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Federated as a valuable Community Resource...

ADDICTION IN OUR COMMUNITY: CREATING A CULTURE OF COMPASSION & ACTION

Many thanks to Beth Rutkowski, Federated's Director of Generosity, and our community partner, Stella Maris, for brilliantly organizing this important community outreach event. Speakers provided a broad perspective and attendees were fully engaged in the panel discussion. Chagrin Falls Police Chief Amber Dacek attended and the event was picked up by Channel 5 News. View the broadcast here: [Raising Awareness in Our Community](#)

How can you help create more events like this one?

Contact Beth! Share your ideas for serving our community. Share your network and connect Beth with valuable partners you know in our community: brutkowski@fedchurch.org

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From the Desk of Rev. Wooster...

Where Are You Planted?

Colossians 2:6-7

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

I grew up planted in a northwestern Pennsylvania college town. It was a wonderful community in which my church centered and grounded my family life. I went off to college when the time came, and after college I moved to Atlanta to work for the Presbyterian Publishing House, John Knox Press. From there I moved to Columbus, Ohio, then to Scottsdale, Arizona, then to Cleveland, then to Boston, and now I am firmly planted in greater Cleveland once again.

My hometown sat in an area of northwestern PA that isn't really the Midwest or the Northeast, after which I moved to the Southeast, the Midwest, the Western desert, a Northeastern coastal city, and then back to the Midwest. I certainly have not "seen it all," but I've seen a lot of the way life is in different parts of the country. I have loved experiencing the differences and gifts of each place, and the common denominator was always church. No matter what the weather, culture, or landscape, church was my home.

What makes a church a home? So many things, of course, and home means different things to different people. But if we think of home as the place that forms us, the place that holds us, the place where we have an innate sense of belonging, then it doesn't matter where it is on the map. It is the place, with Christ at the center, where we find the ground of our being. It is the place where we join others who walk the journey with us, who humbly seek to be Christ in the world for others, a place where there are children to love and nurture and people across the age span who know one another and care for one another and for all whom God has given life.

Whether you have lived in a place for a long time or had a life with many addresses, the words of the letter in Colossians from the New Testament remind us who we are and who we can be. We are all planted in faith at Federated Church, rooted in God together. Praise God! Let us abound in thanksgiving along the journey!

~Betsy



Federated News & Info

Our Worship Themes for July 2023 are the
"Metaphors of God"

July 2nd:

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner preaches

July 9th:

Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches

July 16th: Colorado Day

Marty Culberson preaches

July 23rd:

Rev. Brian Bagley-Bonner preaches

July 30th:

Guest Preacher

Worship Every Sunday 10:00 AM

In-Person at Federated Church

or Online on our YouTube Channel:

TheFederatedChurch

August Spire Deadline

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

Please email your information to communications@fedchurch.org

by **Friday, July 21st.**

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.

Kaaren Gates – June 15, 2023
Anne Masters – June 24, 2023
Paul Evans—June 24, 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

Office Hours: Resumes in the Fall

P: 440.247.6490 x100

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Rev. Betsy Wooster

Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Office Hours: Mondays 1 PM-4 PM

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'Extravagant E-Welcome'

Please like, share, and subscribe to our
Federated social media platforms:



[www.facebook.com/
TheFederatedChurch](http://www.facebook.com/TheFederatedChurch)



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

Membership & Nominating Commission

Upcoming Inquirers Class

Are you a visitor or frequent attendee or know someone who is? We invite you to join the Federated Family! An Inquirers Class will be offered this coming fall and is an opportunity to learn more about Federated, meet others who are also new, and talk about your own faith journey.

The class meets twice and is informal in nature, but it is meaningful for those who are considering making this spiritual decision and commitment.

Contact Brooke to sign up: bstrong@fedchurch.org.



Rally Day !

Save the Date: Sunday September 10, 2023

Food Fun, Fellowship, and FEDERATED!!!!

It's almost that time again! Save the date for our annual Rally Day as we celebrate this ALL-Church, ALL-Ages, ALL-Community, FEDERRIFIC event. Stay tuned for more exiting details to come!

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!

July 2– NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR

July 9– last names beginning with C or D

July 16– last names beginning with E, F, or G

July 23– last names beginning with H, I, J, or K

July 30– last names beginning with L or M



Wear Your Faith

As you **#LiveYourFaith**, you can now **#WearYourFaith**.

Federated merchandise is fun to wear and available!

To view the online store, click [HERE](#).



Performing Arts Series '23-'24 Season

Save the Dates!

We are thrilled to resume the Performing Arts Series this fall!
Full concert details and a season announcement are coming soon,
but In the meantime, save these dates for a exciting season!

Saturday, October 14, 2023, 7pm
Apollo's Fire: "Splendour in London"



Saturday, December 2, 2023, 7pm.
"Celebrating Marcia Snavelly: 30 Years at Federated Church"
with Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra and Federated musicians

Saturday, December 16, 2023, 7pm.
Apollo's Fire: "Wassail! An Irish-Appalachian Christmas"

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 7pm.
Sonya Headlam, soprano
Celebrating Black History Month



Saturday, March 2, 2024, 7 pm.
Cleveland Celtic Ensemble
with a community dinner!



Late April 2024, Day TBD
Apollo's Fire: "Bach's *Easter Oratorio*"

Friday, May 17, 2024, 7pm.
Factory Seconds Brass in Concert

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Generosity Corner

The spirit of Generosity abounds at Federated Church!

Recent Highlights:

- ♥ A trailer full of items for **St. Paul's Thrift Shop** was gathered from generous donors and taken to St. Paul's to provide low-cost items for people who need them.
- ♥ We held an **Electronics Recycling Drive** last month for anyone in the area who had old electronics they wanted to get rid of. We show generosity and care for the earth by helping to keep these items out of landfills.
- ♥ Show your generosity by making a donation to assist our youth with their annual faith journey to the **Colorado Rockies**. You can send a check to the church with "Colorado" in the memo line or give online at <https://fedchurch.org/giving/>.
- ♥ Each week we enjoy snacks during the Fellowship Hour after church thanks to the generosity of our members who bring items to share. Be sure to watch the announcements to see when your turn is coming up!

As of June 15, 57% of 2023 Generosity Intentions have been received. That's \$550,376 out of \$961,727 committed! Non-pledge and special offering gifts are also received each week.

All we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others!

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Colorado Kids need your support!

Please consider a financial donation
to the annual Faith Journey
to the Colorado Rockies

Trip dates are July 6th - 13th

Help transform the lives of our youth with your donations

Recent comment from a former "Colorado Kid"
"One of the best experiences of my life"

From a parent
"This trip saved my son"

"This trip changed the trajectory of our entire family"

Checks can be made out to Federated Church "Colorado"
Or give online at [Fedchurch.org/giving](https://fedchurch.org/giving)

Your contribution will have a life-long impact... Thank you!

FEDERATED IS GOING TO THE GAME!



Join your church family for a night at the ballpark

Saturday, August 12th at 6pm

Lake County Captains Left Field Pavilion

\$25 per person

includes full picnic meal and game ticket

RSVP and payment due by July 25th

Kristin LeFeber, klefeber@fedchurch.org



Primetime Summer Fun!

Primetime Annual Picnic

Thursday, July 20 11:30AM - 2:00PM

West Woods at The Turkey Ridge Shelter
9465 Kinsman Road
Novelty, OH 44072

Lunch Menu will include hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, beans and potato salad!
Bingo after lunch! Everyone wins a prize !

Cost: \$10 (fine to pay at the picnic)

Carpooling available, contact Melissa.



The Everly Brothers Experience

Thursday, June 23, 10:00AM–4PM

Come and enjoy the Everly Brothers Experience featuring The Zmed Brothers with their backing band, The Bird Dogs. Travel by bus to Hartville. Do some shopping, then enjoy Lunch at the Hartville Kitchen followed by a show with the 'Everly Brothers' performance by the Zmed Brothers. Prior to the concert, we will enjoy a delicious meal including a piece of homemade pie!

Transportation provided, meet at the FLC

Cost: \$75 per person (includes transportation, lunch and concert)

RSVP soon –this will sell out! RSVP via Realm or to Melissa



Nautica Cruise

Thursday, August 31, 10:30AM-3:30PM

Board the new Nautica Princess Caroline and cruise around Downtown Cleveland. See the sights and enjoy a delicious buffet lunch. We will also hopefully see the planes practicing for the Air Show!

Transportation provided, meet at the FLC

Board at 11:00AM, Set Sail at Noon!

Cost: \$50

RSVP by August 18 via Realm or to Melissa

Save the Date(s):

- ✓ July 20: Primetime Picnic !
- ✓ August 3: Everly Brothers
+Lunch at the Hartville Kitchen
- ✓ August 31: Nautica Cruise!
- ✓ September 10: RALLY DAY @ Federated !

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RSVP via REALM or to Melissa: mowen@fedchurch.org / 805.636.4256

Mission & Service

St. Paul's Mission

Support our Sister Church

Items can be left in the Church Lobby by the bottom of the stairs

St. Paul's Community Church

Wish List of Items for the Hygiene Program

- White crew or tube socks
- Men's t-shirts - all sizes
- Men's Boxer briefs - all sizes
- Women's underwear - sizes 5-10
- Adult Incontinence Briefs - all sizes
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Back pain relief patches
- Ibuprofen or Tylenol
- Tums

St. Paul's Community Church

Food Pantry Needs (Bring Items to the Church Lobby)

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly or Jam
- Chicken Noodle soup
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chili
- Cereal or instant oatmeal

Christmas in July:

Veterans of the Cross Offering

Sunday, July 23, 2023

The UCC Christmas fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the church for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thanks You" gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. The Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross is managed by the UCC Pension Boards.

They say money doesn't make you happy. But we know that having enough to live is essential. The peace that accompanies these monthly grants cannot be quantified. Literal lives are at the other end of our donations when we contribute to the Christmas Fund. Our offerings are but one way we can express our love for God and the people our ministries serve.

Our Christmas in July offering will be received on July 23 this year. You may contribute via offering envelopes available at the church service, or online at Fedchurch.org/giving.

~Linda Zelazny

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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

Creation Care and Justice Tip of the Month



How to create a Bird-Safe Yard

Create a yard that invites birds and allows you to enjoy them as an important part of God's creation. It takes planning and time, but you'll be rewarded with feathered guests!

To help you get started:

- ❖ Say NO to pesticides.....birds like bugs.
- ❖ Use native plants in your gardens.....they are hardier and more resistant to disease.
- ❖ Keep feeders clean. Remove any moldy damp seeds. Replace hummingbird food frequently & don't use red dye.
- ❖ Consider keeping your feline indoors or in a cat enclosure outside. Cats are a threat to songbirds.

Special Invitation

On Tuesday, July 11th at noon
in Fellowship Hall



Federated member Warren "Skip" Heston, PhD will present a talk on the features associated with the embryology of the development of male and female sexual dimorphism and how that timing differs from brain development and gender identity. He will be discussing the impact of endocrine disrupters on development especially the period immediately following birth. Many of these disrupters are associated with plastics and need public education of their negative potential on fertility and development.

Skip recently stepped down following 10 years of serving as Co-Director Endocrinology and Reproductive Biology and teach a course on the biology of reproductive stem cells of the CCLCM School of Medicine.



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Community Life Collaborative

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. We advocate for responsible stewardship and transformational advocacy for members of our community and the planet we inhabit.

Our Forums connect communities, bring representation, and strengthen conversations.

We build upon mutual respect and justice for all people and our planet. We elevate voices and encourage healthy and productive dialogue.

About Us

We are a non-profit organization engaging communities in social and environmental justice by empowering untapped relationships, collaborations, and understandings across boundaries.

Our Forums



Focused on our relationship with nature and its greater effects on issues of justice, we are expanding this series to have regional impact.



Sharing the stories and needs of the neurodivergent and distinctly abled, this series explores the need for inclusion and acceptance.



Creating awareness and education around the issues and needs facing refugees and their resettlement in our communities.



A series involving dozens of organizations that are working directly with at-risk youth, incarcerated individuals, and those going through re-entry.

**Our space is available to rent
for your next event.**



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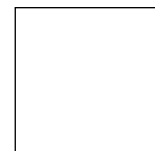
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