

## ***Renewing the Earth!***

## ***Rejoicing in the Resurrection!***

*As spring awakens the earth, we celebrate the resurrection of Christ—God’s promise of renewal for all creation. Just as Jesus brings new life, we are called to care for and restore the world around us. This Easter season, let us rejoice in the beauty of creation and our role as stewards of God’s earth.*



*"For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed... that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God."*

# In the Interim...

*"Collective effervescence" describes the feeling of unity and intense emotion that arises when people come together in a shared experience, such as a ritual or ceremony, reinforcing social bonds and group solidarity. – Concept developed by 20<sup>th</sup> century sociologist, Émile Durkheim*

Dear Friends,

Throughout this Lenten season, we have been listening more closely for God in our worship services, embracing considerable time for prayer. Some have participated in a compelling study of *The Last Week*, a book by progressive theologians Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan that challenges many of our traditional ideas about the death of Jesus.

Soon we will enter Holy Week, the time when we gather to remember the last days of Jesus' life. Many people choose to skip over our worship service on Maundy Thursday. Coming to church on a weeknight isn't part of their practice. Other commitments may interfere. We all know the story, so there is no real need to attend.

And yet, when we skip from the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the resurrection joy of Easter, we miss participating in the story that is at the center of our faith. We miss the collective effervescence of which French sociologist Emile Durkheim speaks, the intense emotion and sense of unity that arises when we gather in our faith community to participate in the ritual of recalling the last supper.

It is easy to rush through Holy Week and arrive on Easter morning to celebrate resurrection joy. But that moment will be so much richer, so much more meaningful if we gather along the way to recall all of the events of the week we call holy.

Maundy Thursday recalls so much about Jesus' life and ministry: his deep commitment to serving others, his love of gathering with friends around the table, his willingness to challenge the oppression and dominance of those in power and to instead lift up the alternative message of God's realm.

As we recall the events of Jesus' last days, we will gather to embody and celebrate the things that Jesus valued and taught. We'll gather at the table and in worship. We will spend some special time in prayer. And we will be filled with collective effervescence that will bond us closer as a community. I pray that you will make time to be a part of these important times of recollection and commitment. I promise that if you do, your resurrection joy will be so much deeper, so much more meaningful.

See you in church during our holiest of weeks!

Shalom,

*Vicki*



# Holy Week Services

As we seek to immerse ourselves more fully into Holy Week, we will try out new aspects to familiar services and add in some new ways to experience the depth of the story that is at the center of our faith.

## April 17: Maundy Thursday

Just as Jesus did when he gathered for supper with his disciples, we will begin our evening at **6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall** sharing food and wisdom learned as we have listened more closely for God in this season.

As our Lenten journey draws to a close, we will focus this night on Jesus' dark journey in his final days. After our meal together, we will move to the sanctuary to appreciate pre-service music from 7:30 – 8. Worship begins at 8 pm as six dramatists share their powerful stories that offer different perspectives on the events that led to the crucifixion of Jesus. Don't miss this powerful recitation of the Passion story.

**For those worshipping online:** please gather your communion elements. Please consider turning down your lights as the service progresses to experience the full impact of the worship experience.

## April 19: Holy Saturday

On this holiest of days, when the disciples knew that Jesus had been killed, but had not yet experienced the joy of resurrection, you are invited to spend some time at our eight-hour Prayer Vigil in quiet meditation reflecting on Jesus' life and death. Take time in the chapel to consider the powerful events of Holy Week and how they shape your faith and life, or reflect on compelling artwork using visio divina as you follow the prayer stations throughout the building. **The prayer vigil will take place from 9 am – 5 pm. Please consider taking 30 minutes of your day to spend at this powerful vigil. Your Easter experience will be far richer for having made the commitment. Sign up [here](#) or in Fellowship Hall on Sunday.**

## April 20: Easter Sunday

Our Lenten journey concludes with overflowing joy as we celebrate the message of the resurrection with pageantry and rousing music! Recalling Jesus' question of Mary in the tomb, we will consider who – or what – we are looking forward to on Easter morning? In what ways will we continue to look for Jesus in the world?

## Holy Week Help Needed

To enrich the worship experience for all participants will require a number of volunteers in a variety of capacities. Please sign up [here](#) to help in a variety of ways. We are seeking people to be readers, dramatists, table hosts, food preparers, food servers, pray-ers, and more. Check out the list and volunteer your time and talents as you are able. Your participation is greatly appreciated!



# Join us for Easter Sunday at Federated Church

**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**10:00 am -Easter Worship**

**76 Bell Street**

**Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022**

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

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## Easter Lillies on Sale



Grace our Sanctuary Chancel on Easter morning with beautiful Easter Lilies. Purchase a plant in honor of/in memory of a loved one or friend. The lilies are \$16/plant. All proceeds will support Federated Youth Missions. Fill out a form at [fedchurch.org/giving](http://fedchurch.org/giving) and pay online. Or fill out this form (please print) and mail it to the church to arrive **by Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>**. If writing a check, note "Easter Lily" in the memo line. Thank you!

After the Easter Sunday worship service, you may take a lily if you purchased one. All others will be donated to local retirement communities and assisted living facilities.

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

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

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

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## Women's Ministries

**Circle** will be meeting **Monday, April 21st at 1:00 PM** in the Lower Level Meeting Room as we assemble toiletry bags for Phil Fogerty's outreach program. Phil will be sharing where these bags go and how much they are appreciated! For 30 years, we have collected toiletries to support those in need—now you can learn more about the impact of this mission. **We welcome all church members to attend and invite you to donate items such as shampoo, soap, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, and lip balm. A donation box is available behind the Angel Desk.**

**Sit & Stitch** continues to meet every Thursday at 10 o'clock in room 340... we welcome any knitters or crocheters to help us make some prayer shawls or prayer squares. We have plenty of yarn and knitting needles. We can even help you learn how to knit!

**Helping Hands** will be meeting on **Monday, April 28th at 1 PM** in the lower level meeting room. We continue to make and stuff cancer pillows for Western Reserve Hospice... we'd love to have you join us. We enjoy fellowship while stuffing, pinning and sewing the pillows.

**Loaves & Fishes** will be taking a meal down to St Paul's on Sunday, April 27. If you would like to donate any cookies or treats for him to take down to add to the meal please let me know.

If you would like to join any of these activities, all are welcome... just drop in! For more information contact Lynne Kessell, [lynnekessell@gmail.com](mailto:lynnekessell@gmail.com).



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## 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!

**April 6– last names beginning with H, I, J, and K**

**April 13– last names beginning with L and M**

**April 20– last names beginning with N, O, P, Q, and R**

**April 27– last names beginning with S and T**





## Silent Saturday – World Labyrinth Day

Praying through Labyrinth and Centering Prayer

Do you seek the still, quiet voice of God? Come explore the indwelling presence of God within each of us and our intimate relationship with that presence on:

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**  
**9:30 am – 1:30 pm**  
**Federated Church**  
**76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls**

An experienced practitioner will present a method of Christian meditation – **Centering Prayer**. We will experience two periods of this 20 minute silent practice.

This is being held in conjunction with **World Labyrinth Day**, and a certified labyrinth facilitator will share information about labyrinth as a spiritual tool.

Morning program will end with lunch at noon. Then join us for labyrinth walking at 1 pm in honor of World Labyrinth Day's invitation to "Walk as One at One." We will travel to the Family Life Center Outdoor Labyrinth (16349 Chillicothe Rd. Bainbridge) weather permitting, or walk a labyrinth at 76 Bell Street.

Light refreshments will be served for breakfast and lunch. Freewill offering to cover food costs. Come for both sessions, or just morning, or just labyrinth walking.

Presented by Federated Church in conjunction with Contemplative Outreach of Northeast Ohio ([Coneo.org](http://Coneo.org)).

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

If you have questions, or have trouble registering, email [reverendsusi@gmail.com](mailto:reverendsusi@gmail.com).





## Upcycle 101

4/27 immediately following  
worship in fellowship hall

We will continue to keep the Lenten theme of creation care as a spiritual practice going at our first Upcycle 101 event. We invite you to come and learn how to repurpose or repair clothing and misc. items.

Do you have a special talent for upcycling? Feel free to bring something you have made to this event too! Share your talent or learn a new skill. Loving the planet one repurposed item at a time.

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# Lenten Challenge: Recommit 40 Days to Creation Care as a Spiritual Practice

## What does Creation Care have to do with Lent?

We are in the middle of the 40 days of Lent, a time of deep reflection and of shifting from living on autopilot to practicing mindfulness in ways that deepen our connection to God.

**Committing to creation care can be a form of spiritual practice.** Does your faith journey include thinking about leaving a healthy and safe world for future generations? What we do now, affects the future of the planet.



This year, Easter falls close to Earth Day, an international day to recommit to care for the earth. Dedicating these 40 days to actively stewarding the fragility of nature will restore an intentional commitment to future generations, to endangered species, and to our call to ensure the health and unity of the planet and all living beings. **What might you do during the 40 days of lent to begin or enhance your spiritual practices to move us towards "right relationship" with the Earth and All God's people and creatures?**

## Members are already naming their commitments

"Leaves" on the *Creation Care Commitment Tree* in the front foyer show that couples, individuals, and families mindfully commit the 40 days of Lent to:

- *Start composting food scraps*
- *Buy only what I need*
- *Repurpose glass and cardboard containers to give them another life*
- *Remember to bring reusable bags for groceries*
- *Swear off plastic*
- *Reuse recyclable things*
- *Write to congress for environmental protections*

## Share It Forward!

Prayerfully reflect on your current habits and practices and consider ways to change, add or interrupt routines that may be harmful to God's creation. *What habits, practices and ways of living can we begin or expand that will help the earth thrive?* THEN share what YOU are committing to, your challenges, and your solutions. Encourage at least one other member to adopt a new practice and to be your support buddy.



Throughout Lent, come to the **Creation Care Commitment Tree** in the lower lobby. Each member, family, or group is invited to add a leaf. Take a paper "leaf", write your name or the name of your group/family on one side, and describe one or more habits or practices that you will commit to for the 40 days on the other side. As we add the "leaves" to the tree, we are naming the specific commitments we are making to support and care for God's Creation. **Who will you invite to participate?** Let's fill the tree with a collective spiritual recommitment & practice in our faith journey!

[Click this link](#) to explore many ideas for what new habits and/or practices you will adopt during Lent as a spiritual stretch.



# GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION SESSIONS DURING LENT

We all deserve to be heard. At the same time, we all need to practice listening.



This Lent, our theme is LISTEN and as a part of this focus our hope is to provide some time and space to practice our skills.

Group spiritual direction is a safe, affirming, confidential space to both listen and be heard as you explore your relationship with yourself and your understanding of the divine.

Join Kristin LeFeber, Seminary student in Spiritual Direction, for one of three group spiritual direction sessions at Federated. During each of these sessions she will model deep listening and evocative questioning and encourage you to do the same.



Space is limited to seven per session. If you are interested in attending one, please let Kristin know as soon as possible by emailing her at [klefeber@fedchurch.org](mailto:klefeber@fedchurch.org)

Group Spiritual Direction Sessions at Federated:

Wednesday, April 2nd from 7:00 - 9:00pm

Monday, April 7th from 10:00 - 12:00pm

## Wanted

### *Mother's Day Photos*

**Send in a photo of the mothers in your life for a Celebration Video on May 11th**

Send via **Email ONLY**  
To: [Pics@fedchurch.org](mailto:Pics@fedchurch.org)

Include your name and the names of the moms you are celebrating

**No Later Than 5/6/25**



*Shirley Culbertson*

## Wondrous Wednesday

### Wondrous Wednesday presents: "Composting!"

On April 23rd, Thea Mozingo and Gay Quintin are bringing a special guest, "Cindy", to teach us about composting! Cindy helps us clean out Fed's refrigerators.

Learn what are the "good" foods to leave for her, and the compostable foods that you should take home after Fed. Programs. Also learn how YOU can compost at home for your garden, or have Rust Belt Riders pick it up and make it into rich soil.

**The dinner**, features Bill Lentz's yummy pasta and meatballs, **starts at 6 PM** in Fellowship Hall. We also serve a vegan gluten free pasta dish. Salads are welcome! Fun Easter themed deserts! **Cindy starts the program at 7PM.**

\*\*\*\*Sign up on [REALM](#), or on the list at the Angel Desk.

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## Meet Our New Gallery Artist: Joy Wyatt

**Joy Wyatt is our new artist for April and May in our Gallery Space.** You thought her main gift to the church was singing in the choir. Now discover another talent of hers- painting with acrylics. Her paintings are based on photos taken from her travels, which focus on wildlife, and the beauty and majesty of Nature. Joy is donating any sales from the exhibit to Federated church, for SJAM Environmental Justice programming. She is gifting us in two different ways by doing this. Thank you, Joy!



## Membership & Nominating New Member Partners

Are you already a member of our church? We need your help! Become a New Member Partner and extend a warm welcome to someone in the next class joining the church. As a New Member Partner, you will be paired with a new member or family to welcome them to the church community. If you're interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Dawn Herdman at [dtrmherd@gmail.com](mailto:dtrmherd@gmail.com). Your involvement will make a meaningful difference in the lives of new members as they join our church family.

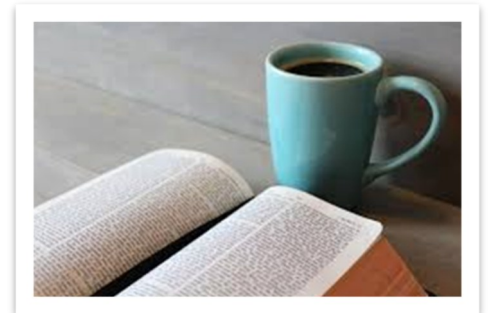
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### Women's Friday Morning Bible Study

Are you interested in the Bible? Would you like to find out what it might say about:

- today's troubles and/or stress?
- giving you courage for the road ahead?
- providing comfort for your loss or grief?
- examples of personal strength?
- love and forgiveness?



On Friday mornings, from 10-11:30am, a group of women gather in the Lounge to discuss these issues and more. We are self-led and choose books, videos and the lectionary to further our understanding of what the Bible can teach us. We share from our backgrounds knowing we're in a safe, non-critical and non-judgmental environment. We're curious. We want to explore and try to understand what meaning the Bible can bring to our lives in today's world. Please join us for a cup of coffee, conversation and study. Friends are waiting for you!

## Generosity Corner

During our last Generosity Commission meeting, one of our newest member, Judy Riemenschneider, said she thinks that there is so much good going on here at Federated and she was concerned that people didn't know about it. We thought she made a great point and she was immediately recruited to be the first person interviewed for our new Generosity Corner. We asked her to tell us a little about her time here at Federated and how she loves to share her talents with others. Here's what she said!

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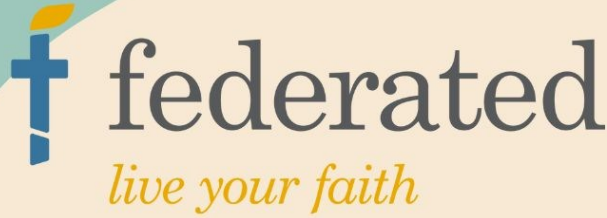
| *Spotlight* |

## JUDY RIEMENSCHNEIDER



We joined the church in the 80's when we moved here. We attended church regularly, sitting with the Peters and the Hobbs. We attended and supported the church financially but we were not involved. Then my husband passed away suddenly 11 years ago and the church people surrounded me with love. I was invited to join Circle and to come to Coffee Hour. Little by little, I became more involved – Circle, Wondrous Wednesday and the Congregational Care Commission, where I made several new friends. I enjoy all of the projects that Circle does – making Easter baskets, toiletry bags for St. Paul's, baking for Loaves & Fishes once a month and helping with Trinkets & Treasures. All these programs, sharing my talents, I realized they all needed funds to be successful. The worship service, the music, became so important to me I realized I wanted to put a plan in my budget to support the programs I so enjoy. I feel the worship and music have brought me closer to God. My talents and giving have helped me live the way Jesus taught me.

**Thank you Judy for all you do!**



## Federated's Legacy Committee invites you to **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

This program is for those interested in learning key points regarding estate planning and preparing for the later stages of life.

Whether you are helping your aging family members navigate this stage of life, care and costs or seeking information for yourself, this program provides important information.

Please Join Us  
Wednesday MAY 7TH  
Complimentary Light Supper 5:30- 6:00 PM  
PROGRAM & Speakers 6:00PM – 7:00PM  
Panel Q/A After  
Please RSVP on REALM by 4/30

### Presenters:

**Meg Pauken-Attorney, Pauken Legal Services LLC**

Experienced in Estate Planning, Trusts, Wills, Special Needs Planning, Elder Law, Medicaid, Asset Protection, Guardianship, Probate

**Jo Perko BSN, RN, Case Manager Care Coordinator, Anna Maria of Aurora**

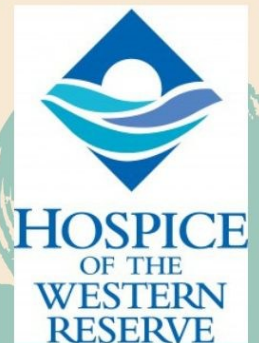
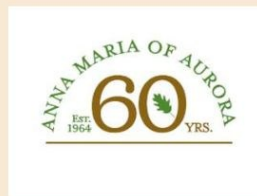
40 years' experience in post-acute care as a Nurse and Case manager, levels of care and senior living options

**Lynn Hermensky, Provider Relations Manager, Hospice of the Western Reserve**

30 years experience in Home Healthcare, Assisted Living, Palliative Care and End of Life Hospice Care



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# TRINKETS N' TREASURES

Drop Offs are Fridays in April at the FLC from 9:00am - 1:00pm

Pick ups will be 5/3 - all items must be on the first floor. Contact Kathy Kieta to schedule at 440-543-8499 or [kathykieta@gmail.com](mailto:kathykieta@gmail.com).

Watch for sign up boards for volunteer opportunities .

First Opportunity to Buy (\$10 admission for this time only) Wednesday, May 7th 5:30-8:00pm

Thursday/Friday, May 8th & 9th 9:00-5:00

Saturday, May 10th (Bag Day/Half Price) 9:00-Noon



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# FEDERATED CHURCH PRIMETIME NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming Events

June 11th - Guardians Game 1:10pm - There is a limit of 33 tickets! We will meet at the Family Life Center at 11:00am to board the bus and travel downtown for a game against the Cincinnati Reds. Ticket cost is \$35 per person and we will be in section 138. The bus is covered by the church so save your dollars for a hot dog and a coke!

July 10th Picnic at Frohring 11:30-2:00pm and there will be BINGO!

August - Trip to the Akron Zoo-TBD

September 11th - Rooftop Restaurant near Pinecrest - 11:00am (self-drive). We will create an event in REALM so we have a count for the reservation.

October 9th - Middlefield Trip Mary Yoder's, Cheese Factory, Middlefield - Hartville Hardware Store if it is open? TBD

November 13th - Program and Lunch Here at the Church/Cleveland Memories 13th - Noon-2:00pm

December 11th - Lunch at the Cabin in Aurora (self drive/self pay)

January 8th - Pizza and Games here in Fellowship Hall - Noon-2:00pm

Next planning meeting is 4/21 at 3:00pm here in Fellowship Hall and all are welcome.

Please sign up for these events on REALM or by contacting Thea at [tmozingo@fedchurch.org](mailto:tmozingo@fedchurch.org)

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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

## 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: April 13, 2025 at 11:30 at Bell Street in the Lower Level Meeting Room Or join by Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVIWdz09>**



## RECLAIMING THE LEGACY, STRATEGIES & ACTIONS OF MLK

### A COMMUNITY FORUM

APRIL 5, 10 AM - 1 PM

NORTH CHURCH, 4515 SUPERIOR AVE., CLEVELAND

A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED FROM 10-10:30AM AS PART OF THE PROGRAM

**\*RSVP BY REPLYING TO: DARNICHOLS10@GMAIL.COM**

THIS WILL BE A POWERFUL COMMUNITY GATHERING

HONORING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

THROUGH MUSIC, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES LIVE GOSPEL MUSIC, A PANEL ON DR. KING'S UNFINISHED WORK, INTERACTIVE BREAKOUT SESSIONS, AND A CLOSING DRUM CIRCLE TO INSPIRE COLLECTIVE ACTION.

**THESE TIMES DEMAND WE STRATEGIZE, ORGANIZE & ACT!**



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## Creation Care Tip of the Month for APRIL

*One simple step toward living more sustainably is to adopt a few easy DIY recipes for products you use regularly. Whether for home & garden or health & beauty, finding homemade alternatives for products you would otherwise purchase is worthwhile. It helps reduce single use plastics, minimizes environmental and animal harm, and sometimes even costs less. Here are a few examples that are on this writer's go-to list.*

### All-purpose cleaner:

4 cups water (use distilled water if solution will be stored)  
1 cup vodka (inexpensive grocery store kind in a recyclable glass bottle is good)  
1+ generous tsp. mild liquid castile soap (such as Dr. Bronner's) or clear dye free dish liquid  
Essential oil for fragrance, as desired (10-20 drops or so; citrus oil such as lemon, orange or grapefruit are uplifting while cleaning!)  
Mix well in pitcher and pour into clean repurposed spray bottles for general cleaning, or mix in a bucket and use to clean floors (okay for hardwood floors too.)

### Air Freshener:

1/2 cup distilled water  
1/8 cup vodka (inexpensive grocery store kind in a recyclable glass bottle is good)  
1 drop natural dish liquid (to emulsify)  
Essential oil for fragrance, as desired (6-10 drops or so; clove oil is excellent for this purpose)  
Mix well and pour into small, clean, repurposed spray bottle. Great for bathrooms and cat litter areas.

### Natural Deodorant:

2 tablespoons baking soda  
2 tablespoons arrowroot powder (more for thicker product)  
3 tablespoons slightly warmed coconut oil (more for creamier product) Note: use refined oil unless you like the coconut scent of unrefined oil  
Essential oil as desired (20 drops or so; lavender oil is particularly nice)  
Combine dry ingredients thoroughly, then mix in both oils and blend until smooth and creamy. Store in small glass jars with lids. Use fingertips to apply thin layer to clean underarms.

### Insecticidal soap (2% solution:)

2 cups filtered or distilled water  
1 to 1.5 tsp. mild, unscented liquid castile soap or natural dish liquid  
Mix well and pour into clean repurposed spray bottle. Shake well before using. Apply to plants twice a week to control harmful insects such as aphids, covering all areas including tops and bottoms of leaves, stems, and soil. Use late morning or early evening to avoid times of high pollinator activity, avoiding flowers; wet soap mixture kills insects including pollinators.

### Rodent Deterrent Spray:

1 cup water  
1/4 cup rubbing alcohol  
1/2 tsp. clear, natural dish liquid  
20 drops each of cinnamon and peppermint oil  
Mix well and pour into clean repurposed spray bottle. Spray in cracks and crevices where mice may try to enter home or garage. (May also work to deter ants from kitchen countertops.)

*Search for more online and find what works for you; every little bit of positive action adds up!*  
Or, Contact Cheryl Johnson [cherjohnson99@yahoo.com](mailto:cherjohnson99@yahoo.com) (Member of Federated's Creation Care Team).

# Youth & Family

Ms. Kristin's



Birth - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

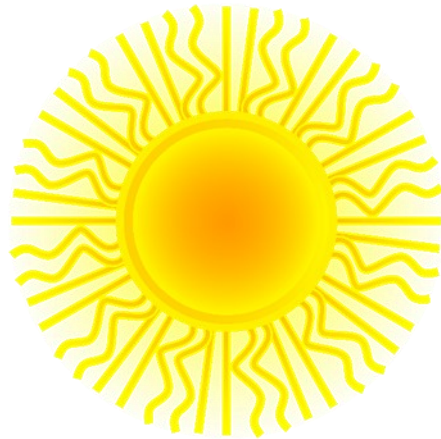
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## SUMMER'S COMING!

During the summer there will be combined Sunday School (K - 8) on the second Sunday of the month only

(June 8, July 13 and August 10)

Childcare (Birth - K) will be available every week per usual



And, don't forget: VBS is BACK!

June 23 - 27 @ the FLC

QUESTIONS: email MS. KRISTIN, [klefeber@fedchurch.org](mailto:klefeber@fedchurch.org)



## SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNION CLASS

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Federated Church

Kiddos in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above who have not yet taken communion class are invited, with their parents, to join Pastor Vicki and Ms. Kristin to learn about the meaning and importance of this holy sacrament. The evening will include hands-on instruction, scripture scavenger hunts and an intimate communion service in the chapel. New communicants will be recognized at the Youth Worship Service on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.



# VBS IS BACK!

**June 23 – 27, 2025**

**9:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Family Life Center**

**Ages: 3 – entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Questions: [klefeber@fedchurch.org](mailto:klefeber@fedchurch.org)**

# Youth & Family

## GROUP Serves Brunch at St. Paul's Community Church

On February 28, GROUP went to St. Paul's Community Church to cook up some chili and cornbread through the Loaves and Fishes Program. Fourteen kids strong, we cooked, mixed coleslaw and got everything set up for the noon meal. We fed about 85 residents from the neighborhood. A special thanks to Jenica for volunteering to drive some of the kids!



## GROUP Heads to Whirlyball!

On February 9, GROUP headed out to Whirlyball for some fun together-time! A special thanks to Lauren Miller for volunteering to drive some of the kids. As a reward, she got to play two games and tore up the court with her speed and agility. Everyone had a great time!



# Youth & Family



## SPIFFY and GROUP Serve Up a Square Pancake Breakfast!

On March 2, SPIFFY and GROUP worked together to serve a pancake breakfast after the 10:00 service. We made square pan-cakes and cooked up some sausage links to go with them. Cantaloupe and a scrumptious berry syrup made by our own Emily Moore and chocolate chips served as toppings along with REAL maple syrup! It was a huge collaborative effort with all proceeds to benefit the youth programs at Federated. Thanks to this generous congregation as we were able to raise over \$1000! A special thanks to Pastor Vicki for the awesome idea and for the confirmation class teachers for allowing those kids the time to help out!





## After Palm Sunday Worship:

Move through the days  
of Holy Week  
and create a storybook  
using your palms to  
create pictures to  
represent Jesus' last  
days on Earth.



When: Sunday, April 13th @ 11am

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: Fellowship Hour with a light lunch

Who: Kiddos of all Ages

Why: Because Holy Week is important



# Environmental & Creation Care and Justice



**RE-FUSE, RE-USE, RE-CYCLE, RE-SOURCE, RE-COVER, RE-PAIR, RE-GIFT**

## Household Recycling

*When you take your recycling in or have it picked up **do not include plastic bags.***

*Be sure that all items for recycling are loose. Check online for details.*

- **Cans** - Empty, rinse, remove lids – include only food and beverage cans and foil trays.
- **Glass** - Empty, rinse, remove lids– include only food and beverage bottles or jars.
- **Plastic** - Empty, rinse, replace cap – include only household bottles, jugs, jars that have a neck which is narrower than the body of the item.
- **Paper** - Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office and computer paper, junk mail, telephone books, hard (cover removed) or soft cover books, envelopes, (hard, windowed), flattened cardboard packing boxes and lightweight cardboard boxes, rolls, tubes, cores, shredded paper—must be bagged.
  - **NO** gift-wrapping paper, paper towels, napkins, tissue paper
  - **NO** milk cartons, juice boxes, takeout food containers, oily pizza boxes, or packing material

**WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**

**\*\*Plastic Bags – Do not put plastic bags into your trash/waste. You can bring your plastic bags (along with other similar plastic) for recycling to the bins at Giant Eagle, Heinen’s, Walmart, Target, Drug Mart\*\***

## Home Composting

For information on composting and pick up locations see: [www.rustbeltriders.com](http://www.rustbeltriders.com)

Visit these websites often. All these sites are quite informative and easy to navigate.

**Cuyahoga County** - [cuyahogarecycles.org](http://cuyahogarecycles.org)

**Geauga County** - [geaugacountyrecycles.org](http://geaugacountyrecycles.org)

**Portage County** - [portagerecycles.com](http://portagerecycles.com)

**Summit County** - [summitreworks.com](http://summitreworks.com)

*Check for new information on recycling: Things in the recycling world are changing all the time. Contact your waste pick-up company for the latest information. Some of these places now take Styrofoam so check them out.*

## Electronic Recycling

**Electronics do not go into the trash or landfills.**

Please take your electronics to other places for recycling.

Options: Best Buy, Staples, your County Waste Dept, Office Depot, Goodwill, Libraries.

## Recycling Books

**Adult and Children's Books** - Local libraries have book sales. Some are seasonal and some are available all the time. Check your local library for policies.

**Children's books** - **Kids Book Bank**, [kidsbookbank.org](http://kidsbookbank.org) - There are drop off places in Chagrin Falls, Solon, Orange, and Hudson. Check the website for further information.

## **You can recycle the following items at Federated Church:**

### At Bell Street

- **St. Paul's Thrift Store** – Bring your reusables to the collection on the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**. You can also contact Marty Culbertson [mculbert@fedchurch.org](mailto:mculbert@fedchurch.org) to schedule a drop off time. Watch Federated communications for what is accepted for donation.
- **Computer ink cartridges** - Box located behind the Angel Desk
- **Eyeglasses** - Box located behind the Angel Desk
- **Pop can tabs** – Box located behind the Angel Desk

### At the Family Life Center

**Paper and cardboard recycling (in the paper bins in parking lot)**

Include only:

- Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Office and Computer Paper, Junk mail, Telephone Books, Hard (cover removed) or Soft cover books, envelopes, (hard, windowed)
- **Flattened** cardboard packing boxes and lightweight cardboard boxes, rolls, tubes, cores. Shredded paper—must be bagged in paper bags, not plastic.
- No STYROFOAM – look online for places that will take your Styrofoam.
- *NO milk cartons, juice boxes, takeout food containers, oily pizza boxes, packing materials and NO gift-wrapping paper, paper towels, napkins, tissue paper.*







FEDERATED CHURCH PERFORMING ARTS SERIES PRESENTS...

# BALDWIN WALLACE MEN'S CHORUS AND UNIVERSITY SCHOOL GLEE CLUB

## *"Music Within"*

*Saturday, April 12th | 7:30 PM*

*Tickets: \$20-\$40; Student Tickets: \$10*

*"Music Within" explores the connections we have to music in our lives. The concert will feature music by Sibelius, Arneson, Esmail, McCartney, and many more. Director Devon Steve, a former Cleveland Boy Choir member, returns to Federated Church for this uplifting program!*



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# Federated Church

# 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](https://fedchurch.org/pas)  
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# Community Partners



## At the Intersection of



### The CLC's mission advances Environmental Justice. You ask, "What is Environmental Justice?"

The driving principle of *Environmental Justice* asserts that *everyone* has the right to the same protections and benefits of a healthy & safe environment, regardless of their background. "Environmental Justice" is where stewarding the environment intersects with protecting human health and safety. It's known that marginalized populations disproportionately bear the burden of environmental hazards.

So we can stand beside communities bearing these burdens by...

- Acknowledging & addressing ongoing disparities faced by historically under resourced communities
- Inviting representative voices to decision-making processes related to environmental issues, so all concerns and dreams are heard
- Advocating access to clean water, air, and healthy food for all people

Inviting shared solutions, we consider ways to work together for shared solutions to heal our land, water, relationships, and ourselves.

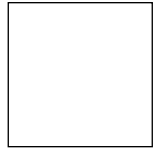
Here are some ways you can engage in environmental justice, too:

**Nature Includes YOU: Photo Exhibit** This traveling photo exhibition & program series explores the rich relationships that people of color have with nature in Northeast Ohio, past and present. Nature is all around us: in our communities, gardens, parks, and yards. It nourishes and teaches us throughout our lives. This is a project of **Cuyahoga Valley National Park** in collaboration with [Museum of Creative Human Art](#) (MOCHA) and [Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park](#). A total of 15 organizations contributed images of people from diverse Northeast Ohio communities. The show highlights the work of more than 20 photographers. The exhibit will be at our **Family Life Center from March 29 through May 25**. [Learn more details here](#).

### Sprout & Share: Expert Michele Colopy presents "Green Cities: Streamlining Native Flower Planting & Modernizing Local Laws"

**6:00-8:00 Thurs. April 15 @ the FLC.** Come cross-pollinate ideas with thought partners in the movement to protect habitats with native planting. [Details here](#).

**Save the Date for the 4th Annual CLC Garden Gala: Cultivating a Better Tomorrow June 14, 2025.** Early Bird discounts and details available by [clicking here](#).



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\* **Marcia Snavelly**, *Organist*  
\* **Pat Haynish**, *Director of Children's Choir*

### Children's Ministries Staff

\* **Kristin LeFeber**, *Director of Children's Faith Formation*

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Hope to see you  
this Sunday!

10:00 AM  
In person and Online