



## 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)

## In the Interim...

*"There is nothing half so pleasant as coming home again."* – Mary Elizabeth Sangster

Dear Friends,

Anyone who has been away from home for more than a few days knows the joy of returning home. While the adventure of being away and visiting new places is exciting, it's always a blessing to return home to what is comfortable and familiar.

This month we celebrate Rally Day – what many churches call Homecoming Sunday – that time following a leisurely summer when we get back into our regular schedules. I love that day and rather like the idea of calling Homecoming Sunday because church truly is a home, a place where we are known and loved by the folks in the pews, but also where we are deeply aware that we are fully known and loved by God.

If you have been away this summer, enjoying the adventure of new places, come back this month to experience the joy of being known! Come home! Come back to relax and be comforted by the familiar rituals and prayers of worship. Come to gather around the table where everyone is welcome and where you can be spiritually nourished. Come to sing familiar songs and to know the grace of God.

Come also to experience something new! Come to hear the voice of our Stillspeaking God offering new ways to hear old stories. Come to meet new people and worship in fresh new ways. Come to meet our newest staff member, Oliver Mason and watch for the plans he has for our youth and families. We are planning new opportunities for spiritual formation, fellowship, justice work and mission – and you won't want to miss out!

We've missed you! Whether you've just been away for a short vacation or have been out of the habit of coming to church for some time, we can't wait for you to come back home! Like the father of the prodigal son, we're waiting with open arms to celebrate your return.

There *is* nothing so pleasant as coming home. So join us this month for worship, a Prime Time event, an educational or mission opportunity – or all of these! Don't miss the chance to come home to the familiar comforts of being with friends. Most importantly, come home and rest in the abiding love of God.

Shalom,

*Vicki*



# From the Desk of Operations...

## Welcome Oliver Mason!

Please offer a warm welcome to our new **Director of Youth & Family Ministries** Oliver Mason.

### A bit about this new position

Upon the retirement of Rev. Betsy Wooster, the Church Council determined that a full-time position focused on our children, youth and families was the right direction for the church based on the congregation listening sessions, future goals, and current momentum. They also determined that it did not need to be a clergy position, and further, they advised to begin the search right away instead of waiting for the new Senior Pastor to be installed.

So beginning in May of this year, a search committee of 7, led by Karen Wright, reviewed numerous applications and interviewed several candidates. The selection of Oliver Mason for this position was unanimously approved by the search committee and the Church Council.

### A bit about Oliver Mason

Oliver moved to Chagrin Falls from the United Kingdom back in 2000 and spent his formative years roaming the halls of Federated Church and taking part in the amazing youth programs. An Undergraduate Degree in engineering, a Master's Degree in teaching, and plenty of time on the soccer pitch, has landed him back in these halls he used to be so familiar with. Now, he is excited to take on this new role to grow the Youth and Family Ministries with the help of the wonderful Federated Community.

Oliver is an explorer. Nothing is beyond the realm of his curiosity and he continually strives to learn and expand the horizon of his world. You can find him amongst the shelves of Fireside Bookshop, underneath the trees at the Whitesburg Preserve, or lunching at one of the delicious Chagrin establishments.

You will have many opportunities to get to know him, and we will formally introduce him on Rally Day, September 7. It should be a wonderful time of celebration!



# Search Committee Progress Report

Beginning this past winter, the Senior Pastor Search Committee began our work together. We started with congregational listening sessions and an online survey to understand what we were all looking for in the next Senior Pastor. We then used that information to create our UCC church profile and officially posted the opening in the spring.

The information you shared was an important guide in developing the key attributes that our candidate needed to be a good fit for the Senior Pastor role at Federated. We have set the bar high and made sure that it is in line with your vision for the church.

We've had over 19 people apply for the position and we've been busy this summer screening the applicants, doing virtual and in-person interviews, and watching lots of sermons! We've had some good candidates, and we've had some that are not ready to lead a church like Federated.

Regarding the timing, it is possible that we could have our new senior pastor by the end of the year, but it's more likely that it will extend into next year. Timing is very hard to predict with a process like this. We are blessed to have Vicki's strong leadership during this interim period, and fortunate to have flexibility over the length of time she will be able to be with us. We are also blessed to have an engaged and fantastic staff to ensure we don't miss a beat during this time.

We are grateful to this congregation for entrusting the members of the search committee to do this important work. Our process continues, and I assure you that we are focused on finding the right person to lead our wonderful church for the years ahead.

Gratefully,

Your Senior Pastor Search Committee

Jeff Miller, Chair, Allison Graves, Maren Koepf, Dan Kershner, Harriett Rogers, Dave Watterson







**Come see the Re:Source van that our Christmas Eve offering helped purchase for a farmer's market here on Rally Day!**



### **Roundstone Pavilion completed at Ohio City Farm, bringing new opportunities**

CLEVELAND, July 25, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- In partnership with Re:Source Cleveland, Roundstone proudly announces the opening of the Roundstone Pavilion at Ohio City Farm, a transformational new facility advancing economic opportunity and sustainability.

As the project's lead sponsor, Roundstone supported the Pavilion's development to expand employment for newcomers, creating five new jobs and converting seven seasonal roles into full-time positions. The Pavillion will also expand Ohio City Farm's 350-member CSA program year-round, offer local produce through a new retail farm store and provide a commercial kitchen for local food entrepreneurs.

### **Annual Re:Source Cleveland Fundraiser is September 27th**

You are invited! It's time--tickets are on sale now! Each September, our organization hosts a much-anticipated benefit event. An evening of music and entertainment, incredible international food by local chefs, and the best community of supporters anywhere--all coming together to raise money for the essential services Re:Source provides to Cleveland's most vulnerable newcomers. This year our event is celebrating 15 years of service, and will return to Ohio City Farm on Saturday September 27.

Regular ticket: \$125 (This year we have lowered the price of a regular ticket by \$50!)

VIP ticket: \$250

[www.resourcecleveland.org](http://www.resourcecleveland.org)



# TRINKETS N' TREASURES

**RALLY DAY 2025**  
**September 7th**

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After much careful clean-out here at Bell Street, we have identified items that need a new home.

On Rally Day, following worship, we invite you to visit the Small Music Room/Daily Bread/Small Meeting Room off of the Fellowship Hall and peruse the goodies that we have collected.

We have a variety of kitchen utensils, dishes and other wares. We just ask that you make a free will donation (cash or check) for the items that you take.

Take home a little piece of Federated history!

## Women's Ministry

**Circle** will meet on **Monday, September 15 at 11:30 am** at Buckeye Chocolate (306, near Giant Eagle). Join us as we plan for the year ahead! Please call to let us know if you'll be attending so we can plan for the group.

**Sit & Stitch** continues on **Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in Room 340**. We create prayer shawls and lap blankets for shut-ins or anyone in need of comfort. Prayer squares are also available at the Angel Desk—take one to share a reminder of care and encouragement.

**Helping Hands** will gather on **Monday, September 22 at 1:00 pm** in the lower-level meeting room. Last month we delivered **91 pillows** to hospice! Come help us sew, stuff pillows, and enjoy fellowship together.

**Loaves & Fishes** will provide a meal on **Sunday, September 28** for St. Paul's. Jim will prepare a delicious lunch, and we welcome extra touches—home-baked goods, cookies, and snacks are always appreciated.

If you would like to join any of these activities, all are welcome... just drop in! For more information contact Lynne Kessell, 440-487-9104 or [lynnekessell@gmail.com](mailto:lynnekessell@gmail.com).



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## Christmas Eve Offering Nominations

If you are a member or active participant in the life of Federated Church, the Mission and Service Commission invites you to nominate a 501c3 organization for the 2025 Christmas Eve offering.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a nomination form or there will be printed forms available in the Narthex or the Parking Lot lobby at the Angel Desk.

In considering a Nominee for this long standing tradition, please be aware you need to have some relationship/involvement and a clear understanding of the organization's impact on a local, national or global community.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any member of the Mission and Service Commission.





# FEDERATED CHURCH PRIMETIME NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 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

### **September 7th 10:00am-1:30pm Rally Day Service and Celebration**

Join us for our Rally Day worship service as we celebrate the start of the program year. Stay afterwards to enjoy food, ice cream, music, a farm market truck and fun. You do not need to be a member of the church to attend!

### **September 11th 11:30- 1:30 56 Tavern @ Aurora Inn, Aurora , OH**

"Welcome to 56 Tavern, a cozy American tavern where warm hospitality meets classic comfort food. We offer a relaxed atmosphere perfect for casual dining, with a menu featuring hearty favorites like burgers, wings, and our signature craft cocktails. Whether you're here for a meal with friends or a laid-back night out, you'll feel right at home at 56 Tavern".

### **September 16th 5:30-7:30pm Widows Dinner Out**

Join Primetimers and friends as they enjoy dinner out. Group is interested in going to Lola in Chagrin Falls, but we cannot get a reservation until later in the month. If you sign up, we will contact you as soon as we have confirmed. If not available, we will plan for another restaurant and email you the update info.

### **October 16th - Stay Tuned for More Details on a Mystery Trip**

Not a real mystery trip! We are still working on the details and will get them to you as soon as we have them!

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Chagrin Falls OH  
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[www.fedchurch.org](http://www.fedchurch.org)





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

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

January 8th - Valentine Craft with Kathy Rayer & Lunch-Noon-2:00pm

Next planning meeting is 9/22 at 3:00pm here in the Lounge and all are welcome. If you are not able to attend and want to recommend an outing, please contact Thea.

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

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# Music Ministries

## Children's Choir

Does your child love to sing, move, and make music with friends? The Federated Children's Choirs welcome all students entering grades 1–8 this fall—no experience required. We'll use fun props and instruments along with our voices as we learn music, build confidence, and prepare to lead in worship.

Rehearsals meet **Mondays, 4:00–4:45 pm** in the church's large choir room (downstairs at the parking-lot entrance). **No rehearsals Sept. 1 or Oct. 13.** Our **first performance is Sept. 28.** Chagrin Intermediate students may walk over after school (dismissal at 3:15 pm). Families do not need to be members of Federated—**all are welcome.**

Questions? Contact director **Pat Haynish:**  
[phaynish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phaynish@sbcglobal.net) or 440-263-3356.



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## Thank You!

Once again this summer we have had marvelous volunteer musicians filling in for our vacationing choirs. We appreciate their sharing of talents and skills to make our worship services more meaningful and for "the greater glory of God. Thanks go to our soloists, groups, and our pickup choir. Individuals include Bruce Gigax, Lindsay Elmore, Nancy Isham, Kate Breen, Susan Brooks, Amanda Osman Balzell, Rosie Horvath, Keith Mast, Ken Horner, Kiko Weinroth and the Fed Four (Carl Jenks, Bruce Gigax, Ann Lentz, and Elizabeth Spencer). How blessed are we to have these talented individuals as part of our music program.



# FEDERATED CHURCH PRESENTS...

# 2025-2026

# PERFORMING ARTS SERIES



**ROMAN RABINOVICH, PIANIST**

**THU, OCT 9, 2025 - 7 PM**

**TICKETS: \$25-\$45 | STUDENTS \$10**

Renowned pianist and ChamberFest Cleveland co-director performs Haydn, Debussy, Beethoven & Schumann.



**BURNING RIVER BRASS**

**"OUR KIND OF CHRISTMAS"**

**SAT, DEC 20, 2025 - 7 PM**

**TICKETS: \$30-\$50 | STUDENTS \$10**

Celebrate the season with a festive mix of carols, swing, and a jazzy Big Band Nutcracker! A holiday concert sure to have you singing along.



**APOLLO'S FIRE- "WINTER SPARKS"**

**SAT, JAN 31, 2026 - 7:30 PM**

**TICKETS: ASSIGNED SEATS**

Virtuoso chamber works by Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, and Marais, featuring dazzling soloists on flute, oboe, violin, and viola da gamba.



**CLE CONCIERTO- "CELEBRATING  
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"**

**SAT, MAR 21, 2026 - 7 PM**

**TICKETS: \$25-\$45 | STUDENTS \$10**

Celebrate women composers of the 17th century featuring the music of Strozzi, Bembo, and Leonarda.



**AUSTIN WALKIN' CANE- "BBQ & BLUES"**

**SUN, JUNE 7, 2026 | 4 PM**

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**TICKETS: \$30 | KIDS (12U) \$10**

A crowd-pleasing blues performance paired with our annual dinner. Featuring a community BBQ cookoff!



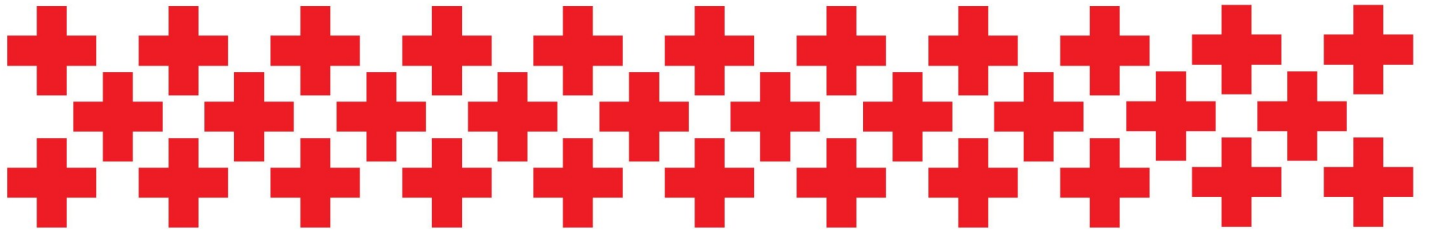
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# American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



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

Fellowship Hall  
76 Bell Street  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

**Wednesday, September 24, 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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# GENEROSITY

| *Spotlight* |

## MAREN KOEPF



My kids used to play a song that repeated, "Love is something, if you give it away, you end up having more!" I've come to learn that generosity can be that way, too: when you give, you end up having more.

As a child, my parents expected me to place a portion of my allowance in the offering basket every Sunday. So for years, when committing a pledge to the church as an adult, my routine was to consider the year's budget and pledge a portion of my discretionary funds (if I had any), to the church.

Then I met Pam at the grocery store and what she did blew my mind. She was filling one grocery cart for her family and a second one equally with nonperishable goods to give to the food bank. Holy cow! While I was selecting out the unwanted cans from my pantry of beets and beans as token contributions, Pam and her family were filling carts full of favorites to give away. I came to realize I was living out of a scarcity mindset, and holding back based on a sense that there wouldn't be enough. I was not living through the mindset of abundance, trusting that God will supply all that I need.

Now, I pledge first, budget later: choosing "first fruits" rather than the crumbs, as an expression of gratitude and acknowledgement that ALL things come from God. I see pledging as an intentional stretch beyond what I perceive I "need", pushing me out of my comfort zone and my attachment to worldly things.

Federated Church has added to the richness of my life in more ways than I can ever repay. I used to rely on others, those richer and living more lavishly than "just a school teacher and a carpenter" to give the real pledges to the church. Now I give as a spiritual practice of trust in God, and my life is enriched.

# 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, September 21st

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>



News from this summer's Book Study and Movie Night... in an effort to live into the SJAM Mission Statement, we look into ways we can expand our understanding of conflicts and injustices around the world as well as in our own back yard. Specifically, this summer, SJAM had a four session Book Study of De-Colonizing Palestine and then viewed the movie *Where Olive Trees Weep*. (Below is a summary from our SJAM Facilitators..

*We had a wonderful and diverse crowd of over 100 come to the screening of our SJAM film. Following the film, we had a panel consisting of speakers from Jewish Voices for Peace, as well as familiar faces of Palestinian Muslims who had also provided context and individual experiences through our dynamic book discussion group. We came to understand how supporting Palestine and peace is not anti-Semitic.*

*Our book's author of De-Colonizing Palestine, and one speaker, not pictured, were from a Palestinian Christian perspective.*

*Our book group was from Federated as well as communities as far away as Kent, Hudson, and Ashtabula. We think the general consensus was new perspectives, heightened appreciation and a call to action to address the current humanitarian crisis.*

*We glimpsed how the Bible can be interpreted from extremes like eliminating an entire people to the side of extending God's mercy and justice to those without privilege.*

*Some were able to attend a zoom follow up to the book sessions, with Peter Makari, who serves as the UCC Representative to a council of churches of Europe and the Middle East. It was informative and included a short video of the author, Mitri Raheb.*

*The UCC has now formally declared this crisis in Palestine as a Genocide, and we discussed suggested action steps we can take.*

*A few of those included*

- 1. Making phone calls, using the free app, 5calls.org*
- 2. Consumer boycotts of companies selling arms to Israel*
- 3. Schedule meetings during Congressional recess with our U.S. Senator and Representative.*

*Watch for future SJAM events that may interest you, on many topics, including this issue.*

*Peace,*

*Co-Facilitators: Cathy Watterson and Bill Shaul*



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## Protecting Democracy Forum

**Saturday, September 6**

at Pilgrim Congregational UCC - 2592 W. 14th Street, Cleveland. **9:30-1:30**

A time to connect

Listen to guest speaker Professor Ayesha Bell Hardaway  
panel discussions with advocates, activists and champions for democracy  
networking session

Our wonderful panelists are multi-cultural and multi-generational - we look forward to learning with and from them!

Register :

[http://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRvJ9lJiY0wtn6ye84DEGD9WXSNOVPn96KPSCM\\_hmEAuYV1g/viewform](http://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRvJ9lJiY0wtn6ye84DEGD9WXSNOVPn96KPSCM_hmEAuYV1g/viewform)

## ***Freedom Seekers: A Tour of Local Underground Railroad Sites***

**Saturday, September 20**

**10 am - 2 pm**

**Rain Or Shine**

We will traverse the grounds in Cleveland taken by those enslaved as they sought freedom and human dignity. On our short journey, we will be visited by actors portraying historical figures of the period who will provide us with an eyewitness account of the struggles and triumphs of that era.

## **Racial Equity Buddies Book Club:**

**Sept. 27, Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times**, by Ottis Moss III, 141 pgs

**Facilitators:** Ruth Twaddell & Darlene Nichols

A "deeply spiritual and socially radical" (Dr. Obery Hendricks, PhD) guide to uplift our spirits as we work for justice in these politically turbulent times—from Reverend Otis Moss, III, Senior Pastor at Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ and one of the country's most renowned and beloved spiritual and civil rights leaders.

**Contact Darlene Nichols for more details**

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BELIEVE OUR DEMOCRACY MATTERS? JOIN US!

## PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

A FREE COMMUNITY FORUM!

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL UCC -  
2592 W. 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CLEVELAND

9:30 AM - COFFEE & BREAKFAST

10:00 - 1:00 - PROGRAM & SNACKS

1:00-1:30 - NETWORKING

Learning includes a **welcoming keynote** from  
Dr. Ayesha Bell-Hardaway, Case Western  
law professor & Director of the Social Justice Institute  
and **panels of champions & experts** for democracy!



TOGETHER,  
LET'S



Build knowledge - walk  
away with new, timely,  
actionable information!



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support democracy -  
making the case for voting!



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connection and care!

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Details & registration  
(registration appreciated!)

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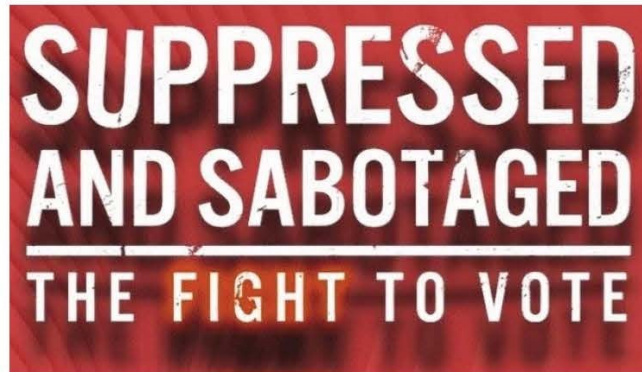
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# **YOUR VOICE MATTERS PROTECTING DEMOCRACY NOW**

*Vote Today, Shape Tomorrow!*



**Join us Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Wondrous Wednesday**

**Community Dinner 6:00-7:00pm**

**Movie:** Suppressed and Sabotaged – the Fight to Vote

**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

**Guest Speaker: Kathryn Garvey**

**Federated Church – 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls**

**RSVP Required**

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## Creation Care tips of the Month

## BETTER GAS MILEAGE

**As we slowly make the transition to electric vehicles,  
we can use less gas in the vehicles we drive now.**

- ❖ Drive within speed limits: it's more efficient (gas mileage declines significantly above 60 MPH) and it helps save the lives of people and animals.
- ❖ Drive smoothly: no sudden acceleration or braking. Predictive driving helps with this.  
Aggressive driving can reduce fuel efficiency by up to 33% on highways.
- ❖ Avoid excess "warming up" or idling. It's better to turn off engine vs. idling for one minute or more, when practical (e.g., drive-thru.)
- ❖ Maintain vehicle according to owner's manual (especially oil and filter changes, tire inflation, and tuneups.)
- ❖ Carry less stuff: each added 50 lbs of cargo weight = 1% reduction in MPG.
- ❖ Combine trips, and avoid heavy traffic when possible.
- ❖ Use A/C wisely: it uses 20% more fuel on average.  
Minimize use below 40 MPH, but use on freeways to reduce the wind resistance of open windows.
- ❖ Use cruise control when possible, except when going uphill.
- ❖ Make fuel efficiency one of the top considerations when buying your next vehicle.



**DIAPER BANK**  
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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



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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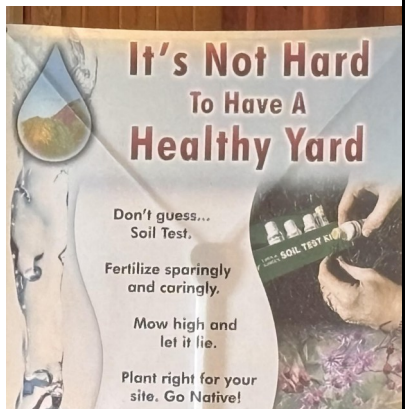


# Community Partners



## Convening Communities of Practice

"SPROUT & SHARE: Think Tank & Advocacy"



A **Community of Practice** 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.**

## Sprout & Share

Hosted by CLC  
featuring guest experts

### The CLC Community of Practice called "Sprout & Share"

The CLC dedicates space to environmental advocacy and stewardship, bridging the gap between advocacy and knowledge. *Sprout and Share* is a think tank that unites passionate organizations to share knowledge, resources, and best practices in sustainable gardening and environmental stewardship.

From community gardeners to environmental experts, we're building a network of like-minded people to take meaningful action. The collective wisdom and experience shared in these think tanks drive positive environmental change, cultivate more resilient ecosystems, and inspire others to adopt eco-friendly practices in their own communities. Some partners include Geauga Soil & Water, NEO Regional Sewer District, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, The Ohio University College of Engineering.

#### Together, we...

- Will install a 500sqft rain garden to improve soil & drainage

- Trained 50+ local champions in composting practices

- Build grassroots support for sustainability supportive to native habitats, mitigating storm runoff, and decreasing landfill material

*Help us grow a **green future** one advocate, one garden, one community at a time!*

Welcome to upcoming [Community Life Collaborative events at the FLC](#):

**Sat, Sept 6, 10am-12 Earthlines Poetry Workshop & Reading**

**Wed, Sept 24, 1-5pm Rain Garden Demonstration & Installation** at the FLC.

Dump & spread gravel, compost, mulch. Volunteers welcome.

**Thurs, Sept 25, 4:30-7:30pm Rain Garden Demonstration & Installation** at the FLC.

Plant water-loving flowers and grasses.

**Saturday, Sept 20, 4:30-8 pm Clam-a-Rama Clambake** friendraising at FLC.

*The CLC manages the day-to-day costs & operations 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! Contact 440-708-1961 or [executivedirector@communitylifecollaborative.org](mailto:executivedirector@communitylifecollaborative.org)*

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**SEPT 20**

**4:30 - 8:00PM**

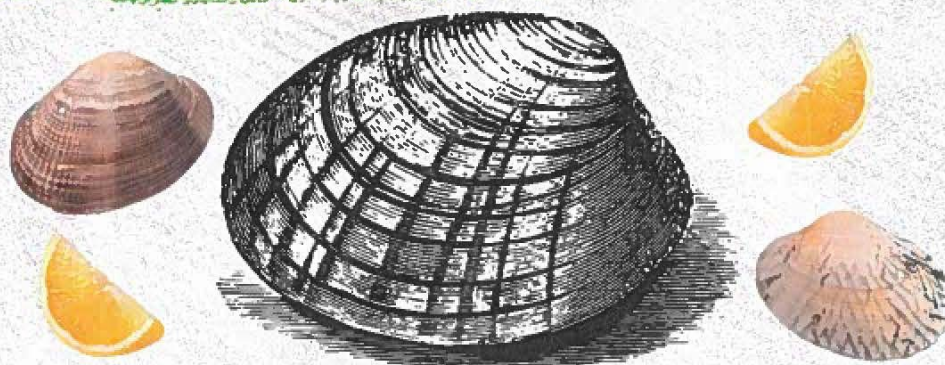
**EATING AT: 5:30PM**



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# CLAM A-RAMA

**CLAMBAKE FOR FRIENDS OF THE CLC**



**LET'S NOURISH OUR BODIES AND OUR BONDS AS WE CELEBRATE  
WHAT WE'VE BUILT AND DREAM UP WHAT'S NEXT.**

**\$60** per person.....for clams with choice of steak or chicken

**\$12**.....extra clams, plus all the fixings

**CATERING BY VERBA'S CATERING SERVICES**

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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!

**September 7– last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y, and Z**

**September 14– last names beginning with A and B**

**September 21– last names beginning with C and D**

**September 28– last names beginning with E, F, and G**



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**Beth Rutkowski**, *Senior Director of People and Operations*  
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\* **Marcia Snavelly**, *Organist*  
\* **Pat Haynish**, *Director of Children's Choir*

### Children's Ministries Staff

\* **Jannine Mason**, *Children's Activities Leader*

\* denotes part-time staff



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**Hope to see you  
this Sunday!**

**10:00 AM**

**In person and Online**