



## SUMMER at the FED



<b>SJAM Book Study</b> 	<b>Habitat Playhouse Build</b> 	<b>Primetime Annual Picnic</b> 
<b>Primetime Goes to the Guardians Game</b> 	<b>Men's Ministries Cook-Out</b> 	<b>Primetime Lady Caroline Trip</b> 
<b>Worship &amp; Family Picnic at the FLC</b> 	<b>Captain's Baseball Game</b> 	<b>Vacation Bible School</b> 
<b>Rally Day September 10th</b> 	<b>"28 Days" Women's Event</b> 	<b>Lorax Family Read-Along</b> 

**THANKS FOR A  
WONDERFUL SUMMER!**

# In the Interim...

*"Change is good . . . you go first!"*

Dear Friends,

I just love the line noted above that so perfectly describes how many people react to change: with suspicion and trepidation . . . but with good reason. Our brains crave homeostasis that helps us thrive and protects us from danger. But if we look closer at what God set in motion, we find that change is actually the most constant part of life. Jesus advocated for changes that would keep us moving closer to the kingdom of God.

This month we begin a new worship series that will enable us to harken back to the days when a tub of Play-Doh could spark our imaginations and made all things feel possible! As we age, somehow the Play-Doh of our lives gets cracked and dry and less malleable. We become suspicious of change as we start to believe that "the way things are" is the safest choice. But often when "what is" starts to crumble, we realize that change is necessary to help us find renewed purpose throughout life.

Over four weeks beginning August 10, as we prepare for the arrival in over the several months of a new pastor and a director of youth and family ministries, we will examine our need for change, recognizing that we were made for this, even when it means that our lives may be turned inside out. Even though these new arrivals will bring new energy and usher in an exciting new time in the life of Federated, there are probably some people who are a bit anxious of what lies ahead.

Knowing that everything changes, this series will help us find ways to be encouraged when the inevitable happens. Join us as together, we challenge ourselves to be reshaped by God's transformative Spirit each week including:

- **August 10: "We Were Made for This"** – Jeremiah 18:1-6 uses the metaphor of God as a potter who fashioned us from clay, a malleable substance that can be reshaped again and again. When life requires change of us, let us embrace our ability to roll with it, for we were made for this!
- **August 17: "Inside Out"** – Mark 1:1-15 recalls the baptism of Jesus and reminds us that, as followers of Jesus, are changed constantly "from the inside out." Transformation does not start with the action of change itself, but a willingness within our own spirits to "lean into" the life path that is calling to us.
- **August 24: "Everything Changes"** – In John 12:20-26, Jesus asks us to let go of life as it is in order to create and multiply the love that is eternal. What feels like the chaos of change is the breaking-open of possibility and the sprouting of new life.
- **August 31: "Be En-Couraged"** – In the story of Peter walking on water in Matthew 14:22-31, Jesus shows us that it takes courage to break out of the narrow paths on which we may find ourselves. Like Peter, we have to take those first uncertain steps into the unknown, trusting in Jesus to offer support if we start to sink or lose our way.

I look forward to the ways that, together, the Spirit may reshape us for the exciting times that lie ahead!

Shalom,

*Vicki*



## From the Desk of Operations...

It's been a busy summer around 76 Bell Street! Along with the ongoing maintenance, we've taken the time to work on some exciting projects and have several more in the works.

Here's a brief summary:

- Cleaned out both kitchens removing duplicates and things no longer used. Huge thanks to Leah Hassett, Kathy Kieta, and Peggie Jo Shinagawa for their help!! Look for refurbishments to come!
- Painted and repurposed Room 330 as a Meditation and Healing Room. Along with the labyrinth in that room, we will be adding space for the contemplative prayer groups, Reiki, massage, pastoral counseling and spiritual direction sessions.
- Cleaned out and reorganized the cabinets and shelves in our main copier room. Look for updates and refurbishing to the office area to come!
- Created a new donation closet in the lobby by the Sanctuary stairs. Donations to MedWish and St. Paul's and other food pantries can be placed in the closet instead of the hallway.

Still to come this summer:

- Replace lighting in Fellowship Hall with brighter, more energy-efficient lighting.
- Parking lot crack filling for preventative maintenance.
- Deep cleaning of Sanctuary and Narthex carpet.

We have so much to be grateful for! Our loving care of this place shows our care for each other and our community.

Bless you and see you at church!



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## Search Committee Progress Report

The Search Committees for both the Senior Pastor and Director of Youth & Family Ministries continue to make steady progress in reviewing potential candidates and conducting interviews. Filling these important leadership roles takes thoughtful care and discernment to ensure the best fit for Federated's future.

We look forward to sharing further updates with you in the weeks ahead and appreciate your continued prayers and support throughout this process.

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# August 10th Worship & All Church Picnic

**Sunday, August 10 | Family Life Center**

Mark your calendars for one of the most joyful traditions of our summer—the All-Church Picnic! We'll gather at the Family Life Center for a special Sunday worship service, which will include a **Back-to-Backpack Blessing** for students as they prepare for the upcoming school year. During the service, children in grades K–5 will be invited to join **Second Sunday Summer Sunday School** for a time of fun and learning.

After worship, stick around for an afternoon of delicious food, fun games, and fellowship with your Federated family. Highlights include activities for all ages, time to relax together, and even a friendly (but competitive!) **kickball game**—so bring your A-game!

**Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.** This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate summer, connect with one another, and welcome the upcoming fall season as a church family. We can't wait to see you there!

## You're Invited to the All-Church Picnic

Immediately Following the 10 AM Church Service

**Sunday, August 10th**  
**11 AM**

**Family Life Center**

16349 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls 44023



*Please bring a  
side dish or dessert  
to share.  
Hot dogs, burgers,  
and veggie burgers  
will be served.*



## Women's Ministry

**Circle** No Circle meeting until September.

**Sit & Stitch** Continues on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM in Room 340. All are welcome! Come learn to knit or crochet and help create prayer shawls or little prayer squares. We have plenty of yarn and needles, and it's a wonderful time for fellowship.

**Helping Hands** will meet Monday, August 25 at 1 PM in Room G30.

**Loaves & Fishes** If you love to bake, Loaves & Fishes is always looking for volunteers to donate baked goods. Loaves & Fishes meets on the last Sunday of the month when Jim Scheuermann serves lunch at St. Paul's. If you'd like to contribute, please let us 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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## We Want To Know What You Did This Summer!

We would love to see a picture of how you and yours celebrated summer this year. We are asking for photos from your summer vacation, staycation, trip to the zoo or just fun in the sun. We are planning on sharing a video with the congregation of all the ways that our faith family celebrated this summer.

Please email your photo to [pics@fedchurch.org](mailto:pics@fedchurch.org) and put your name and Summer 2025 in the memo line. We will be accepting photos until 8/26.



## Get Connected

### Realm Trainings Available

Did you know Federated Church uses Realm as our online hub for communication, event registration, giving, and more? Whether you're new to Realm or want a refresher on how to make the most of this helpful tool, we're here to help!

### Upcoming Realm Training Sessions

Join us for an in-person drop-in session:

- **Sunday, August 3rd, 11:30 AM–1 PM, Room G30**

During these times, we'll help you:

- Set up or update your profile
- Register for events
- Find church directories
- Manage your giving and pledges
- Access groups and communications



**Feel free to bring your devices you will be using to access Realm!**

### Additional Options

Can't make these dates? No problem—one-on-one or small group trainings are also available by appointment, either in person or virtually via Zoom.

### Ready to Get Started?

If you'd like to learn more or schedule a training, please contact Brooke Strong at [bstrong@fedchurch.org](mailto:bstrong@fedchurch.org) or call the church office at **440-247-6490**.

Realm is a simple way to stay informed and connected with your Federated family. We'd love to help you feel confident using it!



***THE GENEROSITY COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO SHARE YOUR GIFTS!***

***GET READY FOR THIS ALL CHURCH CELEBRATION OF TALENTS!***

***SHINE UP YOUR SHOES, PRACTICE YOUR BEST JOKES, TIME TO GET SINGING, BAKE YOUR BEST BROWNIES, BRING A PIECE OF ART-WE WANT YOU!***

# **FALL FOLLIES VARIETY SHOW & A CELEBRATION OF TALENTS**

**SEPTEMBER 21ST 4:00-6:00PM**

**The Generosity Commission invites ALL of you to sign up for the Federated's Fall Follies Variety Show & Celebration of Talents.**

This event will take place on September 21st at the Family Life Center from 4:00-6:00pm.

You are invited to showcase your talent on stage... you can bring in a piece of your art...you can bake the best brownies in the world.

We want you to do you!

If you are interested in participating, please sign up using this link

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xrzvyFfTmN66A6\\_7H5Ikcr9cLgGE\\_c51XPIKHn7cosQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xrzvyFfTmN66A6_7H5Ikcr9cLgGE_c51XPIKHn7cosQ/edit)

Please contact Thea Mozingo [tmozingo@fedchurch.org](mailto:tmozingo@fedchurch.org) with any questions!



# It's Picture Directory Time

## Get Your Picture in the new Church Directory!

With a new Senior Pastor coming on board soon, we are updating and creating a new church directory. We will be using our Realm Database to compile the photos and contact information. Once we have completed the update, we will be able to offer printed and electronic versions of the new directory. The goal is to have it ready for Rally Day!

## Three Ways to Submit/Provide Your Photo:

### 1. Send a photo to [pics@fedchurch.org](mailto:pics@fedchurch.org).

Photo must:

- Be in vertical format
- At least 1 MB
- Feature faces
- Include names of those pictured

### 2. Contact Marty Culbertson ([mculbert@fedchurch.org](mailto:mculbert@fedchurch.org)) to set up a photo shoot.

- Marty can come to your house, meet you at the church, or some other location to take your photo at a time that is convenient for you.

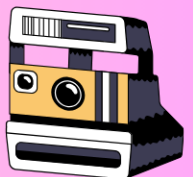
### 3. Wear your "Sunday Best" and have your photo taken on Sunday, August 17 after worship.

## Realm Info Update Options:

- Drop by one of our Realm workshops: Tuesday, July 29 from 12:00 – 3:00 pm or Sunday, Aug. 3 from 11:30 – 1:00 pm.
- Log into your Realm profile to make sure your information is up to date.
- Complete an online PDF form or paper form at the Angel Desk.

If you do not want to be included in the picture directory, you will be able to mark on the form or online that you do not want to be in the directory.

Feel free to contact Brooke Strong [bstrong@fedchurch.org](mailto:bstrong@fedchurch.org) with any questions.





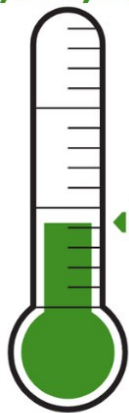
# Building *for the* Future

Family Life Center Capital Campaign



**Family Life Center Capital  
Campaign (Includes Prior  
Deferred Maintenance Fund)**

**\$1,000,000**



Raised  
**\$300,000**

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Our Capital Campaign for the Family Life Center is well underway! We currently have \$300,000 given or pledged towards the fund (this includes the existing Deferred Maintenance Fund).

Campaign materials were mailed at the beginning of July. If you did not receive them or if you have any questions, please contact Thea Mozingo at [tmozingo@fedchurch.org](mailto:tmozingo@fedchurch.org).

This campaign will run through the end of August.





# FEDERATED CHURCH PRIMETIME NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025



We would love to have you join us for one or all of the upcoming Primetime events! You do not need to be a member of the church to join us. Church members can sign up on REALM. Feel free to sign up by contacting Thea Mozingo at [tmozingo@fedchurch.org](mailto:tmozingo@fedchurch.org) or by calling 440-247-6490

## Upcoming Events

### **August 10<sup>th</sup> 11:30 All Church Picnic at the Family Life Center**

Join us after worship at the Family Life Center for our Annual All Church Picnic. There will be fun, food and fellowship in a beautiful setting.

### **August 19<sup>th</sup> 5:45-7:45 Widows Dinner Out**

Join Primetimers and friends as they enjoy dinner out at Aaron & Moses - 2615 Glenwood Drive, Twinsburg, OH 44087. Please RSVP on REALM or by contacting Thea so we can make a reservation for the correct number. Feel free to invite friends.

### **August 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30-3:30 Primetime Cruise on the Lady Caroline**

\$56 per person-details on REALM.

### **September 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00- 1:00 Restoration Hardware Rooftop Restaurant- Pinecrest-**

Join us for lunch. Reviewers agree RH Rooftop Restaurant at RH Cleveland offers a "beautiful ambiance" and "amazing service" with a "fantastic" rooftop setting. Please register so we have a count for the reservation.

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Chagrin Falls OH  
440-247-6490  
[www.fedchurch.org](http://www.fedchurch.org)



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## Primetime Picnic



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# GENEROSITY

| *Spotlight* |

## OWEN FOSTER



We joined the church in late April, 2024 after completing the "Seekers Class" series because we have family and friends here and found the Sunday worship services very inspiring and the sermons to be very enlightening. We have always tried to follow the 3 tenants of a good Christian by supporting our church with our time, talents and treasure and the Seekers Class provided the support for why this is necessary, how to get involved and what positive impact we can make. The major difference in our past experience from our experience at Federated Church were the insights provided through the Seekers Class about all the activities and opportunities to volunteer "Time", how our individual "Talents" could best be applied by completing the talents inventory questionnaire and where our "Treasure" is used and why this investment was important for our numerous church ministries.

This was step one in determining how we could help Federated Church achieve its on-going mission and personally grow in our faith journey. This was just the beginning, however. The New Member Survey was reviewed and circulated to the church leadership based on our listed areas of interest and experience. We were each contacted by Commission and Committee members to further explore the individual opportunities based on our survey information and opportunities were provided to initiate our involvement through Prime Time activities, Sit and Stitch Group, the Visitation, Memorial and Reception Team and joining the Generosity Commission. The Treasure component came at the end of our Seekers Class with an invitation to pledge what we could to support short and long term goals and mission of the church. The committee confirmed that the church only can plan for staff, activities and programs for the following year that are funded by the pledges of the membership.

I had a serious fall requiring hospitalization and surgery and the outpouring of concern and love for a new member was amazing and much appreciated as I recover from the injury. The caring and concern of our church is visible to me on almost a daily basis and it certainly accelerates my healing.

Annual planning can only be created on the financial funding that is pledged by us each fall so it is very important to consider what pledge amount is possible based on your personal and family situation. By pledging SOMETHING on an annual, quarterly, monthly or weekly basis, you are helping to provide a sustainable future for Federated Church. Please remember that the congregation is the church in action and your thoughtful gifts of Time, Talents and Treasure are our faith in action.

## Thank you Owen for all you do!





**HELP KEEP THE  
SUPPLY AFLOAT.**

*Give Blood.*

**Blood Drive**  
**Federated Church UCC**

Fellowship Hall  
76 Bell St.  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: FedChurch or sign-up via the Red Cross Blood Donor App.



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## THE NUMBERS



- 1 in 2 United States families struggle to provide enough diapers for their child
- Babies need 12 diapers a day
- 5 million babies and toddlers live in poor or low income households

- \$80 to \$100 is the average monthly cost of diapers per child
- NO federal programs cover the cost of diapers



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**National  
Diaper Bank  
Network**

Join us while we make a difference in the lives of our youngest neighbors! We have a Diaper Bank Bin in the Lobby to collect diapers for local families in need. Thank you for all you do!

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## Men's Ministries Presents

# Men's Cook-Out



**Tuesday,**  
**August 19, 2025**  
***At Frohring Meadow***

From 6:00pm till 8:30pm

Italian or Bratwurst Sausages provided

Bring a side dish or appetizer.  
Bring your own drink(s) – cooler provided

Cost is \$5.00

Bring a Friend



# 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.

We strive to become well informed, provide opportunities to educate ourselves, balanced with opportunities to take action. Live Our Faith!

To learn more, please contact [sjamfedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sjamfedchurch@gmail.com)

### Next SJAM Meeting: Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

at 11:30 at Bell Street in Lower Level Meeting Room

Or join by Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVlWdz09>



### Bible Encounters with Empire

**Come hear Rev. Dr. Laurel Koepf** present a workshop on the Bible's post-colonial origins on **Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

Did you know that the Bible comes from a long history of responses against empire and colonization? Ancient Israel was conquered again and again by a long line of empires passing through on their way to battle one another. As a result, many familiar and not-so-familiar biblical texts have a lot to say about empire, colonization, and conquest. These same messages are highly relevant to today's national and international conflicts. We will take a deep dive into the Bible and its encounters with empire.

Rev. Dr. Laurel Koepf is a UCC minister and seminary professor who grew up at Federated Church. Dr. Koepf teaches at McCormick Theological Seminary where she serves as Director of Doctor of Ministry Programs. She is the author of *Give Me Children or I Shall Die: Children and Communal Survival in Biblical Literature*, and *Sexuality and Our Faith for the Kindergarten and 1st Grade Our Whole Lives Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum*. Dr. Koepf co-chairs LGBT/Queer Hermeneutics for the Society of Biblical Literature, and Bible, Children and Families for the International Society of Biblical Literature.

This will be excellent preparation for . . .

The movie screening of "Where Olive Trees Weep" on **Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Family Life Center.** See flyer for details.

### Banned Books BINGO:

Join SJAM for a fun night of Banned Books Bingo, an event co-sponsored with the ACLU and Red, Wine and Blue on **Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Family Life Center.** See flyer for details.

**"Wondrous Wednesdays" are back soon!** The September program will be offered by Federated's Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM). Join us on **September 17, 2025 for Wondrous Wednesday meal at 6 pm** followed by learning about the current state of Voting Rights. The film "Sabotaged and Suppressed" will be shown and a discussion will follow. Save the date.

## Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

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“Where Olive Trees Weep offers a searing window into the struggles and resilience of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation. It explores themes of loss, trauma, and the quest for justice.”

**Federated Church's Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM) invites you to a screening of this important documentary.**

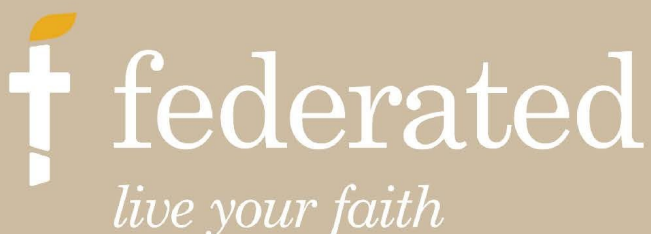
**Wednesday, August 20th**

**7:00pm**

**Family Life Center - 16349 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls**

**Free admission - Donations welcome**

**Please RSVP to [sjamfedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sjamfedchurch@gmail.com)**

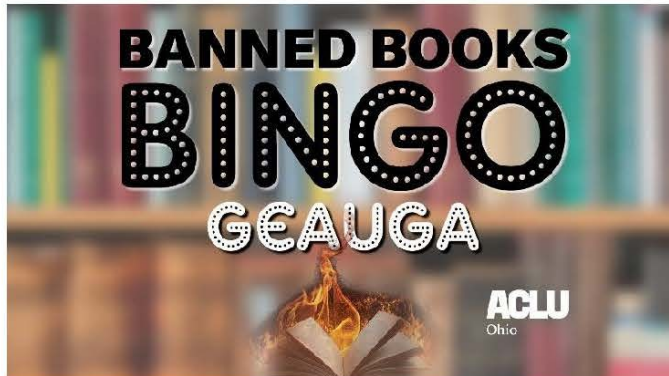


**SOCIAL  
JUSTICE  
ADVOCACY  
MINISTRY**  
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## Banned Books Bingo at Federated Church Family Life Center

16349 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

### August 27 at 7 pm



Join the ACLU of Ohio for a fun evening of Banned Books Bingo! Celebrate the freedom to read and recall the most famous literature censored over the decades.

**Your \$20 ticket includes three (3) rounds of bingo and light refreshments.** Come show your support for intellectual freedom and have a great time playing bingo with us! Bingo resources provided by Red, Wine and Blue.

Federated Church is setting up a "Banned Books" section in their library. Donations of Banned books would be welcome!!

**Registration required. Register at:**

**<https://action.aclu.org/event/banned-books-bingo-federated-church-family-life-center>**

Contact: Contact: Nicole Curet, [ncuret@acluohio.org](mailto:ncuret@acluohio.org) or [sjamfedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sjamfedchurch@gmail.com) with questions.



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## SAVE OUR PLANET

### Cool It!

The hotter it gets, the more air conditioning we use. And the more air conditioning we use, the hotter it (the planet!) gets. And so on...  
Here are some tips on how to use less A/C or stay as cool as possible without it.

Set A/C to the highest temperature that is comfortable; experiment and adjust clothing as needed. The lower the difference between indoor and outdoor temperature, the more efficient the A/C.

Run ceiling fans, with blades moving counterclockwise. They can make a room feel 10% cooler and use only 10% as much energy as traditional A/C.

Install a programmable thermostat, or manually adjust temp down when you're away for periods of time.

Use heat-generating appliances like dryers, dishwashers, and ovens in early morning or late evening. Use microwave or grill in lieu of oven.

Seal leaks around doors and windows. Add temp control window film; it lets in light but reflects heat.

Close drapes or blinds during hottest parts of the day.

Use LED light bulbs; they generate less heat (i.e., waste less energy.)

Service A/C annually, and change filter regularly.

If you don't have A/C, open windows for a cross breeze when air is cooler, then keep windows closed when it's hot during the day.

# Youth & Family



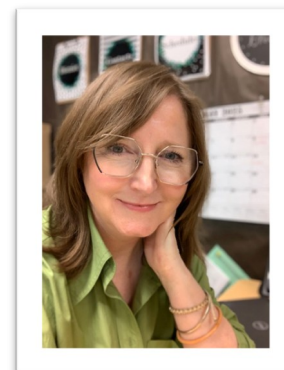
## A Backpack Full of Blessings!

Each year when I flip my calendar to August, I am filled with new excitement for the upcoming school year! August brings the anticipation of fresh school supplies (hello Flair pens!), new classrooms and teachers, and reconnecting with friends.

Back-to-school is a time of new beginnings, learning, and growth, and we are excited to support our young learners, their dedicated teachers, and all school staff with a special Backpack Blessing on Sunday, August 10th!

We invite all students, from the littlest learners to college-bound scholars, along with anyone who works in education, to bring their backpacks or work bags to church. During the service, which will be held at the FLC, we will receive a special blessing before heading to church school for some fun. After the service the whole family is invited to stay and enjoy the FLC grounds, a delicious picnic, and play games together! It promises to be a fun and meaningful way to send our children and educators into the new school year with God's grace and our collective encouragement.

Bright Blessings!  
Jannine Mason

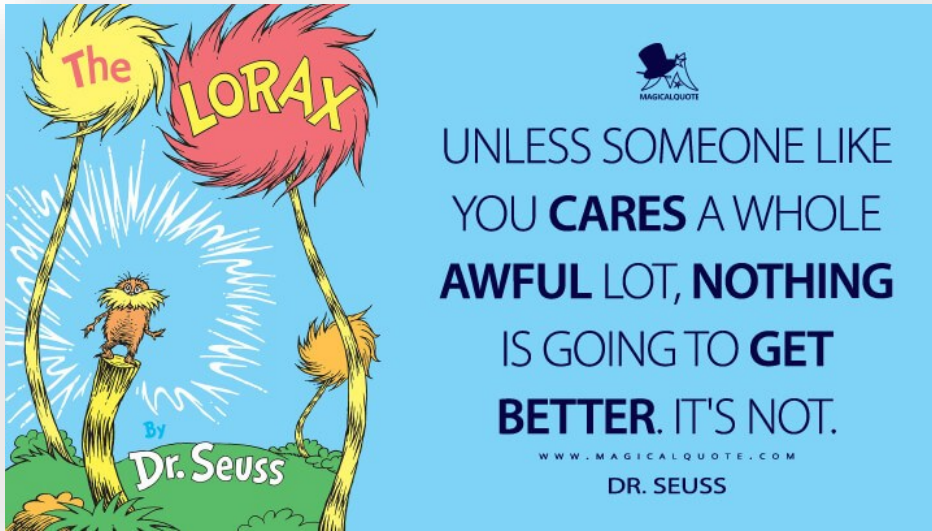




# Youth & Family

## We Love the Lorax!

We hope you were able to participate in some of our Lorax fun in July! Inspired by the timeless wisdom of the Lorax, our church school children pondered: What do *you* care about deeply in our community and world? Check out the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for their heartfelt and thoughtful responses.



## Summer Fun at the Fed Bingo!

Did you get a B I N G O !!!?? Bring us your Summer Fun at the Fed Bingo board and come pick a prize! There's still plenty of fun activities ahead, don't miss out, join in the fun!





# FEDERATED RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 7th  
Service 10 AM | Festival 11 AM

Kick off the new program year with a joyful day of worship and community! Bring your family, invite friends, and come celebrate all that God is doing at Federated!

- Worship at 10:00 AM – Celebrate the start of a new season together.
- Picnic Lunch – Pulled pork, beans, mac & cheese, coleslaw, and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!
- Live Music by Up Til 4 – Enjoy great tunes as you relax and connect.
- Family Fun – Ice cream truck, balloon artist Twister Girl, pickleball, and games for all ages!



More Details: [fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events)

# 28 DAYS

## Connecting Women, Celebrating Unity

RSVP TODAY!



**AUGUST 5, 2025 AT 6 PM**  
**76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022**

**28 Days is back!** Please join us for our next gathering: **HerStories Across Generations!** This will be an evening dedicated to sharing the stories, wisdom, and experiences that connect women of every age and stage of life.

28 Days brings together women of all ages, races, backgrounds, and beliefs to share stories, explore current events, and build meaningful connections. It's more than a conversation—it's a celebration of the shared experiences that unite us as women in America.

*Let's make history together by celebrating what it means to be women who thrive in solidarity and purpose.*

*We can't wait to see you there!*

*\*Dinner and Childcare will be provided!*



**Find more information at [fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events)**



# Community Partners



## Convening Communities of Practice “Tree Up Akron”



**What Is a *Community of Practice*?** A Community of Practice (CoP) is a group of people who share a concern, a set of problems, or a passion for something they do and who interact regularly to learn how to do it better. These groups foster a sense of belonging and shared identity, enabling members to learn from each other's experiences and expertise. better

**The CLC convenes Communities of Practice to build relationships and to find common solutions.**



**One CLC Community of Practice: The “Tree-Up Akron”** Partnering with nine Akron-area nonprofits and community representatives, we identified a need to plant native trees in underserved neighborhoods with low tree canopy. Together we are:

- Training local champions to plant, care for, and steward trees.
- Building grassroots support for tree preservation in opposition to campaigns promoting tree cutting.
- Educating communities on the health and environmental benefits of trees.

This initiative is about more than planting trees, it's about growing partnerships, empowering communities, and creating a sustainable future.

**4th Annual CLC Garden Gala Update:** This year's Gala netted more than \$51,000 for the CLC mission advancing environmental justice in Northeast Ohio! **Thank you** to all who volunteered, participated, baked, designed, and donated. **It takes a village to equip and inspire the next generation of change-makers.**

*The CLC manages the day-to-day operations & costs of the Family Life Center (FLC) for the Federated Church. The CLC is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit collaborating with Federated Church to foster transformation through collaboration 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! Call 440-708-1961 or contact [facilities@communitylifecollaborative.org](mailto:facilities@communitylifecollaborative.org)*

# 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!

**August 3– last names beginning with H, I, J, and K**

**August 10– All are welcome to bring a side or dessert**

**August 17– last names beginning with L and M**

**August 24– last names beginning with N, O, P, Q, and R**

**August 31– last names beginning with S and T**



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\* **Jannine Mason**, *Summer Children's Activities Coordinator*

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**Hope to see you  
this Sunday!**

**10:00 AM**  
**In person and Online**