


November 2024


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The Spire

The Federated Church Newsletter

United Church of Christ  An Open and Affirming Congregation



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1 Thessalonians 5:18



In the Interim...

*The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.
I will advise you and watch over you. – Psalm 32:8*

Dear New Friends,

I am so excited to begin my time with you during this period of transition! But I am also keenly aware that despite my excitement, some of you enter this period with wariness, sadness or anxiety. You have not experienced a pastoral change for nearly two decades, which means that for many of you, Hamilton is the only pastor you have known at Federated.

Despite the emotions with which you begin this journey, I encourage you to heed the words of the Psalmist. God is with you, watching over you and guiding your path. While Hamilton may have retired, God has not!

Over the coming weeks and months, I look forward to getting to know you and coming to care deeply for you. Together, we will make space to experience the myriad emotions that each of you are feeling, recognizing that these may vary from person to person. What is most critical at this time is your willingness to be vulnerable, to share your thoughts honestly and without judgement of one another.

In the months ahead, we will also reflect on both your history as a congregation and your vision for the future of the church. This dreaming of what lies ahead will likely take some time and prayer to fully comprehend as, after a period of long and vibrant pastoral leadership, you may be committed to the present and unable to hear the leading of the Spirit in new and different ways. Together we will reflect on your congregational strengths and determine how God is calling you to share them with the world.

Over the next months, I'll ask you to reflect on what you love most about Federated and what you would like to see change. We'll talk about how you engage in worship, how your faith is deepened, the ways that you care for one another, and how you impact your community and the world. I encourage you to begin praying about these things, listening to where God may be guiding you forward and then making note your responses.

We are entering a period of sacred transition. For some, this time of change may be frightening, for others stimulating. No matter where you begin your journey, if we are intentional, respectful and committed to trusting God to guide us, we will find our way to identifying the pastoral leader Federated Church seeks for such a time as this.

Thank you for the privilege of inviting me to be your guide on this sacred path.

Blessings,

Vicki



Thank You...

Dear Members and Friends of Federated Church,

How could I possibly thank you enough for the magnificent send-off you have just given me! What a feeling it is to go into retirement with a feeling of such mutual gratitude and joy.

All the official retirement activities have been so full of grace. The concert in my honor on October 12, put on by the music ministry and led by our Director of Music Ministries, Joshua Konow, was a luminous and beautifully performed collection of music that I adore. I was transported by it.

The party this past Saturday evening was so full of love and grace. I so appreciated the chance to see and to say goodbye to so many of you. I so treasured the remarks made by the speakers. And I was immensely grateful for all those who chipped in with set up, food preparation, and clean up.

My final Sunday morning worship service on October 27 was so full of energy and joy and love. It had a radiancy about it that filled me with unimagined blessings.

In addition, I look forward to the gifts that are yet to come: the piece of fabric art that Mary and I will have the chance to commission; the memory book filled with your writing; and the financial gift that will reflect your generosity and care.

I hope you have some idea what you have meant to me over these 20 years. I have been thrilled and filled by your devotion, warmth, and care. I have been privileged to be partners with you in the living of the gospel. And I am grateful beyond words for all that you have done for, and meant to, Mary and me.

May you dwell in peace and be carried by the love and grace of God. I will cherish you always.

Hamilton



From the Desk of Operations...

Look around at what's fresh and new!

Have you checked out:

Room 320 had some water damage repaired and got a fresh coat of paint. It will serve as our Handbells rehearsal room, music storage, and home for other musical instruments!

Thanks to proceeds from our TNT Sale, the old CE Office space has become a new **Youth Room**, complete with bean bags chairs, neon signs, and a game table!

Through a generous donation from one of our long-time members, we have renovated the **Lounge!** The removal of old wallpaper and carpet made way for fresh colors and updated flooring. We use this space for so many things like meetings, bible studies, funeral gatherings, and as a waiting room before concerts. So we are thrilled to be able to put our best "face" forward as we welcome folks in!

We have the privilege of worshipping, learning and growing in a beautiful space! Thanks be to God!



From the Desk of the Moderator...

Dear Church Family,

As we embark on this interim period, we want to reassure you that our church congregation will remain vibrant and well-supported. We are blessed to have an excellent team leading us through this time: Vicki McGaw will serve as our new Interim Senior Pastor, Betsy Wooster will continue to serve as our full-time Associate Pastor, and Judy Bagley-Bonner will provide assistance with pastoral care coverage. Together, they will ensure that our worship services, pastoral care, and church business continue to thrive.

Pastoral Coverage Overview

During this time, each member of our pastoral team will play a vital role in various areas.

Here's how you can connect with them:

- **Worship Services:** Vicki will lead most of our Sunday services, bringing her insightful messages and inspiring liturgy. Betsy will continue to serve as she has, preaching on some Sundays and leading many Spiritual Formation offerings throughout the year.
- **Pastoral Care:** Betsy will take the lead in providing pastoral care and both Vicki and Judy are also available to connect with anyone in need of encouragement or a listening ear. Don't hesitate to reach out to any of them if you're seeking prayer or guidance.
- **Church Business:** Our skilled staff, led by Beth Rutkowski, will oversee administrative matters and other important programming throughout this year of transition. If you have questions about church services or upcoming events, you can reach out to any of them.

Open Communication

We encourage you to reach out to our pastoral team and church staff as needed. In addition, the church council and moderator team are here for consistency and leadership. Your thoughts, questions, and concerns are important to us, and we are here to support you.

The search process for our new permanent Senior Pastor has begun following our approval of the team at the special meeting and you can expect to hear more from that team as their work progresses. Please note, Vicki, Betsy and Judy are neither eligible for, nor interested in, being considered for the Senior Pastor position. They will help by providing guidance throughout the search process.

Thank you for your continued faith and support during this time. Together, let us strengthen our community and uplift one another as we move forward with God's blessings.

Steve Downey

Moderator on behalf of the Federated Church Leadership Team

Women's Ministries

Circle will be meeting on November 18 at 1 o'clock in the lower level room. We will be making toiletry bags for the homeless that are under the bridge. We will also be making some things for St Pauls Christmas sale and be collecting mittens and gloves for the giving tree.

Sit & Stitch continues to meet every Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm in Room 340.

Helping Hands will be meeting on November 25 at 1 o'clock in the lower level meeting room ...last month we made 88 pillows for hospice of the western reserve that was 33 neck pillows and 55 square pillows ...we also turned in four fidget pads ...and took four cat pillows to the rescue village.

Loaves & Fishes will be serving a meal at St Paul's on November 24 if anyone would like to volunteer to bake contact Lynne Kessell.

For more information contact Lynne Kessell,
lynnekessell@gmail.com.



Fellowship Treats

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!

November 3– last names beginning with S or T

November 10– last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y, or Z

November 17– last names beginning with A or B

November 24– last names beginning with C or D



Rev. Betsy's Spiritual Formation Corner

The 2024-25 Confirmation Students and Leaders



Please take a look at these bright, thoughtful, and fun students, along with teachers and a few of our mentors, with whom I have the privilege of ministering in this year's Confirmation class. And yes, I intentionally say that the students are *ministering*, as they are engaging in their faith through the study of worship, the Bible, our church's history and mission, and more. And there is lots yet to come as we walk and learn with them as followers in the way of Jesus.

Students: Grady Arnold, Beckett Buescher, Noah Goodman, Abby Goodman, Morgan Graves, Stella Grunden, Molly Gurd, Logan Grube, Anna Hively, Brooke Lawrence, Zoe LeFeber, Casey McMullen, Will McMullen, Phoebe Mignogna, Cortland Miller, Molly Wheatley, Avery Polack, Lena Wright.

***One of our teachers, Zach LeFeber, was unable to be present for this photo.**

With Peace in Christ our Redeemer,
Rev. Betsy

Advent By Candlelight

All are invited and encouraged to attend the annual "Advent by Candlelight" festivities on Monday, December 2nd. The program will begin at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, and we appreciate everyone bringing a savory or sweet treat to share if you are able. Come and welcome the advent season as we reflect on this year's theme, "Gifts of the Magi", through song, scripture, and shared thoughts by several speakers. Your hosts on the Congregational Care Commission look forward to seeing you on December 2nd!



Wear Your Faith

Looking for something for Christmas for the Federated members in your life? We are offering Federated gear which can be ordered now, in time for holiday giving.

Please note – this is a limited sale that runs from 11/7-11/22. Items will be available for pick up at the church mid December. If you are interested in ordering for out-of-town friends, you can ship directly to them.

[Click Here](#) to see the store. Happy Shopping!



Generosity Commission



Can We Count On You? Are You All In?

Federated Family, are you ALL IN? The Generosity Campaign is well underway. Mailings continue into this week, so you should be receiving your letter and pledge card if you have not already. Pledge cards can be found in the pew racks and the Narthex, as well. You are invited to pledge how ever is most convenient for you. You can pledge online through REALM, by returning your card to the church office or by bringing your pledge card to Generosity Sunday on 11/10. Thank you for your continued support!

Inquirers' Class

Are you a visitor or frequent attendee? We invite you to deepen your connection with the Federated Family by becoming a member. Membership offers leadership opportunities, voting rights, and a chance to commit spiritually to our church and its mission. Inquirer's classes for those interested will be held on Nov. 6 and Nov. 13. If you decided to join, you will be doing so on Sunday, November 17th during worship service. Contact Brooke, bstrong@fedchurch.org to sign up, and watch for more details in the Spire and bulletin.

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You're Invited!

The extended Lutman Family invites you to celebrate the 100th birthday of Byron Lutman, a member of long-standing in the Federated Church, during the Fellowship Hour immediately following the November 17th church service.



Wondrous Wednesday

November's Wondrous Wednesday is all about CREATIVITY!

Karen Johns has created a project for the November 20th event, and we all get to participate! Try it! Art can enrich our lives whether we enter into it at retirement, like she did, or jump into it *today*.

Both Karen Johns and Kristen Walenga will lead us through their artistic processes at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. **But first, Sign up for the yummy dinner at 6 pm [HERE](#) or at fedchurch.org/events.**

Kristen creates fiber art, a very different impressionistic process. Her art is up for display next, and can be seen November through December on the Federated Gallery walls. Enjoy!



Blood Drive

We are so excited to be hosting a blood drive here in Fellowship Hall on 11/26 from Noon-6:00pm. If you are available to give, please sign up [HERE](#) or at the Angel Desk.

If you are interested in volunteering at the drive, please contact Thea Mozingo at tmozingo@fedchurch.org.



Emergency Mission

Hurricane Helene left a path of devastation
From Florida up through Tennessee



CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets


You can help make the road to recovery easier with a CWS Bucket filled with essential home recovery supplies.

Collecting now through November 10th

Let's Fill 100 Buckets!



Buckets will be provided

Use this check list  to make sure you buy only what is needed!

****each Bucket needs to have the same items included****

So, please donate the complete list of supplies! (or note what you are missing)

We must follow the supply list exactly

Our Youth will be assembling These kits and then the kits will Be delivered to CWS.



CLEANUP BUCKET LIST

Hurricanes, floods and other disasters are happening more frequently. When our neighbors around the world experience these unforeseen circumstances, you can make the road to recovery easier with CWS Cleanup Buckets. These buckets are full of essential home recovery supplies that are needed after a disaster strikes.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.)
- One 4-8 oz pump spray air freshener
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels (No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 32-64 oz or two 25 oz bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-34 oz bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-40 oz bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One package of 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45-gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)
- One 6-9 oz bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (Pump spray bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.)

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Please do not enclose cash or checks inside of the kits or the boxes. Please send all monetary donations to: CWS, PO Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515 or pay your shipping online at cwskits.org/shipping.



CWS

VALUE: \$75

PROCESSING FEE: \$3 per bucket

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Mission & Service

We have an opportunity to share from our bounty and blessings with people who are unhoused

**SJAM and the Mission and Service commission will be collecting Outerwear for the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH).
October 6 – November 10**

Collecting NEW and GENTLY USED (CLEANED) outerwear for people of all ages

Needed: men's, women's, and children's waterproof winter coats, winter hats, waterproof gloves, new winter socks, waterproof winter boots, scarves, and fleece jackets.

Boxes for donations will be in Fellowship Hall (Please place items in the boxes as labeled)

Please only donate items that you would be proud to give to a friend or relative. No cast-off items, please.

Financial contributions are also accepted and appreciated

Make your check payable to Federated Church writing

“NEOCH collection“ on the memo line

You may also donate online via the website or through Realm

Please text Cathy Watterson at (216) 978-1037 or

Patti Lyden at (440) 773-0781 **with any questions**

Thank you for your continued Generosity!

Primetime Fun!

Lunch Out at the Welshfield Inn

Thursday, November 14th

Noon - 1:30 PM

Welshfield Inn



Primetime invites you to lunch at the Welshfield Inn for great company and delicious food. Current Primetimers and anyone interested in learning more about the group is welcome to join us. We meet at the Inn at Noon and this is a self drive, self pay event. If you are looking to carpool, let us know and we can see if we can find you a driving buddy. Please sign up on REALM or by contact Thea at tmozingo@fedchurch.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, December 12th

Primetime trip to see Christmas Lights! The committee is working on the details for a fun trip to see Christmas lights together. Save the date and watch church publications and the website for more information. It will be a great time!



Save The Date:

~November 14th: Primetime Lunch Out at Welshfield Inn

~December 2nd Advent By Candlelight

- December 12th: Christmas Lights



RSVP via [REALM](https://realm.fedchurch.org) or to Thea: tmozingo@fedchurch.org / 440.247.6490

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

Envisioning Hope and Peace: Personal, Community and Country

In this time of uncertainty, perhaps you would like to envision hope & ground yourself in peace.

You are invited to join us:

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Between 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

For information and to register: <https://fedchurch.org/events/>

At the Federated Family Life Center

16349 Chillicothe Rd. (Rt. 306)

Chagrin Falls (Bainbridge)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Drop in anytime between 4 pm—8 pm.

Come experience grounding, calming, meditative practices throughout the day as your schedule permits. At various times you can participate in:

Yoga, Guided Meditation, Contemplative Prayer, Reiki and walk the indoor Labyrinth. Please pre-register for a Reiki appointment.

All other sessions are on a drop-in basis.

Presented by [The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Team](#) of the Federated Church in conjunction with the [Community Life Collaborative](#) and the [Heart Center](#).

Questions? Contact sjamfedchurch@gmail.com.

For further information and to register visit:

<https://fedchurch.org/events/> or with QR Code:



Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

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Social and Environmental Justice (SJAM) News

The mission of the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry is to be a voice and witness to God's love for all people and creation and to advocate for justice for those who are marginalized, discriminated against and denied their inherent rights as children of God and citizens of our nation and world.



Next SJAM Meeting: November 17, 2024 at 11:30 at Bell Street in the Lower Level Meeting Room Or join by Zoom using this link:

Meeting Room Or join by Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZONjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVIWdzO9>

Envisioning Hope & Peace:

For Self, Community, & Country

At the Family Life Center

Wed. Nov. 6, 2024 — 4 pm to 8 pm

All are Welcome and it is free to participate.

For information and to register: <https://fedchurch.org/events/>

Doors Open 4:00 pm - 16349 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

Time	Great Room	Classroom	Chapel Room	Garden Room	Hearth Room
4:15 - 5:00 pm	Labyrinth Walk	Reiki Healing (Bring blanket, pillow, eye pillow, etc.)	Readings, Poems, Prayers, Songs	Chair Yoga	Refreshments; Quiet space, letting go
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Labyrinth Walk	Reiki Healing (Bring blanket, pillow, eye pillow, etc.)	Guided Meditation	Yoga (Bring yoga mat, and other props you may want)	Refreshments; Quiet space, letting go
6:15 - 7:00 pm	Labyrinth Walk	Reiki Healing (Bring blanket, pillow, eye pillow, etc.)	Contemplative prayer	Laughter Yoga & Yoga (Bring yoga mat, and other props you may want)	Refreshments; Quiet space, letting go
7:15 - 8:00 pm	Labyrinth Walk	Reiki Healing (Bring blanket, pillow, eye pillow, etc.)	Readings, Poems, Prayers, Songs	Yoga Nidra (Bring yoga mat, blanket, pillow and other props)	Refreshments; Quiet space, letting go

If you wish to **volunteer** to lead/facilitate a session, bring refreshments, or welcome/host, please go to this link to let us know: <https://forms.gle/C5QDmBLjgjp9gHAT8>

For the Reiki Healing sessions, you need to **pre-register** for a time. Please go to this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AB28A46-51927526-reiki>

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SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY (SJAM)
In Collaboration with
The Community Life Collaborative presents:

“FROM STORIES TO SUPPORT: A JOURNEY OF SHARED COMPASSION”

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

at **The Family Life Center**, 16349 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls 44023

Connect with Immigrant Journeys

Experience firsthand accounts that illuminate the courage, resilience, and hope of immigrants as they navigate life's challenges—bringing to light their struggles and their triumphs.

**Together, we can foster understanding, compassion,
and support for those who
enrich our lives and communities.**

Local advocates share actionable ways to support immigrants.

Questions? email: sjamfedchurch@gmail.com



SPIFFY News



Upcoming SPIFFY Events

- Sunday, November 3, 11:30 - 1:00**
Inventory collection for Hurricane Buckets
- Sunday, November 10, 11:30-1:00**
Finish Hurricane Relief Buckets
- Sunday, November 17, 4:30-6:00**
Prep for December 8th Bake Sale
- Sunday, November 24, 11:30-1:00**
Ingathering, Sort donations.
- Sunday December 1 - No SPIFFY meeting**
Enjoy Thanksgiving and time with family
- Sunday, December 8 - 10:00- 2:00**
Bake Sale(10-11:30), Toy Shopping (12-2)



Have an idea for a service projects? SPIFFY can help!
Reach out to emoore@fedchurch.org or bwright@fedchurch.org

Youth & Family

Ms. Kristin's

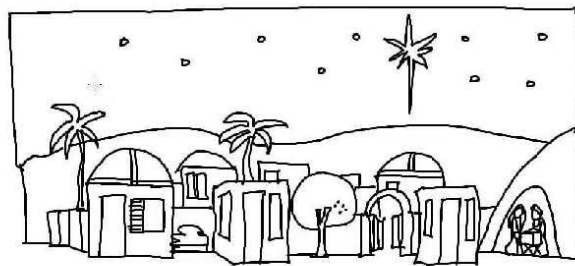


Birth - 8th grade



Thanksgiving is coming!

And while this poor holiday often gets overshadowed by preparations for Christmas, it is still an important time to practice gratitude. Gratitude to God is our focus in Sunday School this month. We will work to create a Thanksgiving tree on our bulletin board in the brown staircase - check it out!



Christmas is coming too!

Don't miss our Children's Choir Christmas Musical and Bethlehem Market on Sunday, December 15th during and after worship.

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PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

'24-'25 Season



Saturday, September 14, 2024, 7 PM, FREE

Brian Wilson Plays Beethoven and Chopin

Brian Wilson, pianist and technician



Saturday, October 12, 2024, 7 PM, FREE

**In Tribute to Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton:
The Arts and Faith**

*Featuring the Federated Choir, chamber orchestra,
Federated musicians, and special guests!*



Sunday, December 22, 2024, 4 PM

**The King's Brass:
Christmas Celebration**

Tickets: \$30-\$50. Student tickets: \$10



Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 7 PM

**Voices from the Other Side:
evocative chamber works for cello octet with soprano**
*CD Release concert in collaboration with the Cleveland
Cello Society and composer Margi Griebing-Haigh*
Tickets: \$25-\$45. Student tickets: \$10



Saturday, April 12, 2025, 7:30 PM

**Baldwin Wallace Men's Chorus and
University School Glee Club: "Music Within"**

Tickets: \$20-\$40. Student tickets: \$10



Saturday, May 17, 2025, 6 PM
Family Life Center

Sammy Deleon y su Orquesta
(Latin Jazz with a Latin-inspired dinner!)

Tickets: \$20. Kids 12 and under: \$5

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Tickets can be found at fedchurch.org/pas
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2024 JustHope Update

2024 has been another challenging year for JustHope and our partners in Nicaragua. Here's a brief update on our current situation.

Microcredit Program: The women who had outstanding loans continue to repay those loans and those funds are then recirculated as new loans.

University Scholarship Program: We celebrate five graduates this year, all first in their families to earn a degree, while six more students are still being supported.

Cultural Center: Though the center is closed due to legal obstacles of working with non-Nicaraguan nonprofits, Abimael has established a small Music School in León.

Model Farm: The Nicaraguan government is confiscating land owned by foreign organizations and citizens all over Nicaragua. We're in the process of donating our land to the women's microcredit group to foster creative use that benefits the community. We hope to have an update on these efforts soon!

Backpack Program: Thanks to amazing efforts from the Messiah Community Church, we provided backpacks for 50 children this year, a significant reduction from previous years.

Stitching Hope: Even though they no longer have a building/workshop, a small group of women continue their work with their characteristic "stubborn hope" and unwavering determination, creating beautiful items and fostering hope in their community.

Health Clinic: The clinic is still operating, and we celebrate that JustHope's partners from the Federated Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio have funded a restart of JustHope's medication support program.

Pottery Sales: We continue to work with our potters in San Juan de Oriente to bring their pottery to Tulsa and market it for them. Julio is supporting them to establish a few small sales opportunities in Leon.

Partner Trips: A small group was able to visit Chacraseca in January 2024. We are hoping to take another small group in January of 2025. Let us know if you are interested.

Ex-Staff Updates: Despite the challenges, our operations continue under the radar, thanks to your unwavering support. Elba and Julio receive small gifts to cover living expenses, as we are now forbidden by the government to provide them with a typical salary. Our other staff have yet to find new jobs.

"Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out." - Vaclav Havel This endeavor may not turn out like we would wish, but we continue to know in our deepest hearts that, for now, it definitely makes sense!

If you are interested in additional details, please plan to attend a brief meeting after the morning worship service on November 17.

Community Partners



What's Happening at the Family Life Center (FLC)?



Saturday, November 16, 9-Noon at the FLC. Community Life Collaborative hosts the 3rd Annual **5k All-Terrain Run and Able Acorn All-Abilities Walk**. Lace up your running/walking shoes! Celebrate inclusion and accessibility with the Community Life Collaborative & Peace Racing. Chip-timed race. Access to nature is essential, especially to those with neurodivergence as they are more likely to face physical and social barriers. Proceeds from the event will further CLC collaborations with local organizations as a welcoming gathering space to engage and connect people of all abilities with each other and with nature. For teams, go to info@communitylifecollaborative.org for a coupon code that teammates may use to register). For details, [click here](#).



Wednesday November 6, 4:00-8:00 In this anxious time, drop by at the FLC for a day of calming. **"Envisioning Hope & Peace: Personal, Community, Country"** is offered to the community in collaboration with SJAM (Federated's Social Justice Advocacy Ministries). Local practitioners facilitate meditative practices for yoga, reiki, walking a labyrinth and more. (See Flyer in Spire)



Monday, November 18, 7-8:30pm at the FLC **"From Stories to Support: A Journey of Shared Compassion"** Experience firsthand accounts that illuminate the courage, resilience, and hope of immigrants as they navigate the journey to the USA. Hear from local support networks to find out how we all can foster understanding, compassion, safety and welcome.

What else is going on?

- Weekly soccer & basketball groups
- UH Health & Wellness Celebration of Life
- Cleveland [Center for Community Solutions](#)
- Children's Guild Fundraiser
- Bengali Cultural Society Durga Puja
- Members of the CLC Board continue to work with reps from Federated Church to frame a mutually beneficial relationship and outline terms for a new Management Agreement.
- Grab a partner & hop 'til you drop every month for First Saturday Swing Dances with a live swing band!

Allen Garland,
Facilities Manager



Welcome **Allen Garland** as the new CLC Facilities Manager. Allen now oversees the property of the FLC and manages all user contracts. Stop by the FLC and say "Hi" to the newest member of our CLC Team.

The CLC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit collaborating with Federated Church to foster community collaborations for a just and sustainable world. We are proud to be strategic partners with the Federated Church to advance community engagement. To get involved or engage in initiatives, subscribe to CLC email blasts, follow us on social media, or reach out anytime! 440-708-1961.

Community Partners

IN COLLABORATION WITH PEACE RACING

Saturday November 16th | 9:00 am

Oak-y Dokie 5k & Able Acorn Walk



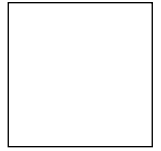
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Joshua Konow, *Director of Music Ministries*
* **Marcia Snavely**, *Organist*
* **Pat Haynish**, *Director of Children's Choir*

Children's Ministries Staff

* **Kristin LeFeber**, *Director of Children's Faith Formation*
* **Alex Bell, Lianna Davis** *Childcare*
* **Shawn Bottcher, Emma Bottcher, Sarabeth Rutkowski**
Sunday School Teachers




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Hope to see you
this Sunday!

10:00 AM
In person and Online