

# The Spire

The Federated Church Newsletter

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**Sunday**  
**September 10th**  
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# From the Desk of Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Dear Friends,

How wonderful it is to be back at Federated after my combination sabbatical/vacation time this summer! As I mentioned during worship in my first Sunday back, my sabbatical was just what I needed. It gave me a chance to rest and rejuvenate—to recharge my batteries by stopping and returning to the well-spring of God's restorative energy. My time away was deeply nourishing.

So first I want to thank you, Federated, for your embrace of sabbaticals for your pastors. To have that chance to be restored by time away is an immense gift, and I am extraordinarily grateful.

Next, I want to fill you in a little on some of the highlights of the summer. (Some of this I shared in worship on August 27.) I was thrilled, early in the summer, to attend my 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in Massachusetts. Of my 152 classmates, 23 had died, so I co-led a memorial service for them. I also offered some reflections before the formal dinner we shared on the Friday night of that weekend. In addition, I had abundant opportunity to connect with classmates I had known well and others I had hardly known at all. I could not have been happier that I went to it.

I also officiated at the wedding of my nephew Ellis to his now-spouse Karlee at a magnificent spot on Penobscot Bay in Maine. The day was picture-perfect, and we all took such joy in their sweet and tender union. They are dear to me, and it was a gift to spend extended time with them. In addition, part of the gift of the wedding was that it provided an opportunity for Mary's and my children and grandchildren to join us for the week leading up to it.



In August, we celebrated Mary's birthday with a special trip to New River Gorge, America's newest national park, in West Virginia. I didn't tell her we were leaving until the morning of our departure. Nor did she know that our children and grandchildren would be there until they showed up on our doorstep. Mary was floored, and we all had a marvelous time.



I also had the chance to read both journals and books. Three of the highlights were Jonathan Franzen's sprawling and magnificent novel *Crossroads*, about a minister and his family in the 1970s; Franzen's observations about the church and ministry are astoundingly perceptive, and the story is gripping. I appreciated *Saving God from Religion: A Minister's Search for Faith in a Skeptical Age*, a book of reflections by UCC minister Robin Meyers, a pastor in Oklahoma City; he reframes theology and the church in a marvelous and accessible and earthy way. Finally, I have been enriched by reading Joan Chittister's gem of a book on aging, *The Gift of Years*; it's a book to savor in small installments, and one I think many of you would appreciate.

And now I'm excited to be back among you and look forward to a promising fall together. Rally Day will be a thrilling day of new beginnings, complete with lunch, an ice cream truck, and the superb band A.J. and the Woods. Our church leadership and commissions are planning a nourishing and stimulating program of events. There will be much to enliven us and connect us to the God who is always on our pulse. I look forward to connecting with you and to discerning together the shape of our ministry and mission for this new moment. It's all an enormous privilege. May God fill us with Spirit and lead us in the healing and redemptive way.

Yours in Christ,

*Hamilton*

# Federated News & Info

## Our Worship Themes for September 2023

# God's Inscrutable Good News: Seldom What We Think It Will Be

September 3rd: The Foolishness of the Cross;  
I Corinthians 1:18-24  
Rev. Besty Wooster preaches

September 10th: The Foolishness of the Cross;  
I Corinthians 1:18-24  
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

September 17th: Forgive How Often?;  
Matthew 18:21-35  
Special Youth Led Worship

September 24th:  
What Do You Mean I Don't Earn Grace?;  
Matthew 20:1-16  
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Worship Every Sunday 10:00 AM

## In-Person at Federated Church

or Online on our YouTube Channel:  
TheFederatedChurch

## October 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 Monday, September 18th.

Include **"Spire"** in the subject line.

## In Memoriam

Recognition of those who have passed recently.

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

Jeri Shaffer – August 5, 2023  
Alison Roberts – August 13, 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: Tuesdays 2PM-5PM  
P: 440.247.6490 x100  
E: [hamthrock@fedchurch.org](mailto:hamthrock@fedchurch.org)



Rev. Betsy Wooster  
Pastor of Spiritual Formation  
Office Hours: Mondays 1 PM–4 PM  
P: 440.247.6490 x101  
E: [bwooster@fedchurch.org](mailto:bwooster@fedchurch.org)

## 'Extravagant E-Welcome'

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



# Upcoming Inquirers Class

Are you a visitor or frequent attendee or know someone who is?



Federated Church offers membership through an **Inquirers Class**.

Led by our Pastors, this is an opportunity to learn more about Federated, meet others who are also new, and talk about your own faith journey.

In just two evening sessions, you'll have the chance to explore and chat with others about what membership at Federated might mean for you and your family. Meet and forge lasting friendships as you learn more about our wonderful faith community. Together.

The classes are informal in nature but so meaningful to those considering making this spiritual decision and commitment..

Join us for our **Fall Inquirers Class**:

**7PM Wednesday, October 25th + 7PM Wednesday, November 1st**

We will meet in the Lounge here at Federated Church. Childcare is available.

Those who choose membership will join the church during the 10:00 Worship Service on **Sunday, November 12th** in a warm and welcoming ceremony.

Questions or Sign-Up: Contact Brooke Strong at [bstrong@fedchurch.org](mailto:bstrong@fedchurch.org).



**Thank you, Membership & Nominating Commission!**



## Collection for NEOCH (Collection ends October 31st)

Members of Federated Church have an opportunity to share their bounty and blessings with people who are unhoused through our project with the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH).

We are collecting NEW and GENTLY USED, CLEAN outerwear for people of all ages. Please donate men's, women's, and children's winter coats, winter hats, waterproof gloves, new winter socks, winter boots, and scarves.

- ✓ Place CLEAN items only in the labeled boxes near the Angel Desk October 1 - 31.
- ✓ Please only donate items that you would be proud to give to a friend or relative.
- ✓ No cast-off items, please. CLEAN items, only.

Nothing to donate? Please consider a financial contribution.

Make your check payable to Federated Church  
and write "NEOCH collection" in the memo line.

Questions?

Please text Cathy Watterson at 216.978.1037  
or Patti Lyden at 440.773.0781.



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## 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!

September 3– last names beginning with C or D

September 10– Rally Day

September 17– last names beginning with E, F, or G

September 24– last names beginning with H, I, J, or K



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## 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](#).



Federated Church  
Fellowship Hall  
76 Bell Street

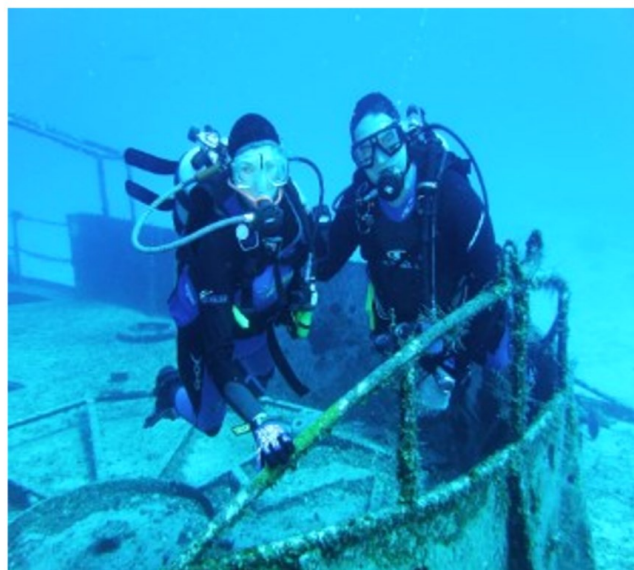
## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 30, 2023

8:00am to 10:00am

Cost: \$10.00

(includes Hot Breakfast)



*Come Hear*

## Georgann & Mike Wachter

### Shipwreck Hunters

Authors of 4 Books on Shipwrecks in the Great Lakes

Researchers

Active in Maritime Archeological Survey Team (MAST)

Members of Lake Erie Wreck Divers Club.

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### ***Topic: Romancing Lake Erie***

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To Attend: Sign up After Church, or email [BarryBBiggin@windstream.net](mailto:BarryBBiggin@windstream.net)

## Helping Hands

This group sews cancer pillows, stuffs and closes them by hand stitching. We also make fidget lap pads for memory care patients. We just donated 32 neck pillows and 25 rectangle pillows to Hospice of Western Reserve. Hospice has just added a facility in Sandusky, so we will be making more pillows if you would like to join us.

We even make cat pillows for Rescue village with our fabric scraps!



We meet the 4th Monday of the month from 1:00-3:00 PM

Contact Lynne Kessel for further details: [lynnekessel@gmail.com](mailto:lynnekessel@gmail.com).

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Thank you,  
Helping Hands!

# 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 an exciting season!



Saturday, October 14, 2023, 8pm  
Apollo's Fire: "Splendour in London"

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



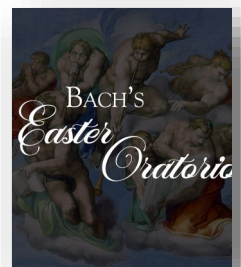
Saturday, December 16, 2023, 8pm.  
Apollo's Fire: "Wassail! An Irish-Appalachian Christmas"

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



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

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 7:30pm  
Apollo's Fire: "Bach's *Easter Oratorio*"



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

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# Wondrous Wednesdays + Gallery Space

## Wondrous Wednesdays are BACK!

Come celebrate "Creativity in Oil and Watercolors!" on Sept. 20th with a yummy home-cooked meal and two fabulous speakers! The dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Grab a mug of coffee/tea and dessert, then settle in for our **speakers**, Margaret S. Heydorn and Steve Koran, at 7:00 pm, local award winning artists. They will discuss Creativity, how they found themselves in the world of art (from business careers), and what they're trying to project in their art work.

Pieces from both artists will be in Fellowship Hall for the dinner, as visual prompts. Questions are welcome!



Margaret S. Heydorn, artist



Steve Koran, artist

## New Featured Artists in the Federated Gallery Space!

Look for new local artists brightening the walls of our Art Gallery Space this Fall! Margaret Heydorn and Steve Koren will share their visions of the world through watercolor and oil paintings, from September through November. They are part of a multiple-award winning group of artists from "S2UDIO", on Bell Street, just one block from the church (if you want to see more of their work!)

You can view their paintings on your way to Fellowship Hall. OR by entering the bottom floor from the back entrance off the parking lot. Their fascinating bios, and price lists for available works can be found in the Gallery Area.

# Youth & Family

Dear Federated Families,

The new program year is upon us, and I am very excited to be back with you and your kiddos! I already have a busy year planned so there should be plenty of ways for your family to get involved at Federated. In addition to the schedule listed below, keep your eyes out for Family Fellowship gatherings, especially over the winter months. If you are interested in hosting a fellowship event or have an idea for one, please let me know!

Grace and Peace,

Ms. Kristin, [klefeber@fedchurch.org](mailto:klefeber@fedchurch.org)



Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

Sunday School returns

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am

Federated Playgroup begins

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

Youth Led Worship Service

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm

Middle School Youth Group returns

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10am

RePlay for Kids Hands on Service Event

Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9am – 3pm

Day Off VBS – “God Has a Spot for You!”

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10am – 1pm

Children’s Choir Christmas Musical and Christmas Festival

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm

Family Christmas Eve Worship Service

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10am

Youth Led Worship Service

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

RePlay for Kids Hands on Service Event

# FEDERATED PLAYGROUP

Starting Sept. 13th  
Wednesday Mornings  
9:30-10:45 am



**Federated Church & Village Nursery School  
welcome you and your little ones to our weekly playgroup!**

**Join us for free play while moms/caregivers  
enjoy socializing with refreshments.**

**All ages are welcome.**



**For more info contact Kristin Lefebber  
703-434-9851 or [klefeber@fedchurch.org](mailto:klefeber@fedchurch.org)**



**Federated Church Fellowship Hall, 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls**



**Federated Church**  
**Middle School Youth Group**

**S.P.I.F.F.Y.**

Service Projects Initiated From Federated Youth

**Sundays**

**4:30 – 6:00**

**Starting  
September 17**

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Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Questions or  
service ideas/requests?

Please contact  
[emoore@fedchurch.org](mailto:emoore@fedchurch.org) or  
[bwright@fedchurch.org](mailto:bwright@fedchurch.org)

# Youth & Family

## Senior High Youth Group News!

### Weekly Senior High Youth Group is Back!

Led by Gary Dole, Paul Cantlay, and Garrett Polcar



Come to Open House for Youth and Parents on September 17<sup>th</sup> to get to know your leaders! Their focus is a mission based youth group with lots of buy-in from the senior high youth to help shape the direction of the group!

**Kickoff Open House Meeting with Youth and Parents:**

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM

Room 340. Lunch Provided

Questions? Email Gary Dole at [gdd.fedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:gdd.fedchurch@gmail.com).

**See You All on September 17<sup>th</sup>!**

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## Youth & Family

# Confirmation Class Update

## Next Class in Fall 2024

After a robust and wonderful Confirmation Class this past year, we are looking forward to our next Confirmation Class in the Fall of 2024 for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade students!

The combination of age groups in last year's class was incentive to combine two grade levels at a time for this class moving forward. Given the combined grade levels, our Confirmation Class *will meet every other year* for all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

We look forward to our next great group of students in 2024!





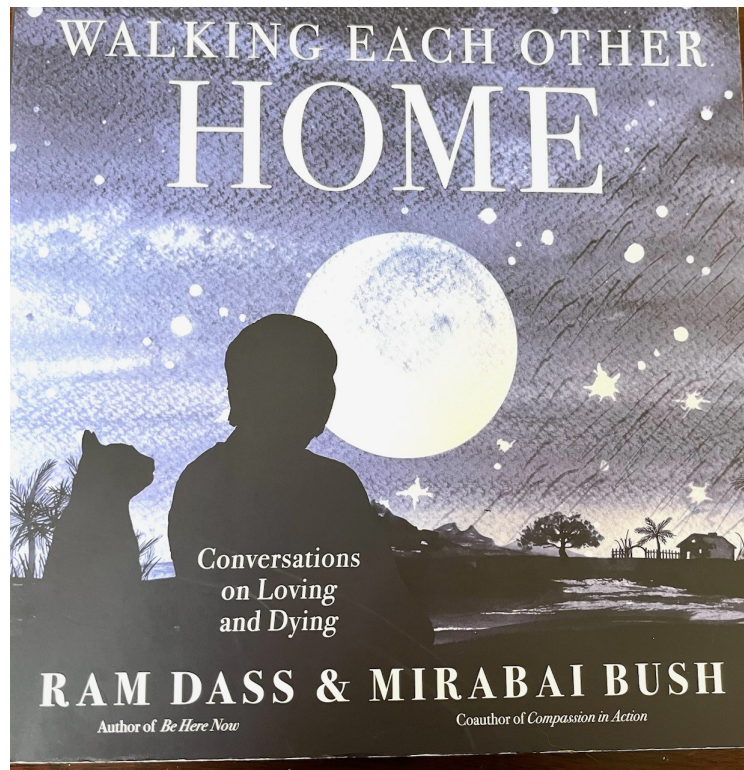
# Adult Spiritual Formation

An October Book and Bible Study led by Rev. Betsy Wooster

"Conversations on Living, Loving, and Dying"

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25

Join us in October to read and discuss the book *Walking Each Other Home*, by Ram Dass and Mirabai Bush.



We will engage in meaningful discussion about the journey and preciousness of life in ways that help us to lessen our fears of dying. Each week we will talk about different chapters in the book along with chosen scriptural texts.

\*If needed, we may extend the study through Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Register and purchase the book after worship on Sundays September 17<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!



# Primetime Fun!

## Primetime Lunch Out: Blazin Bills

FRIDAY, September 22nd at Noon

Join us at Blazin' Bills:

17800 Great Lakes Parkway

Hiram, Ohio 44234

Blazin Bills has won state and national rib burnoffs for delicious ribs and barbecue sauce. Known for their signature babyback ribs with all the fixins'. You will love it here—this is one of our favorites! [RSVP](#).



### ARE YOU FUN?

We are looking for help  
planning trips and events!

Pop by Federated Fellowship  
Hall Monday September 18th  
at 1.30PM and share zaniest  
your ideas for trips with our  
Primetime Board.

### Save the Date(s):

- ✓ September 10: RALLY DAY at Federated !
- ✓ September 22: Lunch Out at Blazin' Bills
- ✓ October/November Leaf Peeping Date TBD

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

# Mission & Service

## Christmas Eve Offering

The Mission and Service Commission is hoping to better involve the entire congregation in the process of choosing a recipient for our Christmas Eve offering.

If you know of a worthy organization that would benefit from our offering, we invite you to add their name to a list that will be at the Mission & Service table after worship on Rally Day, September 10. You may also offer suggestions to any Mission & Service commission member before then.

We want our donations to make a considerable impact on the recipients programming needs. So, we are especially hoping to help organizations that do not have existing large endowments or other large sources of financial support.

The Mission and Service Commission will research these organizations and will then select and invite a spokesperson from some of the suggested organizations to present a short summary of their programs, goals, and needs at a Missions meeting (Date to be announced). The chosen recipient will be announced in the December Spire.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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As a church community rooted in the knowledge that Christ calls us to work for equity and justice for all his children, this offering is a wonderful opportunity to speak with our actions and our gifts. For more than 60 years the tradition of the Christmas Eve Offering at Federated Church has lifted organizations and their programs that work tirelessly to lift up God's children. Join the Mission and Service Commission in the effort to make our world a more just and equitable place for all.

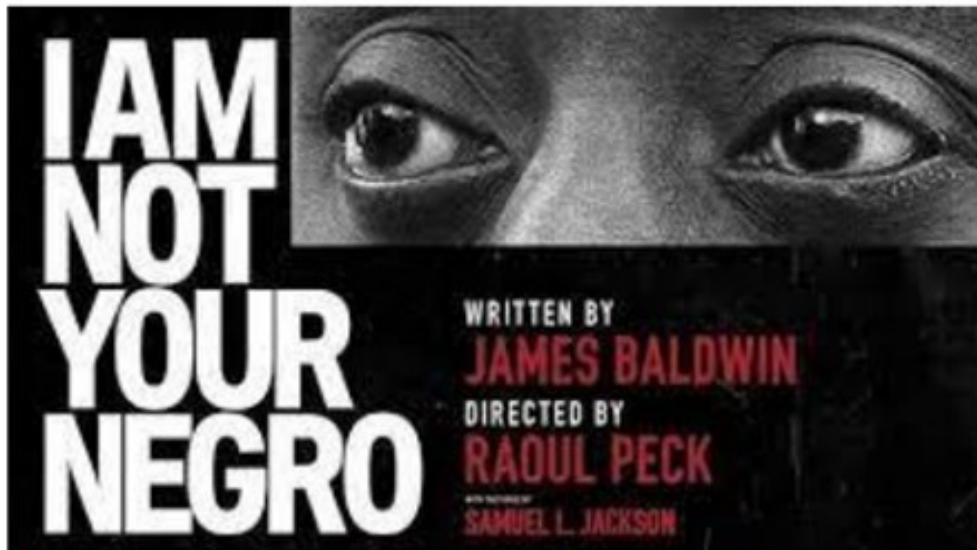


## Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

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

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall  
Federated Church, 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls 44022**

Join us to watch and discuss the movie:



*I Am Not Your Negro* envisions the book James Baldwin never finished, a radical narration about race in America, using the writer's original words, as read by actor Samuel L. Jackson. Alongside a flood of rich archival material, the film draws upon Baldwin's notes on the lives and assassinations of Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King Jr. to explore and bring a fresh and radical perspective to the current racial narrative in America.

Presented by:

Federated Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM) and  
Racial Equity Buddies of Forest Hill Presbyterian Church



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## “Worship with Nature”

Encountering Sacred Ground

An Interfaith Gathering

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023 – begins at 4:30 pm

(Fellowship time following the worship.)

Many people feel closest to God in nature. Do you?

Federated Church is pleased to host this pop-up “Worship with Nature” gathering. When we listen with the earth, it will teach us. Come experiment and play with an emergent outdoor worship model, where we join our hearts and minds with the wind in the trees, the birdsong, the clouds, the river, and the many other partners in the sacred conversation between Creator and Creation.

We will begin in a circle with words of welcome and land acknowledgement, honoring of the sacred space, and readings. We will include time to wander and wonder, experiencing time in contemplative openness and conversation with the more-than-human world. We will return to circle with sharing insights, hopes, prayers, blessings, and sending forth.

“We look at the wind in a tree and we see: this is the rhythm of life on our planet. This is God's wisdom made visible. When we open our eyes to the rush of wind in a tree, we open our eyes to God”



- Join with us at the South Chagrin Reservation, Metropark, Meet at the Sulfur Springs Picnic area at 4:15 pm.
- Everyone is Invited – All are Welcome!
- Join us for this outdoor nature worship – Rain or Shine. Dress appropriately for the weather. Bring a chair/blanket to sit on.
- No need to register. If you have questions please email: [coopdole@gmail.com](mailto:coopdole@gmail.com)



- We will end with fellowship time – Please bring something to contribute to a simple communal meal. Think about nature when you decide what to bring.

Based on the innovative model of the *Wild Church Network* and the *Forest Church* model in England.





# **BEREAVEMENT COMPANIONING**

## **AND GRIEF SUPPORT**

*A person's life is changed forever  
by the death of someone loved*



10 weeks sessions starting September 14th at  
the Federated Church in Chagrin Falls

9:00 am to 11:00 am

no charge

Registration Required to

**440/279-2062 OR**

**TJORDAN@CO.GEAUGA.OH.US**

*THIS GRIEF IS LIKE A ROLLERCOASTER AND I FEEL LIKE THIS GROUP IS OUR  
SEATBELT.*

*QUOTE FROM MOTHER WHO LOST HER SON*

**FACEBOOK: geauga loss grief group**  
**[www.friendsgeaugalossteam.com](http://www.friendsgeaugalossteam.com)**

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**Love Goes Where Loss Lives**





# Community Partners



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**FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT  
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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM | \$30 PER TICKET

Heavy Appetizers  
BYOB  
Raffles

4427 FRANKLIN BLVD, CLEVELAND 44113

To purchase tickets:



Federated Church has transferred the formal responsibility for Cub Pack 150 and Scout Troop 150 to the Lake Erie Council and will no longer act as the official "Charter Organization". Our relationship as a community partner is expected to continue.

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# Community Partners



*Our Mission is to engage communities around social and environmental justice issues by empowering untapped relationships, collaborations, and understandings across boundaries*

## The CLC: Cultivating Connections Around the FLC

Many of our Federated friends are aware of the collaborative programs we host in the Chagrin Valley and across the Cleveland-Akron region. But do you know the various ways we expand community engagement behind the scenes through the process of managing use of the FLC aligned to Federated's mission yet not run by the CLC?

### The impact at the Family Life Center and behind-the-scenes work of the CLC includes...

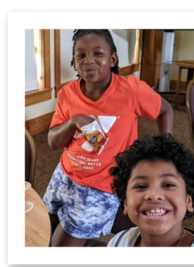
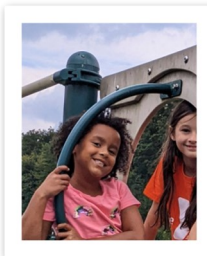
- Hosting the YMCA summer camp for Cleveland kids to be immersed in nature and wide open spaces
- Meals-On-Wheels continuing to offer daily meals and build relationships around the community
- Interfaith Basketball teams playing weekly
- Former Globetrotter, Derek Polk, engaging at-risk kids in weekly basketball groups and team-building
- Changing out lighting to energy-efficient LED and reducing contamination to our landfills
- University Hospitals hosting a 4-day retreat supporting patients with workshops on wellness and healing
- Refreshing and transforming the FLC Youth Room into a *Garden View Gallery* to bring rotating art exhibits that spark conversation & awareness of local social and environmental issues and solutions.
- ...and so much more! Thank you for your support!

### *Join us in the Upcoming CLC Programming:*

**Saturday, Sept 23 Tree of Life Ceremony, hosted by Hand2Hand** 1:00–4:00 at the Family Life Center. The CLC will host a ceremony for families, organized by Hand2Hand and Remember Love Recovery Project. Trees, dedicated to loved ones lost to opioid overdose or gun violence, will be planted by OSU Master Gardeners to serve as a living remembrance. If your family was affected by opioid overdose or gun violence, contact [Hand2hand.inc@gmail.com](mailto:Hand2hand.inc@gmail.com) to have a tree dedicated in their name. Also, in collaboration, the [Remember Love Recovery Project](#) will lead us in making "Recovery Flags" to destigmatize addiction disorder. *Welcome to all as we surround these families in loving kindness.*

**SAVE-the-DATE:** Mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual **Able Acorn** and **Oak-y Dokie 5K** fundraiser and **Leaf Party October 21**. Last year, we celebrated with more than 250 folks, including an Epic Leaf Pile, bounce house, and activity stations! This Capstone Event to our PRISM Series (Oct/Nov) celebrates neurodiversity in a community of support as we explore the needs of inclusion and acceptance.

The [Community Life Collaborative](#) manages all operations and covers repair costs of the FLC for Federated. To schedule church programs at the FLC, please email [ed@communitylifecollaborative.org](mailto:ed@communitylifecollaborative.org) for details. The CLC is a separate 501(c)3 nonprofit partnering with Federated Church to engage transformation through collaboration for a just and sustainable world. To get involved or stay informed, subscribe to CLC email blasts, follow us on social media, or reach out anytime!

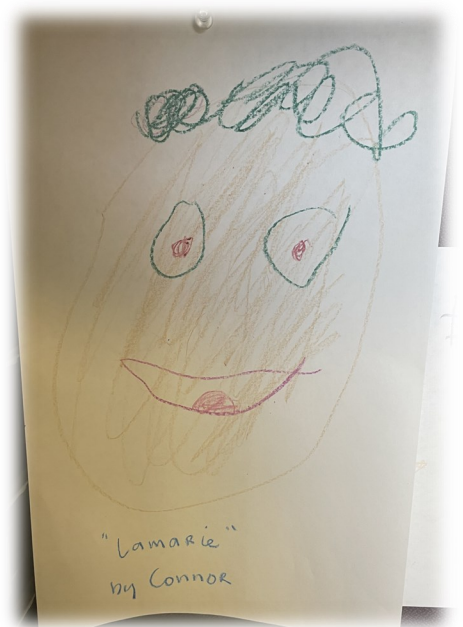




# Fun At Federated



  
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# Thank You Federated!

Dear Marcia, July 23, 2023  
It was true serendipity that I sat next to you last Sunday at the AWS meeting that you and your husband hosted!! I loved hearing about your varied and very successful musical career! And, learning from you that Federated Church had an outstanding musical program, it encouraged me to go there today, July 23rd!  
Not only was the music amazing,  
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pianist and vocalists, but I was treated to a very inspirational sermon about Vincent Van Gogh, his deep spirituality and his life and art. It was tremendously uplifting to me! Just what I've been looking for! I can't wait to go again next week to hear "God as a Gardener."

I also stopped at the Farmers Market - which was a new experience for me! You are a true blessing to my life!  
Fondly,  
Gudy Aungst

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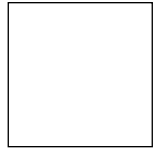
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Our Federated Family,  
Our hearts are filled with gratitude with the blessing of our daughter, McKenna. We are abundantly thankful for the beautiful service, hand stitched blanket, bulletin, card, & flowers! Feeling all the love & Blessed,  
Bryan & Meggi  
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Hope to see you  
this Sunday!

10:00 AM  
In person and Online