



FEDERATED CHURCH
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation



February 5, 2012



Federated Church Welcomes You

TO OUR GUESTS....

Please know you are welcomed in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who always meets people where they are, not where they should be.

We are grateful for your presence here this morning and hope to meet you later, to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea after worship in Fellowship Hall. CDs of this morning's service are available there for \$4.00 each. You can also listen online for free at fedchurch.org or subscribe to our iTunes podcasts.

If you are worshipping here today **for the first time**, please take a red bag from our Visitors Welcome Center in the Narthex or Lobby. It contains useful information about who we are.



2012 Pledge Levels Still Short

With the Annual Meeting just two weeks away it is time to finalize the 2012 budget. Total pledges are up to 494 and total pledge dollars are now just about \$60,000 behind last year. Many thanks to all those who have helped to close the budget gap.

As things stand, we will have to work very hard on the expense side of the budget equation. Not all of our missions and programs will be able to be funded at the same levels as in 2011.

If you have not pledged for 2012, or can reconsider your pledge level, please contact Melinda Smith at the church office 440.247.6490 x124 this week. Your prayerful consideration is greatly appreciated!

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, February 12

Pastor Susi Kawolics

8:45 am WORSHIP & Church School
The Ensemble

10:15 am WORSHIP & Church School
Chancel Choir

11:45 am Alive360 FAMILY WORSHIP
Alive360 Music Team

February 12 - Lectionary Readings

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

Sunday, February 19

Presidents' Weekend

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

8:45 & 10:15 WORSHIP & Church School
The Ensemble, Alive360 Musicians &
Olson Bell Choir at two identical services

11:30 am Spaghetti Lunch
by The Colorado Kids
Family Life Center
Freewill Donation

12:30 pm Annual Meeting
Family Life Center

Federated's Annual Meeting-February 19th at 12:30 pm - Family Life Center

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Federated's Annual Meeting on Feb. 19. A review of all the wonderfully exciting happenings which occurred in 2011 will be shared, as well as information about missions, programs and other activities. Financial information will also be provided and our budget for 2012 will be presented.

The day begins with two identical worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. The Ensemble, Alive360 musicians, and the Olson Bell Choir will lead music. Following worship, plan to gather at the Family Life Center at 11:30 for a spaghetti lunch, prepared by The Colorado Kids. A freewill donation will be collected. The Annual Meeting will begin at 12:30 pm. Your presence is greatly appreciated as we strive to joyfully embody the living spirit of God, welcome all people, transform lives, and enable everyone to love and serve the world by the power of Jesus Christ.

The Reason for the Season Means Giving

Following a tradition that began in 1961, each year the Federated Church donates the entire offering collected at its four Christmas Eve services to an organization or cause whose program or goal would be significantly impacted by this generous gift. None of the money is used for Federated's operating expenses.

Chosen to receive the 2011 offering is *JustHope* Ministry, an organization which coordinates partnerships between North Americans and Nicaraguans. One of their programs, *Stitching Hope*, received the holiday collection Sunday, Jan. 29 when Paul Libby, Chair of the Board of Mission and Outreach, presented Rev. Leslie Penrose, Director of *JustHope* Ministry, with the \$31,800 check. This money will help women in Chacraseca, Nicaragua in the development of a multi-faceted enterprise which will enable them to work together creating both fabric art articles for export and utilitarian items for local sale.

An emotional and extremely grateful Rev. Penrose thanked the congregation for its support. "This money will help to change the lives of women in Chacraseca," she said. "It's an amazing gift which allows us to assist women while increasing cross-cultural understanding, combating poverty and nurturing the human community."



Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God?

Have you been nourished here at Federated? Have you found this to be an immensely fun and lively community of faith? Maybe it is time to seek a deeper connection to this extraordinary church. At Federated, we focus on transforming lives. And true transformation happens when we join with others in committing ourselves to God.

Joining Federated is a powerful way to invite Christ into your life. Inquirers Class is the way to explore the purpose and programs of The Federated Church. Our Winter Class is held on three Thursday evenings 7:00-9:30 pm (Feb. 23, March 1 at Bell St. and March 8 at the Family Life Center) – no need to find a free Saturday! Is this the opportunity you have been waiting for? Plan to attend all three parts. This class will be received into membership Sunday, March 18. Sign up at the Reception Desk after worship, by calling the church at 440.247.6490 or by emailing Melinda Smith at smithm@fedchurch.org.

Inquirers Class

(Begins in 3 Weeks!)

Thursday Evenings

7:00-9:30 pm

Feb. 23 & March 1
Bell St

March 8
Family Life Center

Alive360

During Epiphany, the liturgical season between Christmas and Lent, the church reflects on the journey of Jesus' ministry. We recognize that his model of love and inclusion is for us **and** for the whole world.

At the 11:45 Alive360 worship service, we will observe the season by focusing each week on a part of the world that relates to the ministry and life of Federated Church. Please join us!

Today-Brazil Up Close-A journey through photography and song

Amazing photos, stories and songs by Ensemble member and world traveler, Carl Jenks.

Feb. 12-Palestine

Learn about the life of Palestinian Christians as Ruth Garwood and Adrienne Brockway share about their travels in Israel and Palestine.

Planning Mtg Feb. 11 (10-noon) Bell St.

Community members plan worship as well as lead parts of the service. Join us for a light breakfast and help us envision ways to journey and pray through this season of contemplation.

In celebration of our blossoming relationship with *Stitching Hope* through *JustHope* Ministry, here is a song from Nicaragua: *Somos pueblo que camina*

Refrain: *Acudamos jubilosos a la santa comunión.*

Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of God.

Somos pueblo que camina por la senda del dolor.
Los humildes y los pobres invitados son de Dios.
Cristo aquí se hace presente; al reunarnos es su amor.
Los sedientos de justicia buscan su liberación.

*We are people on a journey, pain is with us all the way.
God has sent the invitation to the humble and the poor.
Christ is ever present with us, to unite us all in love.*

All who truly thirst for justice seek their liberation here.





Healing Gathering at the Labyrinth

~ Begin with a personal sharing about a healing journey ~

Wednesday, February 8

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Bell Street Chapel

Join us for a meditative gathering
around our indoor Labyrinth

Linda Kupiec shares her healing journey
Singing Bowls with Kathleen Calby

Taize Singing

Reiki & prayers for healing

Anointing Oils Blessing

Communion offered in the center
of the Labyrinth

Freewill Offering Accepted

Feel free to bring a blanket

To RSVP call the Reception desk 440.247.6490

*Sponsored by
the Board of Adult Nurture and Fellowship*

Awakening the Healer within with Nutrition & Medical Qi Gong

A FREE Lecture by

Elieth Ameni Harris, MS, CN, RYT

sponsored by the Koinonia Vegan Group

Friday, February 10

6:00 - 7:30 pm, Bell St., Lounge

Ameni Harris, Holistic Health Practitioner since 2002 holds an MS in Clinical Nutrition with post graduate studies in Enzyme Nutrition and Ayurveda; taught Clinical Nutrition at The University of Bridgeport (CT) School of Naturopathic Medicine; hosts a radio show on Alternative Medicine and Holistic Nutrition. He is also a Nationally certified Advanced Yoga Teacher.

Women's Fellowship Salad Luncheon



Tuesday, February 14

11:45am, Fellowship Hall

Please bring a salad to share...
dessert provided.

Carol Grubb will give a presentation on the history
of the Underground Railroad and Quilt blocks
used as codes during that time.

Anne Masters will be our storyteller.

Bring your toiletries for the St. Paul's Outreach
bags and white tube socks too.

Reservations needed by February 10

Contact Lynne Kessell at 440.247.5544

Did you donate Progressive stock?

*We have received shares of Progressive Corp Ohio stock,
but we do not know who donated them.*

*Please call Toni at 440.247.6490 x145 or email
tcirino@fedchurch.org if these shares were
donated to Federated by you.*

Thank you!

Scrumptious Hough Bakery Chocolate Valentine Pops



*Place your orders now for
these creamy sensations avail-
able in milk, dark and white
chocolate. Cost is \$1, \$2 or \$3 per pop.*

*All proceeds benefit St. Paul's Community
Church and Ohio City Power. Friends of St. Paul's
earn a small portion of the profits, as well as learn
the importance of teamwork and accountability
and we all have fun!*

*Betty Ryan and Frances Slate of Federated's
Elderlife Ministry donate their precious time to
make the pops. Their efforts are priceless!*

*Orders will be taken through Sunday, February
12 by contacting Lisa Braun, 440.247.6490 x160
or lbrown@fedchurch.org. Look for Lisa in
Fellowship Hall following worship service to place
an order or to purchase a limited amount.*



**Tributaries Teacher of the Week
Lorna Nafziger**

Anusara-inspired teacher, 200 RYT

Restorative Yogabody

This class introduces beginning and continuing students to body awareness through yoga alignment principles. We bring enthusiasm and curiosity to class and look deeply at our reactions and responses to difficulty and ease and ultimately surrender to something greater than ourselves.

Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
or Wednesdays, 8:45 am – 10:00 a.m.
or Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Family Life Center, Youth Room

Participants: Teacher has materials; blocks, straps, blankets and mats if needed. Bring your own if you have them.

Information/Registration: Call Lorna at 440.856.9178 or email her at L.Nafziger60360@roadrunner.com.

See our flier, the church website at www.fedchurch.org/tributaries, or the Spire for information on our other classes. All classes are suitable for beginners.



Let's Celebrate Pat Nichols

Pat has been a faithful presence in the Church Office since 1988. Everyone at Federated knows Pat and she knows everyone. After almost 24 years she has the answers to almost every question that comes up. And SHE'S RETIRING!!

Her last day of work will be February 17; but we can't let her go without celebrating wonderful Pat and all she is and has been for us and for Federated. We'll have a Celebrate Pat Party on Sunday, afternoon, Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Bell Street.

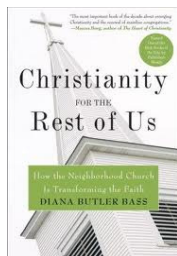
Mark it on your calendar now and be sure to add your voice to the "Thank You's"!!

**"Welcome" Communications Specialist
Brenda Driscoll to Federated Staff**

Brenda joined the Federated staff as the new Communications Specialist. With more than 13 years experience in community relations, Brenda's writing and communications skills will be an asset to Federated Church. Her responsibilities include writing and producing the weekly bulletin, the Spire and Elderlife newsletters and assisting in the marketing efforts of Federated. Brenda will be working in the Bell Street office and is filling a part-time position. She can be reached at 440.247.6490 x120 or email her at: communications@fedchurch.org. Please welcome her!

Be a Leader!

On January 22 the congregation voted overwhelmingly to go forward with the new lay leadership organization recommended by the Governance and Ministry Task Force. We are busy at work matching those who currently serve the church as a board or committee member with positions in the new structure. But there is room for you, too! If you are interested in any of the positions in the new structure, please contact Todd Smith at 440.247.4186 or onetoddsmith@gmail.com. For information about the new structure go to www.fedchurch.org/governance.



2012 LENTEN SERIES SIGNPOSTS OF RENEWAL STUDY AND EXPERIENCE

We are offering again the ONE BOOK—ONE COMMUNITY series, this year with an experiential component to supplement the topics. Our book is: **"Christianity for the Rest of Us"** by Diana Butler Bass. There are various practices that the author highlights as "signposts of renewal" for present-day mainline Protestant churches who are seeking to thrive. You are invited to join one of the weekly book groups, and/or to come to any of the Wednesday evening experiences.

Sign-ups begin today in Fellowship Hall and books are available for \$15.00. For additional information, pickup a flier at the Reception Desk or check the website at www.fedchurch.org.

Children & Youth Ministries

All This Month...
February!

K and 1st:
Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

2nd and 3rd:
Stories of Jesus

4th and 5th:
The Disciples
* See you there! *

As you shop, please remember these needed items for....

Food for Friends
A 2011/ 2012 Church School
Mission Partner

February Shopping List: Small jar mayonnaise
Saltines
Toothpaste
Canned Soups

YOU  HELP!

The Lord's Prayer



"Our Father, who art in heaven..."

All during the month of February, the Kindergarten and 1st graders will begin learning the Lord's Prayer in their Church School class. We will explore the meaning and ideas behind the words of this most simple and beautiful prayer offered to us by Jesus.

We will continue to practice throughout the spring, culminating on Mother's Day when we will step forward to lead the congregation in the prayer. We encourage all Kindergarten and 1st graders to join us in February as we learn the words and experience their meaning!



5th Grade Communion Classes

Fifth grade children and their families have a wonderful opportunity to participate in our Communion classes led by Reverend Hamilton Throckmorton and Reverend Mark Simone.

Thursday, February 16 & Tuesday, February 21
7:00-8:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Designed with 5th graders **and** their parents in mind, these classes focus on the meaning and mystery of this sacrament and include lecture, dialogue, small group discussion and fellowship. Children completing the class will be recognized during **Youth Sunday services on March 4th**. Also invited to participate in these classes and Communion are 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families who have been unable to attend in past years or are new to Federated.

The Lord's Supper is at the very core of our faith, making this a most meaningful step in the religious journey of these children.

Please call Carol Fishell at 440-247-6490 x214 (or email to cfishell@fedchurch.org) to register or with questions.

J(esus) O(riented) Y(outh) Jr. High Youth Group

TODAY-Feb. 5
Morning Bake Sale after each Worship Service
Everyone should bring baked goods
(and we will make some during worship!)

JOY "Souper Bowl"
Special Time! 4-5:30 pm (out at 5:30)
Bring a friend and Cans of Soup for the Food Bank! For every can of soup you bring, you get \$1 toward your \$5 pizza fee!

GROUP

Sr. High Youth Group

TODAY

Super Bowl Sunday so NO regular GROUP.
Lunch and movie afternoon out.
Meet at the church at 12:30 pm to car pool to wherever you want to eat and then a movie at Chagrin Cinema. Each pays their own way.

Feb. 12-Regular Mtg
6:30-8:00 pm, Family Life Center, Youth Room

Weekly Calendar

Activities in bold italics take place at the Family Life Center. Rentals, Scout and non-Church related community events are not listed.

SUNDAY February 5

8:30 am Men of Chagrin Rehearsal
 8:45 am Family Worship & Kidz Church
 9:45 am Employment Connections
 10:00 am The Faith Club Book Study
 10:15 am Family Worship & Kidz Church
 11:15 am Sangha Meditation Group
 11:45 am Alive 360 Family Worship
 12:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group) Lunch & Movie
4:00 pm J.O.Y. (Jr. High Youth Group)
8:15 pm Open Hearth AA Meeting

MONDAY February 6

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:30 am A Course in Miracles
 10:00 am Tai Chi-The Movement of Life Class
1:00 pm TNT Committee Mtg
 4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 pm Renewing & Relaxing Yoga
7:00 pm Men's Open Basketball
7:00 pm Family Life Center Board Mtg
 7:00 pm Augustine Fellowship

TUESDAY February 7

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:00 am Yoga- In the Spirit of Gentleness
 9:30 am Pastoral Care
10:45 am Restorative Yoga Body
 1:00 pm Elderlife Bridge
3:30 pm Guitar Choir
 4:30 pm FORTE Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Central Council Mtg
7:00 pm Fireside Big Book Study
 7:30 pm Ensemble Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY February 8

7:30 am Centering Prayer Group
8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
8:45 am Restorative Yoga Body
 9:00 am Wednesday AM Prayer Group
 9:00 am Staff Prayer & Mtg
 10:00 am Tender Loving Yoga
 12:00 pm Twelve to One AA Mtg
 1:00 pm Elderlife Chocolate Making
 1:30 pm Bethel Bible Study
 6:00 pm Same Boat Girlfriends
 6:30 pm CoDa Mtg
 7:00 pm Healing Gathering on the Labyrinth
 7:00 pm Telling Our Story Ministry Mtg
 7:30 pm Augustine Fellowship
 7:30 pm Alanon Beginner's Mtg
7:30 pm Women's Open Basketball
 8:00 pm Alanon Regular Mtg

THURSDAY February 9

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:00 am Sit and Stitch Community
9:00 am Yoga - In the Spirit of Gentleness
 1:00 pm Koinonia Book Discussion Group (Rostek)
 5:30 pm Renewing & Relaxing Yoga
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Olson Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Book Study—A Hidden Wholeness
7:00 pm Restorative Yoga Body
 7:30 pm Board of Youth Nurture & Fellowship Mtg

FRIDAY February 10

8:00 am Spirit Walk & Roll
9:15 am Friday AM Bible Study
 10:00 am Green Committee Mtg
 12:00 pm Friday Noon Big Book AA Mtg
 6:00 pm Tai Chi Speaker (Koinonia Group)
 8:00 pm Chagrin Falls Friday AA Mtg

SATURDAY February 11

7:45 am Gathering of Men
 9:00 am Tributaries—Meditation Class
 9:30 am Pre-planning Breakfast for Alive360
 10:00 am Alive360 Planning Mtg
 10:30 am Praise Yoga

SUNDAY February 12

8:30 am Men of Chagrin Rehearsal
 8:45 am Worship & Church School
 9:45 am Employment Connections
 10:00 am Alive 360 Rehearsal
 10:00 am The Faith Club Book Study
10:00 am Confirmation Class
 10:15 am Worship & Church School
 11:15 am Sangha Meditation Group
 11:45 am Alive 360 Family Worship
4:30 pm J.O.Y. (Jr. High Youth Group)
5:30 pm Group Leadership Team Mtg
6:30 pm GROUP (Sr. High Youth Group)
8:15 pm Open Hearth AA Meeting



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FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week....

Doug Church, 32817 Lisa Ln., Solon 44139-5597, on the death of his father, Earll, in Sarasota, FL on Feb. 1.

Fran Cooperrider, mother of **Dawn Dole** and **David Cooperrider**, c/o Dawn Dole, 63 Maple Hill Dr., Chagrin Falls 44023-5071, as she gets stronger after hip replacement surgery.

Tim Martien, 199 W Carriage Dr., Apt. 102, Chagrin Falls 44022-2825, who is recovering from the amputation of a toe while away on a trip.

Melody McClurg, 52 S. Franklin St., Chagrin Falls 44022, who is recovering from surgery on Jan. 27.

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members.
This week please pray for **Susi Kawolics** and **Trish Rouru**.

OUR STAFF IS HERE TO HELP YOU

Hamilton Coe Throckmorton, Senior Pastor

Mark Simone, Associate Pastor,
Children & Youth Ministries

***Susi Kawolics**, Interim Associate Pastor

***Trish Rouru**, Coordinator of Administration

Toni Cirino, Financial Manager

***Wendy Pierce**, Director of Family Life Center
& Marketing

***Lisa Braun**, Elderlife Coordinator

***Bev Krofta**, Dir. Children's Ministries, Infant-K

***Carol Fishell**, Dir. Children's Ministries, Gr. 1-6

***Marty Culbertson**, Dir., Jr High Youth Program

***Marcia Snavely**, Organist

***Bill Foley**, Dir., Chancel Choir & Men of Chagrin

***Pat Haynish**, Children's Music Ministry
Coordinator

Amanda Powell, Music Director, Ensemble,
Alive360 Music Team & FORTE

***Ruth Garwood**, Alive360 Coordinator

***Pat Nichols**, Pastoral Care Assistant

Melinda Smith, Congregational Life Administrator

***Brenda Driscoll**, Communications Specialist

Larry Trace, Properties Manager

***Bryan Kinches**, **Larry McGurer**, ***Don Newrones**,

***Mike Swigonski**, ***Derek Volk**, **Gordon Vojtech**,
Custodians

***Tosh Whaley**, "God's House" Keeper

***Bill Cale**, Groundskeeper

** Part time Staff*