

September 2022


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The Federated Church Newsletter

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Rally Day 2022

2022

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MINISTRIES

Rally Day
2022



Federated Church Wants to Invite **YOU** for Our

Annual Rally Day:

Date: September 11, 2022

Time: 11:15AM

Location: Federated Church Parking Lot

Join us at Federated for fun, Faire and food
with all the fixins'. This is an all-ages, all
community event, featuring Federated!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Melissa:
mowen@fedchurch.org

From the Desk of Rev. Throckmorton

Dear Friends,

Having just returned from some time away this summer, I rejoice to be a part of this rich and vibrant community of faith.

I

Mary and I had a wonderful summer. We had abundant opportunity to travel. We were happy to visit my mother in Bangor, ME. We helped our younger son, Taylor, move from outside of Chicago to outside of Washington, D.C., as he took a new and promising job in Ashburn, VA. We loved visiting him there and spending some time exploring what is, for us, an entirely new area. We also saw our older son, Alex, and his spouse, Cynthia, along with their two daughters, Allie and Riley, and were thrilled to spend time with them.

II

One of the joys of summer for me is the chance to read more widely than I am usually able to do. In addition to keeping up with several journals I receive, I especially loved a couple of books that I thought some of you might enjoy. Amy Ellis Nutt has written a fascinating story about a transgender girl and her family as her life unfolds over a number of years. In *Becoming Nicole*, Nicole Maines is an identical twin who realizes that, though she was born with the body of a boy, she is actually a girl. It's a fabulously told story and one I highly recommend.

The other book in which I was totally engrossed was Kazuo Ishiguro's *Klara and the Sun*. The story of a girl named Josie who buys an "Artificial Friend" named Klara is remarkably beautifully told. As artificial intelligence becomes more and more sophisticated, and as its perceptions become more and more nuanced, we are confronted with fascinating questions about its limits and its potential. This book of fiction engages some of those limits and potentials in a thoroughly engaging way.

III

It is a joy now to look forward to the rich and grace-filled fall that beckons us. I simply want to highlight two events. First, on September 11, we will once again rejoice in Federated's Rally Day. As we mark the beginning of fall and a new programming season, we delight in the special richness of this beloved church. Join us for worship at 10:00 that morning, followed at 11:00 by live music and delicious food in what we anticipate will be our newly repaved parking lot.

Then on Sunday afternoon, September 18, we will celebrate the ordination of our recently called Pastor for Transformational Ministries, Betsy Wooster, into the Christian ministry. That service will happen at Plymouth Church, UCC, in Shaker Heights, at 3:00 in the afternoon. Few worship services are more exciting and nourishing than ordinations, and this service for Betsy will be no exception. It promises to be a huge thrill. I hope you can be there for that.

As this fall unfolds, may be nourished and stimulated and moved to service by and for God.

Hamilton



Federated News & Info

Worship Themes for September 2022

Parables of Jesus: In the month of September, we will listen for the wisdom of Jesus in four of the challenging and marvelous parables he tells in the gospel of Luke.

September 4, Labor Day:
"Heaven in its own good time"
Luke 13:18-19
Pastor Betsy Wooster Preaches

September 11, Rally Day:
"Rejoice with me"
Luke 15:1-10
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton Preaches

September 18:
Luke 16:1-13
"Being faithful in little and much"
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

September 25:
"Being true to the ways of God"
Luke 16:19-31
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton



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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Services: Weekly at 10 AM

Livestream & In-person worship
with Child Care

Sunday, September 4

Pastor Betsy Wooster preaches
ONLINE ONLY

Sunday, September 11

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Sunday, September 18

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Sunday, September 25

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Worship Every Sunday
In-person & Online
10:00 AM

Online Worship on our
YouTube Channel:
[TheFederatedChurch](#)

Service of Ordination

Betsy Wooster

Sunday, September 18, 3:00 pm



Plymouth Church UCC
2860 Coventry Road
Shaker Heights, OH 44120

A reception will follow.

Clergy are invited to robe
with red stoles and
process together.

Thank You Federated

Dear Federated Family,

All things must come to an end! Summer is on its way out and hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to step back from the busy schedules and took time to rejuvenate the soul with vacations and time with family.

Just like summer's end, I am bringing an end to my Youth Ministry. As my eye doctor noted when I had to get glasses over a year ago, "You are of age". And I am clear, I am of age that it is time to let younger blood take the reins and lead our youth into the future. I have been blessed to have been touched by the lives of hundreds of kids over the years, they have taught me so much, but I started to feel that I was beginning to "Age Out" some time before the pandemic took hold and I really struggled with how I would let go of this ministry after 20+ years. As I head into my 27th year on staff at Federated Church I have discovered through COVID, that I am okay letting go and turning my focus to a more Congregational, multi-generational focus for Mission and Service and Social/Environmental Justice activities.

We will continue to do many of the same mission events throughout the year, but it won't be just the youth groups making things happen. Buckle up everybody, it is time we all engage at every level of Mission and Service and making the Kingdom of God a Just World for All.

While leaving my position as Director of Faith Formation, Youth is bittersweet, I am excited to look to the future and my new ministry at Federated Church.

P.S. Colorado Kids... this 30 year ministry at Federated can continue, if you are a family that wants to have your youth experience this amazing Faith Journey in 2023 and beyond I will be leading a transitional trip in 2023 so the next group of leaders don't need to reinvent the wheel. Feel free to contact me at Mculbert@fedchurch.org and watch for information this Fall.

Blessings to all as we move into the Fall and strive to make our world a place of peace for all.

Marty Culbertson



In Memoriam

Recognition of those who have passed recently.
A farewell to friends; May God welcome them with open arms.

Marjorie Fow— August 17, 2022
Rick Jones— August 19, 2022
Ralph Spresser— August 22, 2022

October Spire Deadline

Do you have something you'd like to see
in the September Spire?

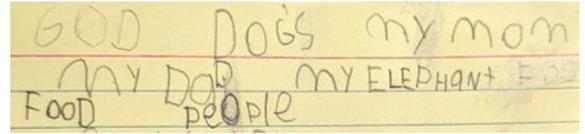
Please email your information to
communications@fedchurch.org by **Friday, September 23.**

Include "**Spire**" in the subject line. Thank you!

Office of Fund Development Update

There's lots to be thankful for:

- A Gratitude Index card was submitted from a congregant, expressing their thankfulness for "God, dogs, my mom, my dad, my elephant, food, and people." Priceless! We are thankful for them too.



- Generosity 2022 Intentions total \$1,009,610 from 313 Federated households. As of mid-August, 66% of those intended dollars have already been fulfilled. Thank You! We are grateful to all who received a Quarterly Statement or an August Pledge Statement and followed through accordingly. Your intentions make our transformational ministries come alive.

- The Generosity Commission has been preparing for this fall's Generosity 2023 Invitation. This year's theme is entitled "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving." More to come!



- Beginning last month and continuing through this month we're seeing progress on The Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign parking lot project!



- We successfully concluded the Truck of Hope giving opportunity, reaching our \$16,000 goal. See page 7 for a listing of the partners of this initiative.

- Because of your online purchases, Federated received \$561.98 through March 31, 2022. When ordering through AmazonSmile and designating Federated, each of your orders increases this donated amount!



- Generosity Impact Moment videos shared during our summer worship services include the following (viewable on the fedchurch.org/live GIM playlist). This is your impact on Federated!

Commission/Ministry	Generosity being celebrated
<i>Mission & Service</i>	<i>Christmas in July UCC 5 for 5 offering</i>
<i>Legacy Fund Committee</i>	<i>Impact and ministry of our Legacy Fund</i>
<i>Mission & Service</i>	<i>JustHope's Truck of Hope giving opportunity</i>
<i>Community Life Collaborative</i>	<i>Their recent and future programs at the Family Life Center</i>
<i>Mission & Service</i>	<i>School Supplies collection</i>

With thanks,

Laura
 Laura Piper Taylor
 Fund Development Associate
 Generosity Commission staff liaison
 Legacy Fund Committee staff liaison

Truck of Hope Giving Opportunity Update

Transformational ministry is a Federated core value. Following Jesus' example of love and justice, we seek to transform lives - including our own - through compassionate response, caring relationships, advocacy, and active service. That core value is reflected in our active service, performing international humanitarian work that transforms the lives of our partners, as well as the lives of those who have gone on those work trips. And we take those relationships seriously, realizing that by working with our mission partners we receive even more than we give.

While that active service sometimes involves a work trip - to Chacraseca, Nicaragua, for example - sometimes that action involves financial support. With that in mind, the Mission & Service Commission participated in JustHope's \$31,000 Truck of Hope campaign, hoping to raise \$16,000 of their campaign goal here at Federated.



Thank you to all the members and friends listed below who partnered with us as of Tuesday August 16th, making this such a successful initiative. Because of your thoughtful response, Federated was able to mail a check for \$16,000 to JustHope.

Gratefully yours,

Linda Zelazny

Michael Quintin

Mission & Service, Chair

JustHope Ambassador

Anonymous	Bob & Cindy Barclay	Eric & Tricia Baumgartner	Kalman & Mia Bencsath	Janet Berlincourt
Jan Blank	Trent & Norma Bobbitt	Bill & Lauren Brandon	Becky Carter	Jim & Carolyn Cunningham
Jon Denney	Stephen Downey & Kelly Stein	Bob & Sunny Doxy	Marty & Jane Eble	Federated Church Mission & Service Comm
Alma Faroo	Bill & Kathy Franz	Peggy Fullmer	Pat Haynish	Ken & Kristi Horner
Padi Joseph	Rich & Susi Kawolics	Bill & Silvia Kenneweg	Dan Kershner	Lynne Kessell
Ken & Pat Manchen	Keith & Jan Mast	Mike & Lynn Miller	Dave & Betty Pugh	Michael & Gay Quintin
Joy Robertson	Terrence & Carole Rounds	Martine Scheuermann & Marty Culbertson	Ronald Schuller	Cindy Scott & Miriam Huebscher-Scott
Bill & Carolyn Shaul	Dan & Sandi Sommers	Jim & Linda Squire	Dave & Holly Strauch	Laura Taylor
Hamilton Throckmorton & Mary Senechal	Kay Wellman	Betsy & Matt Wooster	Jack & Barb Youshak	Bill & Linda Zelazny

Mission & Service

St. Paul's Outreach

Over the past few weeks, a few of our Health and Hygiene recipients have been arriving early for our Nurses Program to take part in a bit of conversation and coffee. They bring their own music, a large amount of enthusiasm and some bright smiles. It tells me that we are responding to both needs in body and spirit. Through your efforts we give, and they leave something of themselves in return-Community. It also tells us they feel comfortable and safe in our waiting area which in itself is a big draw. Thanks to all at Federated for your contributions making this possible.

Tim Walters
St. Paul's Outreach



St. Paul's Thrift Store Collections

Saturday, September 17, 9 AM—Noon

The St. Paul's Thrift Store is a very important ministry of our long-standing relationship with this community church on the near west side of Cleveland. Proceeds from the sales of goods from the shop support the operations of the church and their outreach programs.

The third weekend of each month, we will have the mission trailer and volunteers in the church parking lot to receive your donations. Things that are not acceptable to donate: Old TVs (that are not flat screen), winter skis and ski boots, anything that has broken parts, used undergarments. If you don't want it because it is damaged or stained, please dispose of it. We will accept gently used items and clothes that still have a good life ahead of them. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry in this new way!

Fellowship Treats

We are **so excited** to continue Fellowship Hour after Sunday worship services. Members of the congregation take turns bringing in treats for fellowship time following the service on Sundays, 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 4– No Treats. Online Only Service.
September 11– No Treats. Rally Day
September 18– last names beginning with S or T
September 25– last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y, or Z
October 2– last names beginning with A or B



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 Kathy Franz (440.821.7795 or wfranz@roadrunner.com).

Next SJAM Meeting September 18 at 11:30am at Federated Church in Room 240

Or join by Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxXpsbVlWdz09>



Racial and Economic Justice

Centering God, Decentering Whiteness There is still room for people to sign up for "Centering God, Decentering Whiteness." Participants from several different churches will explore how Whiteness works and how it decenters God's presence in people's lives. Eight monthly sessions beginning in October. \$200 registration fee. Join others from Federated who have already registered. This promises to be an impactful experience. For more information, contact Barry Stees (steesbassoon@gmail.com)

Immigration

SJAM embraces immigrants to Northeast Ohio by supporting a network of organizations including Heights Friends of Immigrants (HFOI), Americans Making Immigrants Safe (AMIS) and HOLA.

From time to time, we learn of specific needs of immigrants in our area. This request came from HFOI:

Jasmine is looking for work

Jasmine is a 22-year old immigrant from Mexico who recently arrived in Cleveland to live with her cousins. She is looking for work, either cleaning homes or cooking excellent Mexican food and cakes for special occasions. She has a little bit of English and is planning to take ESL classes. If you would like to give Jasmine some employment, please contact Anne Hill for more information at anne.hill2@gmail.com or 216-333-4454.

Questions? Contact Rannigan Walsh, SJAM Immigration lead: ranni@me.com

Human Trafficking

SJAM October Movie Night: Please join us on Monday, October 24th at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall as we hear from Kirsti Mouncey, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, along with Laura Bartchak, Co-Founder and Director of the Harriet Tubman Movement. They will share their stories and educate us on their initiatives. We will also learn how we might become involved. There will also be a Zoom link. Or join using this Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxXpsbVlWdz09>

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Racial Allyship Last chance to sign up for the Racial Allyship series starting August 4. It will run weekly for 8 weeks on zoom and be co-facilitated by Robin Harbage and Bill Shaul. It has a secular orientation and is free. Anyone interested should contact Bill (theshauls@msn.com)

Our Faith Our Vote

SJAM September Movie Night: Monday, September 19 at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall as we continue our exploration of voting advocacy. Following a movie, there will be an opportunity to learn about ways to take action registering voters, becoming a poll worker or joining in UCC efforts to protect this most important right: the right to vote. Hope to see you there! Or join using this Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVlWdz09>



Environmental and Creation Justice



Visit Little Spark Refill Shop in Chagrin for help in finding alternatives to plastic! Little Spark is dedicated to helping the community reduce their plastic waste, refill their own vessels with natural products and live more sustainably.

49 W. Orange St. <https://www.littlesparkrefillshop.com/>

In closing: "Praying for God to move while sitting still isn't redemptive, it's cowardice and empty religion. This is not about passing the buck to God. This is about incarnating the love of God."

John Pavlovitz, Methodist Pastor and blogger

<https://johnpavlovitz.com/2016/07/06/why-christians-need-to-stop-praying/>

Community Life Collaborative

Sept. 25

1 pm

Family Life Center
16349 Chillicothe Road
Bainbridge

\$30 Run

\$20 Walk

Kids under 10 & under free

Come as a squirrel, an acorn, a mighty oak, or other woodland friend.

The Able Acorn is open to all ages & abilities.



Join the CLC for an **all-terrain chip-timed 5k run** or **1 mile fun walk** on the Family Life Center property. This event kicks off our *Prism Series*, a forum exploring the distinctly abled.

Registration includes swag, t-shirt, food, and more!

Register: www.communitylifecollaborative.org



Sponsorships available

ed@communitylifecollaborative.org | 440-708-1961

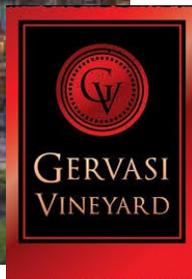
Upcoming Primetime Trips

Gervasi Vineyard presents...

An Evening With Frank and Dean

Thursday, September 22 5:30PM-11:00PM

Cost: \$50



Primetime: Lunch Out at Warren's Spirited Kitchen

Thursday, September 29, 12PM-1:30PM



Full information at fedchurch.org/primetime. Contact Melissa Owen with your interest at mowen@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x110.

Youth & Family

Confirmation and Senior High Youth News Attention all incoming 9th-12th graders and parents!

We are gearing up for Confirmation Class and Youth Group in person again for the first time since 2020! The pandemic changed the way we could meet in person over the past two years, and now we are thrilled to bring our youth programming back in full swing for the program year ahead.

Here is what you need to know right now:

Sunday, September 25th: Introductory Meeting for all high school **youth and parents**. Stay after worship for a lunch and introduction to the program year ahead with Pastor Betsy.

See below for details of the Sept. 25th meeting:

1. **Confirmation Class for incoming 9th-11th Grade** (to include all those who missed Confirmation during the pandemic. Are you a senior who missed confirmation? Please join us this year!)

A. **Confirmation Class will meet every other Sunday, after worship with lunch provided, from October 2nd – April 2023. Detailed schedule provided on Sept. 25th.**

B. Confirmation Sunday planned for May 2023.

2. **Senior High Youth Group Planning for 9th-12th Grade**

A. An invitation to our high school seniors to consider ways they may want to help plan youth group activities for the year ahead. All senior high youth will have a voice in our planning, but Seniors can lead the way as we support you in your “launch year” toward graduation!

B. In the year ahead, we will be joining together in service opportunities, gatherings where the only agenda is to relax and have fun, and quieter times when we can ask our questions about God and the Christian Faith honestly, with the loving support of your friends and leaders.

Parents and Youth, do you have questions? Give me call or send me an email. I'd love to meet and talk with you and can't wait for our time together to begin.

Onward!

Betsy Wooster

Pastor of Transformational Ministries



Family Fellowship

Sunday, September 25th, 2 PM
The LeFeber home in Chagrin Falls

Federated Families! Join us on Sunday, September 25th at 2pm at the LeFeber home for lawn games, fellowship and snacks. Enjoy some simple time outside. Please bring your favorite games, sports, bikes, scooters, or skates. We will have corn hole, badminton and bocce. RSVP to Ms. Kristin: klefeber@fedchurch.org



Help our Kiddos Collect Change for St. Paul's Community Church!

The collection contraption, which hangs in the main stairwell of the church, is now collecting money to support St. Paul's Community Church in Cleveland. Help our kiddos collect change by bringing yours into church to give to a kiddo to put down the contraption. Or, place the coins down yourself and enjoy the joyful noise of giving!

Thank you!



Sunday School Returns

Sunday School Returns on Rally Day – September 11th

This program year Federated is able to offer three Sunday School classrooms to meet the needs of all our kiddos birth thru 8th grade. Here is the breakdown:

Room 230 – Birth thru Pre-school/Kindergarten

This bright and colorful room is full of toys, books, coloring pages and love. Here, each week, two of our three childcare providers will greet you and your kiddos any time after 9:30 am on Sunday morning. During the service they will read a story from The Rhyme Bible and then lead a related activity or game. There will also be plenty of time for free play. Water and snacks will be made available. Our goal is to provide a positive introduction to coming to church and a beginning familiarity with some bible stories that teach that God is always with us.

Room 220 – Kindergarten thru 5th grade

These age kiddos will begin their time at church in the service until they are dismissed, usually during the passing of the peace. They will be met in the narthex and guided upstairs where they will begin their own time of worship. Each week, the kiddos will spend some time in the "sacred space" getting to know God by getting to know each other. In addition, this room uses a curriculum called "A Joyful Path." It is a behavior over belief approach that encourages kiddos to explore their own spiritual lives. Using Bible and other wisdom stories, activities and games, it teaches how to follow the path of Jesus in today's world.

Room 240 – 6th thru 8th grade

Middle school Sunday School is back and will also begin once kiddos are dismissed from service. They will meet every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. This will allow kiddos to worship with their families on communion Sundays and begin to experience the fullness of time in the sanctuary. This class will use a lectionary-based curriculum written for younger teens. It helps guide students into the text, and through a series of open-ended, text-related questions, they begin to see the Bible as a vital, dynamic relevant resource—one that can inform them throughout their lives. We will also use games and journaling to get to know ourselves and each other.

For more information please contact Kristin LeFeber, Director of Children's Faith Formation, klefeber@fedchurch.org

Meet Our Federated Sunday School Teachers!



Kristin LeFeber (Middle and Elementary)

Ms. Kristin has been the Director of Children's Faith Formation at Federated since October 2019. She has a B.S. in Elementary Education and is beginning coursework for a M.A.L in Faith Formation at United Theological Seminary this fall. She loves kiddos of all ages and stages and walking along side them as they grow in their faith and spirituality. She lives in Auburn with her husband, Zach, and her daughters Zoe and Georgia



Shawn and Emma Botcher (Elementary)

Shawn and Emma are both long-time members of Federated and have both taught Sunday School in the past. They are excited to have the chance to work with more children of Federated. Emma graduated from Westminster College in 2022 and is teaching 5th grade at St. Gabriel's School. Shawn graduated from Baldwin Wallace College and teaches preschool at Village Nursery School. Both graduated from Chagrin Village Schools.



Alex Bell (Birth – Pre-School)

Alex grew up attending First UCC in Fremont, OH. She has a lot of fun memories of Sunday school, youth group, and children's choir and loves that she can help create memories for all the kiddos that join her at Federated. She currently works in Development for L'Arche Cleveland, a non-profit for adults with developmental disabilities. She lives in Euclid with her husband and their cats, and in her spare time she fosters cats and kittens for a local animal rescue.

Meet Our Federated Sunday School Teachers!



Lianna Davis (Birth – Pre-School)

Lianna has lived in the Cleveland area her whole life. She went to Knox College in Illinois where she got her B.A. double majoring in French and History. Lianna works as an Early Childhood teacher during the week. She works with 18 month olds. Lianna is so glad to be back doing Sunday school with the youngest members of The Federated Church!



Tanya Goff (Birth – Pre-School)

Tanya has a BA degree in Psychology and an MS in Social Justice. She has worked with children since her baby sister was born when she was 9 years old. She loves Federated Church because it's so open, friendly, and welcoming.



Our Music Program Welcomes You!

While the summer is feverishly passing along, it is never too early to plan for our wonderful upcoming program year! At Federated, we are blessed with incredible facilities to make music within. Our acoustically satisfying sanctuary, our wonderful instruments, a refreshed rehearsal room, not to mention our historic chapel all contribute to safe environments to glorify God through sound. The only thing is, we need *your* voices and talents to bring these spaces to life!

The **Federated Choir** will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 1st from 7 – 9 pm. The choir rehearses weekly and sings at 2-3 services per month, Christmas Eve, and Maundy Thursday. We joyfully connect our music to the weekly sermons and prepare far in advance for special services involving orchestra, like Maundy Thursday. Any experience is welcomed to join!

The **Federated Bell Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7th from 7 – 8:30 pm. We **NEED** more ringers and no experience is necessary! Our ringers are very welcoming and would enjoy bringing anyone up to speed on how to ring. The Bell Choir is a uniquely connected atmosphere that emphasizes community, trust, and listening to our neighbor. We rehearse weekly and play at a service every 6-9 weeks.

To learn about either ensemble, or any of our various music programs, please contact Joshua Konow at jkonow@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x 120.

Children's Choir

Hello Federated Families,

I would like to invite **ALL children entering grades 1-8** to participate in the Federated Children's Choir for the 2022-23 school year! Children/Families do not need to be members of the Federated Church to participate. Regular weekly rehearsals will begin on **Monday, August 30 at 4:00 PM** in the Choir Room.

The Children's Choir performs about every 4-6 weeks beginning in early October. On December 11 we will perform our annual Christmas musical complete with costumes and sets! In addition to singing, we use various props and percussion instruments to add to our performances. Please encourage your child or grandchild to join in the fun!

Please respond to: phaynish@sbcglobal.net if your child can participate in the Federated Children's Choir during this school year! Please contact me if you have any questions! I am looking forward to a wonderful year with these talented young singers!

Pat Haynish (Children's Choir Director)
phaynish@sbcglobal.net



2022-2023 Performing Arts Series



Andrew Sords **Saturday, October 29th, 7pm**

Experience an eclectic evening of Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Dvorak, and others - the concert includes anecdotes, showpieces, and Chagrin's own Andrew Sords, violinist.



Christmas Carol Festival **Saturday, December 17th, 6pm**

Join our combined community chorus for an evening of Christmas cheer and some of the most beloved Christmas carols.



Alla Boara featuring Amanda Powell **Performing Arts Series Fundraiser Gala** **Saturday, February 25th, 7pm**

This incredibly festive evening will feature an Italian meal, dancing, raffles, and giveaways to uplift and support our Performing Arts Series. The featured performer of the evening is Alla Boara, a group which seeks to revitalize Italian folk music. The group features drummer and composer Anthony Taddeo, vocalist Amanda Powell, guitarist Dan Bruce, trumpeter Tommy Lehman, bassist Ian Kinnaman, and accordionist and keyboardist Clay Colley.

Tickets will be available through Realm or in-person. Full details available at fedchurch.org/PAS.

*Check your emails, bulletins, and newsletters for tickets to go on sale.
Contact Joshua Konow with questions at jkonow@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x120.*



Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanuela Friscioni, pianists
Saturday, April 29th, 7pm

World renowned pianists Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanuela Friscioni will perform a two-piano program featuring works by Rachmaninoff.

Apollo's Fire at Federated

100 tickets for each program will be made available to Federated Church



Handel's "Messiah"
Tuesday, December 6th, 7pm

Sonya Headlam & Erica Schuller, *soprano*
Kimberly Leeds, *mezzo-soprano*
Steven Caldicott Wilson, *tenor*
Edward Vogel, *baritone*

Sound the trumpet! Jeannette Sorrell, soloists, and chorus bring their nationally acclaimed interpretation of Messiah back home to Northeast Ohio. The singers become musical storytellers, bringing spirituality and theatricality to Handel's richly layered masterpiece.

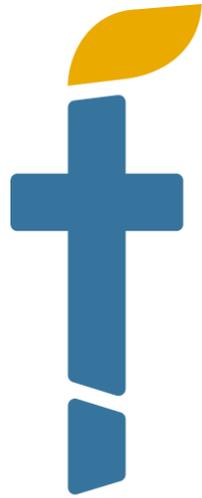


Vivaldi's Four Seasons rediscovered – Tour Send-Off
Concert
Saturday, April 8th, 2023, 7:30pm

Join us for a festive send-off as our musicians warm up their 2 programs for our European tour. – Or better yet, plan to come with us! London (UK), Heidelberg (Germany), and more...!

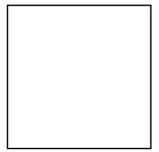
Tickets will be available through Realm or in-person. Full details available at fedchurch.org/PAS.

*Check your emails, bulletins, and newsletters for tickets to go on sale.
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Hope to see you
this Sunday!

10:00 AM
In person and Online