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The Federated Church Newsletter

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United Church of Christ  An Open and Affirming Congregation  A Creation Justice Church



## All Things New

*"Behold, I am making all things new."* - Revelation 21:5

A New Season at Federated



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*"I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now."*

– Philippians 1:3-5

Dearest Friends,

This is such a hard letter to write.

Saying goodbye is never easy – but doing so to a group of people who have welcomed Mike and me so warmly, people we have come to know as dear friends – is poignant and painful. Yet this is the assignment: an interim pastor comes to share in ministry for a time of transition, a limited set of tasks. And together, we have completed that assignment: we have worked together to consider the strengths of the congregation, address any areas of concern (this church has very little to worry about) and help you be ready to call your next pastor. Over the last seventeen months, we have done all of that and more. And I'm so happy that we've been able to have had a great time together along the way.

As I prepare to say my goodbye to you all on Easter Sunday, my heart is full! As much as I am looking forward to some vacation time followed by a schedule that is a bit more in my control (no Saturdays worrying about finishing a sermon!), it is so sad to say farewell to all of you! I will miss the delightful and enthusiastic responses of the children, the teasing of certain members who love to give me a hard time, the stimulating conversations and the countless hugs and smiles that I cherish.

But I'm also so excited for what the future holds for this vital and faithful congregation! Under Michael's leadership I know that you will continue your great justice work and commitment to serving others. You will welcome new friends with extravagant hospitality and will deepen your faith in exciting, transformative ways.

My prayer is that this Easter season is one of resurrection and new birth in ways you can't even imagine as the Spirit moves through this place with fresh energy. I pray that you will welcome Michael with the same warmth and generous spirit that you offered to me. And I pray that God will continue to hold you close and offer you courage and peace.

With warmth and love,

*Vicki*





**PASTOR MICHAEL**  
Federated Senior Pastor

**Welcome Our New Senior Pastor**

Join us on **Sunday, April 19th** as we officially welcome Rev. Michael Anthony Howard on his first Sunday as Senior Pastor at Federated Church.

This is a meaningful and exciting moment in the life of our congregation, and we invite you to be part of it as we gather in worship, celebrate new beginnings, and step together into this next season of ministry.

Come and extend a warm Federated welcome as we begin this new chapter—together.

# Trinkets 'N Treasures 2026

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*live your faith*

Electronics



Clothing

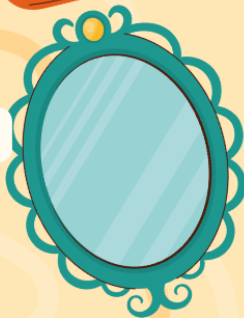


## 2026 TRINKETS 'N TREASURES

And More...



Furniture



Books



### DONATION DROP-OFF

Sat., April 18 | 9 AM – 5 PM  
Sun., April 19 | 9 AM – 5 PM  
Mon., April 20 | 9 AM – 5 PM

Gently used items only,  
please.

📍 Family Life Center 16349 Chillicothe Rd. | Chagrin Falls

**Discover hidden gems. Support our community.  
You never know what treasure you'll find!**

[fedchurch.org/tnt](https://fedchurch.org/tnt)

### SALE DATES

Thur., April 23  
4–8 PM | \$10 Pre-Sale Entry  
Fri., April 24  
9 AM – 5 PM | Regular Sale  
Sat., April 25  
9 AM – 12 PM | ½ OFF  
EVERYTHING!

## Explore the Wonderful World of Fungi *Wondrous Wednesday* Dinner and Program

**Wed. April 15, 2026**

**6:00 pm Dinner, 7:00 pm Program**

**Raymond Morris – guest speaker**

Ray is a mushroom and native plant enthusiast. His passion for wild edibles stems from a desire to be connected not only to what we consume, but to the earth as well. This has led him to learn the edible and medicinal mushrooms of our Ohio forests.

Ray is the production supervisor for Epiphany Mushroom Company, an organizer and guide for the Ohio Wild Food Festival.

*"Mushrooms are nature's recycling system, breaking down complex organic matter into nutrients."*

*"Mushrooms can play a vital role in reversing environmental damage."*

*"Mushrooms are the immune system of the forest."*

*"Mushrooms have a symbiotic relationship with the planet."*



From the forest to the laboratory, learn about wild mushrooms (including morels!) and commercial mushroom cultivation.

*Everyone who attends will receive a Mushroom Plug to begin their growing journey*

Please Register by Email to  
Katie Harbage,  
katiesharbage@gmail.com

or sign up on the poster near Fellowship Hall or sign up via Realm.



# Special Worship at Federated

*The Oikos Ensemble*

**Music and Stories to Change the World**

**Sunday, April 26, 2026  
at 10:00 am**

The Oikos Ensemble will lead a special Earth Day celebration worship service filled with stirring music depicting nature, dramatic liturgy supported by music, and storytelling that involves all ages. This tribute to creation will inspire positive ways to help care for the world around us and, through sound and song, tune ourselves to God's abundant universe.



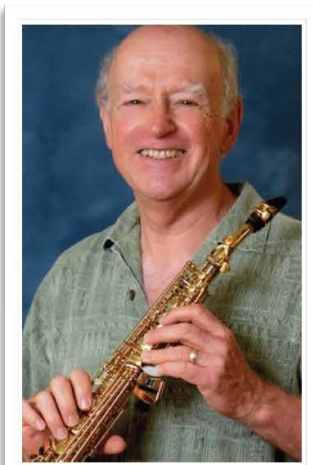
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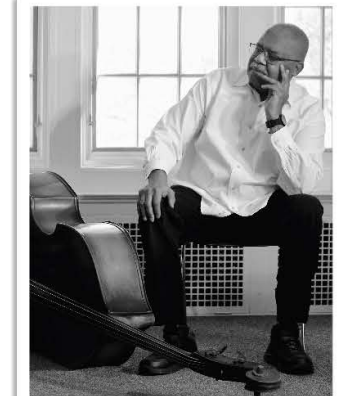
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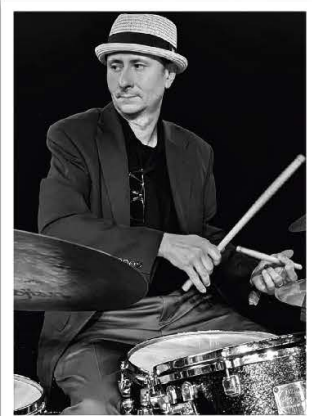
Carolbeth True



Cliff Aerie



Glenn Holmes



Ricky Exton



Garrett Folger



# Women's Ministry

**Circle** will meet on April 20 at 1:00 pm in the lower level. We'll be discussing our latest favorite book and assembling toiletry kits for Another Chance of Ohio, including feminine hygiene products. Donations of small bars of soap, shampoo, lotion, and deodorant are needed. If you're unable to attend, please leave items behind the Angel Desk.

**Sit & Stitch** meets every Thursday at 10:00 am in Room 340. We continue to create prayer squares, prayer shawls, and baptismal blankets. All are welcome to join us for stitching and fellowship.

**Helping Hands** will not meet in April and will resume in May.

**Loaves & Fishes** will serve lunch at St. Paul's on April 26. If you're able to contribute cookies or other treats, please bring them to the church kitchen by 9:00 am on Sunday, clearly marked "Loaves & Fishes." 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).



## Wanted

### *Mother's Day Photos*

Send in a photo of the  
mothers in your life  
for a Celebration Video  
on May 10th

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 5/6/26



*Shirley Culbertson*

# Angel Ministries at Federated

The Angel Ministries are gearing up and excited to resume in September when the church is fully reopened. The Angel Ministries include the following:

Memorial Ministry – Provides support to families and church staff planning and holding memorial services at the church. The ministry provides logistical help including ushers, greeters, reception hostesses and other services that help to ease the burden on families at a challenging time.

Coordinators: Sue Giles, Sue Mansour, Peggie Jo Shinagawa

Memorial Bakers Ministry – Provides home baked desserts for memorial receptions held at the church. Coordinator: Sue Giles

Angel Food Ministry – Provides meals to help families dealing with sickness, new births and other circumstances where a prepared meal would be beneficial.

Coordinator: Sue Giles

Angel Ride Ministry – Provides occasional rides to those unable to drive themselves to appointments or other commitments. Coordinator: Sue Mansour

Wedding Ministry – Provides support to those holding weddings at the church. The ministry provides logistical help including greeters to help guests navigate the building.

Coordinator: Peggie Jo Shinagawa.

Please keep these ministries in mind when a need arises or when looking for satisfying volunteer opportunities. Feel free to contact Sue Giles (440) 759-2704, Sue Mansour (440)668-9399 or Peggie Jo Shinagawa (216) 401 2287 with questions regarding the ministries' services or volunteer opportunities.



# Q&A

WITH OLIVER MASON



## HE'S NOT A YOUTH PASTOR... HE'S FEDERATED'S DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILIES.

If you've met Oliver Mason, you've seen his energy and heart for our kids. In his role, he's focused on creating meaningful experiences, building connections, and helping both children and families feel known and supported at Federated.

In this spotlight, Oliver shares his vision for the future of youth and family life in our community.

Q

**How is your role different from a traditional youth ministry position?**

My role is to be focused on organizing the programming for our youth and families, and being a familiar face that children of the congregation can recognize and seek out. The biggest difference is that I have no seminary training. Lots of church leadership positions share many important aspects with secondary teaching, and I aim to use the great skills I have learned through my time in that space to excel at Federated.

Q

**Why is it important to include families—not just youth—in this work?**

As much as children are our future, we also need to focus on family engagement because it is through word of mouth that we can grow our congregation by adding new families as much as we can!



Q

**What does it look like to support both children and their parents/guardians at the same time?**

Each week, we create engaging programs for our children, and through those programs we have begun to create a strong bond between our staff and children of the congregation. It is our goal to extend that bond to the whole family, and we can do that by offering services and programs which are unique to Federated and rely on the amazing resources we have available.

**Q How do you envision connecting with families beyond just Sunday mornings?**

I hope to continue to offer fun programs which have started to pop up on the calendar, whether it is Parent's Night Out or upcoming volunteer opportunities!

**Q What role do you see Federated playing in the broader community when it comes to supporting youth and families?**

Federated has an amazing congregation with lots of powerful resources, we can channel our strengths into helping those around us is what I feel the role of the church in a larger community can be.

**Q What is your heart or vision for youth and family programming here at Federated? How do you define success in this role?**

I would like to curate an environment where all youth and families feel welcome and safe to be themselves.

**Q What's one thing you want the congregation to understand about your role that they might not realize yet?**

I am trying my best and there are lots of people with lots of amazing ideas, and as much as I want to implement them all right away, it sometimes can take time. So all I ask is for patience, because we have the beginning of something special!

**Q What are some types of programs or experiences you're excited to introduce or expand?**

I think we have done a nice job as a congregation at revitalizing the Hire a Colorado Kid program, which connects those who are taking part in the youth trip to the older generations of the congregation. In addition, some child and young family focused programming has resurfaced, like Parent's Night Out which is next on the calendar on 4/18! We have more ideas in the works, so please keep an eye out if you have enjoyed what we have done so far.

**Q How do you plan to make programming engaging for different age groups and family dynamics?**

Across the board, programming needs to be varied for the sake of different audiences. Each program will individually have its intended audience, but we are hoping to include consistent programming for multiple generations.

**Q Are there any new or creative ideas you're especially passionate about bringing to life?**

I believe that what I am most excited for is to create a batch of passionate youth leaders from our high schoolers who will be able to set amazing examples for our younger children. If we can form that connection, then even as our older youth leaves for colleges and to being their own lives, their effect will be felt through the years to come by those they connected with, who will then, in turn, connect with the next generation.

**Q What experiences or passions do you bring into this work?**

My years of high school teaching taught me lots about the nature of children and what we can do to engage with them. My decade of coaching has formed me into a natural and flexible leader who can adjust on the fly to the erratic nature of childcare!

**Q What excites you most about this season ahead?**

Colorado planning! This is an amazing trip and opportunity for the kids and I am having a great time planning it and getting to know the kids we are taking with us.





# FEDERATED CHURCH PRIMETIME NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026



## Upcoming Events

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

April 9th – Lunch out at the Welshfield Inn  
11:30-1:30pm - Welshfield Inn - 14001 Main Market Rd, Burton, OH 44021

April 21st - Windows' Dinner at Timberfire at The Hive  
5:30-7:30pm 8200 E Washington St, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

Primetime Wellness Program - Let's Rethink Aging Together  
8 weeks starting May 7<sup>th</sup> - Thursdays at 1:00pm  
Join Joanie Belair on this journey to healthy aging - See REALM for more information

**JULY 1<sup>st</sup> - SAVE THE DATE AND SIGN UP NOW. PRIMETIME GOES TO THE GUARDIANS.**

July 9<sup>th</sup> - Primetime Picnic at Holbrook Hollows - all the good eats and usual fun and, YES, there will be Bingo!

Next planning meeting is April 27th 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.

Federated Church  
76 Bell St  
Chagrin Falls OH  
440-247-6490  
[www.fedchurch.org](http://www.fedchurch.org)



Back By Popular Demand...

# Parents' Night Out!

**A night of fun, friends,  
and fellowship for kids!**

Need a night to unwind? Dinner? Movie? Quiet time? We'll take care of the little ones while you enjoy a worry-free evening out!

**For Kids  
K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- Pizza
- Games
- Movies
- Crafts
- LEGO building
- Quieter activities for those who enjoy a more serene environment.

**Sat., April 18th  
6 - 8:15 pm**

\*Limited spots pre registration required



Federated Church  
[fedchurch.org/events](http://fedchurch.org/events)  
76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH, 44022



FEDERATED CHURCH

Welcomes you to

# "GOD'S BIG BACKYARD" VBS 2026



13-17  
**JULY**

9 AM- 12 PM



**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**K - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

### JOIN US IN EXPLORATION!

Calling all kids Kindergarten–5th Grade!

Join us for a week of fun, faith, and discovery as we explore God's Big Backyard—learning how to care for God's creation through earth stewardship and environmental themes.

**MORE INFORMATION**  
[FEDCHURCH.ORG/VBS](https://fedchurch.org/vbs)



COLORADO  
KIDS...



# H.A.C.K. IS BACK!

**We've  
Got You  
Covered!**



Are you in need of help this winter? Are your sidewalks getting too icy? Are there decorations in need of putting away? Look no further than the HACK program here at Federated Church! "Hire a Colorado Kid" is a program we are relaunching in order to help fund the Youth Group's trip to Colorado. We ask that you donate \$100 per 4 hours of work to the Colorado fund. This donation can be made in cash or by logging into Realm. If your snow looks like a sheet, then take a seat, because it is quite the feat, what our kids can complete!

Contact Oliver, [omason@fedchurch.org](mailto:omason@fedchurch.org), for more information.



# 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



FEDERATED CHURCH

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVACACY MINISTRY

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.

*Concerned about immigrant rights and safety in Geauga County?*

*Want to learn how to protect our neighbors from illegal actions?*

### GEAUGA RAPID RESPONSE TRAINING



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EDT**

**THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
AT 16349 CHILLICOTHE RD,**

we'll look closely at how U.S. policies affect communities facing violence, displacement, and environmental harm

Join us in Geauga County for focused training on I mmigrant rights, realities, and community defense.

This event is co-hosted by: The Federated Church, the Community Life Collaborative and others. If you need more information, speak with an SJAM Members Carey English or Marilyn Wise for more details.



See More Details  
under Creation Care

**Racial Equities Buddies**  
REB is planning a  
May 2nd Poverty  
Community Forum  
See Darlene Nichols for  
more Information

**S J A M** CONTINUED...

## **Christians in the Holy Land** **Wednesday, May 13th @ 76 Bell St**



Speaker Mother Agapia  
scheduled to come 6-9 pm  
To speak about Christians  
in the Holy Land;  
she's a powerful advocate  
for peace in Palestine.

### **Mother Agapia Stephanopoulos**

Mother Agapia's connection to the Holy Land spans over many years.

Her voice carries the weight of lived experience: the intimate truths that never make headlines, and the moral clarity that only emerges from proximity. She reminds us that the Palestinian people's struggle is cultural, spiritual and profoundly human.

### **A Time of Peace, Healing, and Hope For Self, Community, & and the World**

Saturday, May 16, 9 am - 1 pm  
join together in community for  
healing, creating hope,  
and grounding yourself in peace

**NEXT SJAM GENERAL MEETING: SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH**

# April

## Environmental Tip of the Month

### Reduce Unwanted Mail

More than 100 million trees are destroyed each year to produce the 100 billion pieces of junk mail sent each year in this country, not to mention the water, fuel, etc. wasted and CO2 generated in the process.

Wildlife needs trees more than we need junk mail! We can do our part to help the earth by saving trees!

Try one or more of these strategies to lessen the paper overload and show your care and respect for the planet:

- Request electronic bills, bank statements, and credit card statements.
- Mail or call companies that solicit you, including charities, to opt out of mailings. Use postage-paid envelopes to send a “please remove me from your mailing list” message.
- Mark unwanted mail “Return to Sender.”
- Contact the Direct Marketing Association at <https://www.dmachoice.org/> (there is a small fee, but your choice remains in effect for 10 years.)
- To stop credit card and insurance offers, go to <https://www.optoutprescreen.com/>
- To stop Val-Pak coupon mailings, go to <https://www.valpak.com/remove-address>. You can access coupons on their web site if you like.
- Complete your privacy choices with banking and credit card companies, which are most likely to share your personal information with marketers unless you opt out.
- To reduce catalogs, go to <https://www.catalogchoice.org/>
- Read newspapers and magazines online rather than in print.

# Creation Care and Justice for April

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**Celebrating, Honoring and Caring for the Earth Every Day**, but especially around **Earth Day – April 22**



Our Federated Church Creation Care and Justice theme this year:

***What is God calling us to do for the Earth right now?***

***What kind of world do we want to leave to our children and grandchildren seven generations from now?***



- We offer a prayer booklet and invite you and/or your family to Pray for the Earth every day in April and May. God listens to our prayers. The prayers for the earth booklet will be available at the Angel desk, in the narthex after worship, in Fellowship Hall after worship and at our **Action Tree** in the lobby.
- We are not separate from the earth and nature – **we are nature and nature is all living beings**. We are one with the earth. What happens to the earth affects us, and what we do affects the earth. We are in relationship with the earth and all living beings.
- We also invite everyone to create Actions for the Earth - things that you can do individually, as a family or with friends. We will have our **Action Tree** set up in the church lower lobby, so please stop by the Tree on Sundays after church and throughout the week as you are in the building, and write on a leaf the things that you are doing to support God's beautiful creation, the Earth, our home. ***Let's fill the tree with our actions.***



Hear Pastor Michael Howard share his dream for the earth at the *Heartland Conference*

- [Environmental Care and Justice Network Meeting Online](#)

**April 21st at 3 pm – 4 pm.**

In recognition of Earth Month, the guest speaker will be Federated’s very own, new senior pastor,

**Rev. Michael Howard.** He will be sharing his dream for the Earth. This event will also include prayer, video vignette and a reading about care for the earth. Everyone is invited to join in this meaningful event. If you cannot join live, register anyway to receive the recording. [Click this link to join us.](#)



[National UCC Earth Summit](#)

**Sat., April 25 - Online**

**1:00 pm - 3:30 pm, Free**

- <https://bit.ly/2026EarthSummit>

**Join the summit link from home. Watch it yourself and/or invite fellow earth advocates, your friends and family for a Super Bowl style WATCH PARTY:**

- Gather early for snacks and lunch and watch this exciting summit together. Join with hundreds of others across the country who care for the earth.

[Register now!](#) If you cannot join live, register anyway to receive the recording.

**Theme: A Future with Hope**

- Rev. Dr. Kenneth Samuel: keynote on Energy Justice
- A panel discussion of leading voices on issues of energy justice.
- Climate Hope Artwork contest celebration
- Come when you can anytime between 1:00-3:30.
  - Together we will ground and inspire all of us as people of faith in difficult times to join in protecting the Earth as we hear Rev. Dr. Kenneth Samuel, a renowned advocate and organizer for justice in the Atlanta, Georgia area, will be giving the keynote address. And also hear from a panel of leading voices on issues of energy justice.
- Please register yourself for the **online summit**. [Register now!](#) If you cannot join live, register anyway to receive the recording.



**Additional info from SJAM Page**  
***Let's caravan and carpool !!!***

**Carry the Hope: A Day for Justice-minded Folks**

**All ages welcome!**

**April 11, 2026**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**in Worthington, OH**

If you want to join with others and drive to Worthington, OH together, we will meet at the FLC/CLC parking lot on Rt. 306 at 7:15 am and be ready to leave at 7:30 am. Please email Dawn Dole at [coopdole@gmail.com](mailto:coopdole@gmail.com) to let her know you will be meeting in the parking lot.

\$10 per person.

[Register Here. Everyone needs to register so they can plan the lunch count.](#)

Listen to musician - Luke Wallace by clicking on these links to listen to some of his music.

- <https://www.youtube.com/@LukeWallaceMusic>
- o [Be the Arc](#)
- o [Carry the Hope](#)
- o [Sons and Daughters](#)
- o [You Are I Am](#)



**Our Creation Care worship service is planned for April 26th, with a guest preacher Cliff Aerie – musician. We hope you join in this uplifting lively worship service as we thank God for this glorious Creation.**



## Pill Bottle Reuse/Recycling



Did you know your used pill bottles might be able to help improve medical care in developing countries while lessening the burden on the planet?

Matthew 25: Ministries ([m25m.org](http://m25m.org)) is an Ohio-based non-profit that provides international humanitarian aid and disaster relief. They accept donations of clean, empty, recapped, label and residue-free pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies. This includes any size prescription and over-the-counter bottles of pharmaceuticals and supplements that meet the above criteria.

Federated is collecting these bottles and organizing them to send to Matthew 25: Ministries.

Please drop bottles off in **the marked drawer/bin next to the angel desk**. Please include **ONLY** bottles that are *\*clean\**, *\*empty\**, *\*recapped\**, *\*label and residue-free\**! (You should remove the stubborn labels and glue at home easily with hot water soaking and/or a water-based adhesive remover.)

If you cannot remove the labels or the residue, those prescription bottles can be dropped off for recycling in the lobby of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District ([cuyahogarecycles.org](http://cuyahogarecycles.org)) at 4750 E. 131st St., Garfield Hts., 44125. Bottles and lids are collected separately. The lobby is open M-F, 8:30 to 4:30. They will be recycled by Industrial Recyclers in Sydney, Ohio.

Please don't ever throw the (hard plastic, colored) **prescription** bottles in curbside recycling!

But over-the-counter vitamin and wellness product bottles, along with solid white larger-supply pharmaceutical bottles, CAN be put in residential curbside recycling bins, as long as bottles are **larger than 2" in diameter**. Recycle with lids on, just like other plastic bottles and jugs.

# 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!



FOR MORE INFO: JOSHUA KONOW ([JKONOW@FEDCHURCH.ORG](mailto:JKONOW@FEDCHURCH.ORG))  
OR 216.247.6490X120 OR VISIT [FEDCHURCH.ORG/PAS](https://www.fedchurch.org/pas)





**SATURDAY, APRIL 11 ▶ 7 PM**

STEINWAY ARTIST ▶ Hsing-ay Hsu ▶ TO BENEFIT COURAGE TO CAREGIVERS ▶ FIND YOUR TICKETS AT [WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM) ▶

## MUSICAL HEALTH WITH STEINWAY ARTIST HSING-AY HSU

Join Steinway Artist Hsing-ay Hsu as she shares her caregiver journey, performs works by Chopin and Liszt, and leads interactive experiences based on her **Conscious Listening™** approach - a whole brain method for engaging with music and life. This event is a fundraiser benefiting Courage to Caregivers, with the mission to empower and equip caregivers to navigate their journey.

## FEDERATED CHURCH

76 BELL STREET  
CHAGRIN FALLS



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND CAREGIVER SUPPORT  
[COURAGETOCAREGIVERS.ORG](http://COURAGETOCAREGIVERS.ORG)

SCAN FOR TICKETS



# Community Partners



## Welcome Joe Worthy, CLC Program Manager



The CLC proudly welcomes Joe Worthy to our growing staff! In his role as CLC Program Manager, Joe will coordinate content, assets, and talent among local partner organizations while networking across regional communities.

From youth leadership development to community organizing workshops to resilient community forums, Joe's focus will be to join local organizations together in creating safe spaces to engage the kind of honest conversations that foster new relationships, shared solutions and meaningful change.

Some upcoming programs in April include:

- **Geauga Rapid Response Training Apr 8, 6:30-8:30 @ FLC.** Become part of a community learning "Know Your Rights".
- **Book Signing & Lunch with the Author Fri, Apr 10 noon @ FLC.** Lunch and conversation with Dr. Rima Vesely-Flad, author of *The Fire Inside: The Darhama of James Baldwin and Audre Lorde*.

Joe carries a wealth of talent and experience in leading, coordinating, and engaging youth leadership development and community programming.

As a community organizer, program developer, and educator Joe brings nearly a decade of experience building movements and institutions in Northeast Ohio and internationally. He knows the work and processes for leading programs focused on youth leadership, political education, and grassroots organizing with partners across the region and globally — including work across Europe, Africa, and Asia. He is the Founder of the Strategic Nonviolence Academy, which trains movement leaders across the country and around the world in the theory and practice of nonviolent change.

Joe is deeply rooted in Northeast Ohio and brings to the Community Life Collaborative a commitment to building the conditions where communities can learn, organize, and lead. He shared, "I'm excited to be joining Destinee and the CLC team. I believe deeply that communities need spaces to have honest, sometimes hard conversations. That's exactly the kind of work CLC is creating room for. I'm looking forward to meeting you, learning what you're seeing on the ground, and building something meaningful together."

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Joe Worthy!

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) Family Life Center 16349 Chillicothe Rd, Chagrin Falls 44023

We Need You...

# FLC Garden Guardians 2026



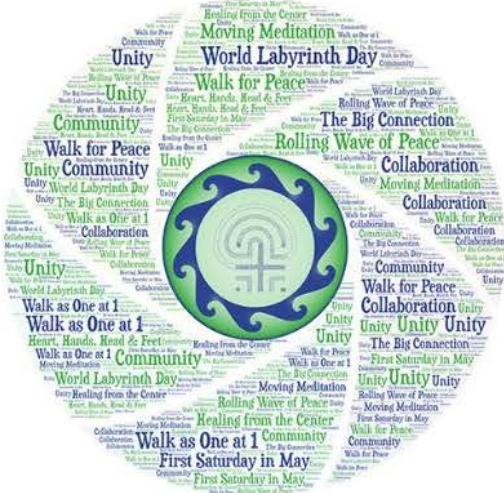
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## Looking for some fun, fellowship, and FLC this summer?

**We need volunteers** (NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED) to lend a helping hand and pull some weeds. This is an opportunity open to members and friends of all ages. Please contact Thea at [tmozingo@fechurch.org](mailto:tmozingo@fechurch.org) to be added to a group mailing list. Once we know who is interested and when they are available, we will create sign ups. This is a great way to enjoy the beautiful spaces at the FLC-the gardens, playgrounds and labyrinth and time with friends. Stay tuned for more information!

# World Labyrinth Day Saturday, May 2, 2026

Come “Walk as One at One”



Between 1 and 2 pm come to the labyrinth as we as we join hundreds in our time zone to walk with the intention for world peace.

Weather permitting:  
Family Life Center,  
16349 Chillicothe Rd.,  
Bainbridge, 44023

Inclement weather:  
Room 330 at Federated  
76 Bell St.,  
Chagrin Falls, 44022



World labyrinth day is an annual event sponsored by The Labyrinth Society. Every year, thousands of people around the world participate in this moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience.

Questions? Email [susi.kawolics@labyrinthociety.org](mailto:susi.kawolics@labyrinthociety.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!

**April 5– last names beginning with L and M**

**April 12– last names beginning with N, O, P, Q, and R**

**April 19– last names beginning with S and T**

**April 26– last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y, and Z**



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**Jake Magalski**, *Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

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\* **Pat Haynish**, *Director of Children's Choir*

### Children's Ministries Staff

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

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Hope to see you  
this Sunday!

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