geauga County Department on Aging and the seniors we serve, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your donation of the wonderful handmade cards. We are sending them out to some of our home delivered meal clients with their meals for St Patrick's day and I'm sure they will be so appreciative! This gift supports our efforts in our commitment to Geauga's seniors. Thank you for helping us to help Geauga's seniors.

Sincerely,  
  
Jessica Boalt  
Director, Department on Aging

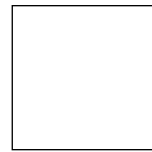
For federal income taxation purposes, this letter acknowledges your contribution. The Geauga County Department on Aging is a government agency. Donors may deduct contributions as provided in IRC 170(c)(1) of the U.S. Tax Code.  
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