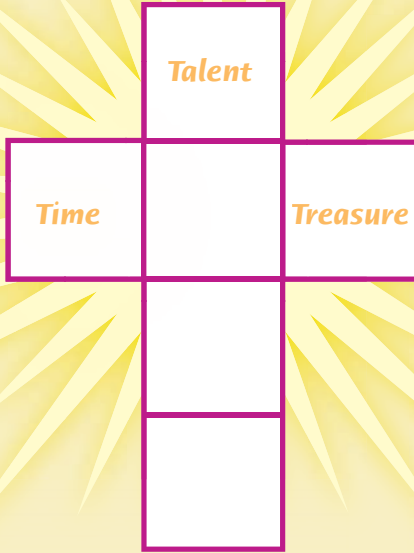


Shining God's Light



Gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure

... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven. Matthew 5:16

The Federated Church
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Message from the Stewardship Committee

As children of God, we have each been perfectly designed to share God's love with others. God generously provides for our every need, continuously modeling the care and commitment we are to show to others. We are scripturally called to be good stewards of the gifts we have received from God.

Being a good steward requires that we carefully consider all of the gifts God has given us to work with. Each of us has a unique mix of gifts from God, a divine decision that sometimes can be difficult to abide by. Some of us have talent to share but little time and seemingly less treasure. Others have ample funds to share but struggle to commit personal time to a cause.

There is no question that being a good steward of God's gifts is hard work. It requires honest reflection, a willingness to hear God's word, and discipline and energy to follow through. But when we limit our giving to areas where it is easiest to be generous, we rob ourselves of the opportunity to fully engage in giving as God intended. We hope each member of our congregation will wrestle with the question of how to best respond to generosity in their life, and in doing so, will grow closer to God.

Your Stewardship Committee,

Dave Butz
John Curtiss
Wendy Davis
Emilie Gottsegen
Ric Leavenworth

Shelly Lewis
Jim O'Hara
Tim Shoger
Keith Sooy

Worship & Pastoral Care

39% of budget

In worship, we join hands across the aisle as children of God. We nurture each other, young and old alike, by worshipping together on Sunday. In our vibrant faith family we learn about ourselves and aspire to walk the path God has for us. Each week we hear the word of God, pray and meditate. We are inspired and moved by beautiful music and song. We enter in reverence and depart in peace as we go out to minister to each other and the world.

Worship

Traditional Services
Alive360 Worship Service
Candlelight Evening Prayer Service
KIDZ Church

A broad-spectrum of programming -something for everyone



Music

Chancel Choir Ensemble
Men of Chagrin
FORTE
Children's Choir
Olson Bell Choir
Leap of Faith
Liturgical Dancers

Pastoral Care

Visitations & Pastoral Counseling
Prayer Connections
Stephen Ministers
Parish Nurse Ministry
Angel Teams



Thought-provoking messages from the pulpit



Inspirational music

Mission & Outreach

18% of budget

We share this ever-shrinking globe with others who need our gifts. From our neighbors at Chagrin Falls Park to far off communities in our country and abroad, Federated gives generously of its time, talent, and treasure. Your pledge directly supports mission partners chosen by the Board of Mission and Outreach. Additionally, your generosity supports our Bell Street and Family Life Center facilities, providing meeting and work space for many worthy organizations.



Our youth work campers rebuilding lives in West Virginia

Local Outreach

- Chagrin Falls Park
- Colorado Trip Scholarships
- Summer Camping Scholarships
- Financial Peace Scholarship
- Junior High Big Give
- 12 Step Groups
- Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts
- Green Committee
- Pastoral Counseling Scholarships

The church school children collected coins for MedWish International



Greater Cleveland Outreach

- Interfaith Hospitality Network
- St. Paul's UCC Church
- Loaves & Fishes
- Westside Food & Family Center
- WREN

Denomination Outreach

- UCC Wider Mission
- UCC Seminaries
- United Protestant Campus Ministries

National Outreach

- Work Camp in Pipestem, West Virginia

International Outreach

- South Africa Missions
- MedWish International



MedWish saving lives & the environment through the recovery & recycling of donated medical supplies

Federated folks helping at St Paul's Community Church on the near westside



The children at Sparrow Village in South Africa



Tutoring at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center



Youth Nurture

22% of budget

Federated uplifts, educates, and guides our young people through their faith journey. Opportunities are offered for children of all ages to learn and grow together. The youth of Federated are blessed with amazing staff and leaders, a wide variety of programs and curricula, and the facilities and supplies needed to make their spiritual education fun and transformative.



Vacation Bible School
at the Family Life
Center

Infants & Toddlers

Tiny Ones Together
Cooperative Playgroup

Grades K through 6

Church School
Vacation Bible School
Communion Classes
Family Fun Fest
Young Energetic Artists

Grades 7 through 12

GROUP for high school youth
J.O.Y. for junior high youth
Confirmation Classes
Colorado Faith Journey
Work Camps
Guitar Choir
Youth Shepherds
Praise Band



A circle of friends

The Colorado Kids
on their
mountaintop
experience



Adult Nurture

17% of budget

Adults have many opportunities at Federated to nurture a deepening relationship with God. From social gatherings to Bible study, prayer and support groups, there is a time and activity for everyone.

Fellowship Activities

Elderlife
What A Life! - Youth Group for Grownups
Federated Women's Network
Women's Retreats
Women at the Well
Men's Fourth Tuesday
Gathering of Men
Men's Retreats and Breakfasts
Sit & Stitch Needlework Group
Spirit Walk & Roll
Support Groups



Warm fellowship on a cold evening at the What A Life! Chili Cookoff

Education & Growth

Bethel Bible Study
Book Study Groups
Prayer Groups
Financial Peace
University Courses
Parenting Classes
Yoga Classes

Social Causes

Social Justice Committee
Green Committee



This group enjoyed an Elderlife trip to Brandywine Falls

Federated's Mission Statement

God accepts me as I am and loves me too much to leave me that way. Federated accepts all people as they are and supports them in the spiritual journey. With Christ we offer hope and healing to change the world.

Federated's Stewardship Vision Statement

Stewardship is our grateful response to blessings that flow freely from God. As Christians, we are each scripturally called to share our time, talent, and treasure. We believe stewardship is an integral part of our spiritual journey, binding us together with a common thread interwoven through all aspects of church life. To develop ourselves as mindful stewards of God's gifts, Federated strives to intentionally, continuously and fully engage in the discipleship of giving.

Action Statement Regarding Responsive Giving

Federated is completely dependent on God, through the pledges and offerings of our congregation, for support of the programs and missions that are intended to fulfill Federated's Mission Statement. Members of the congregation are individually called to provide generous support in gratitude for blessings freely given by God.

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