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# The Spire

The Federated Church Newsletter

United Church of Christ  An Open and Affirming Congregation

## Mother's Day Photos Wanted

Please help us celebrate the mothers in our lives  
during our Worship Service on May 14<sup>th</sup>

Send a favorite image to Marty Culbertson

Via Email: [Mculbert@fedchurch.org](mailto:Mculbert@fedchurch.org)

Note "Mom Photo" in the Subject Line  
and please include your mom's Name

**Send no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>**



  
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## From the Desk of Rev. Wooster...

*I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light.*

Excerpt of *The Peace of Wild Things*, by poet Wendell Berry.

The greening of the earth is a good description for the month of May! It's a time of year in this part of the world when the buds of Spring are peeking out of the soil, whispering to us, "pay attention! The lush gifts of God are on your doorstep!" Our recent weekend at church with guest pastor Rev. Daniel Cooperrider, opened up the glories of God's creation in many (pardon the pun) creative ways. Through a workshop, a Sunday sermon, and an outdoor "Wild Church" service in the South Chagrin Reservation, we experienced new ways of understanding how all creatures of the earth, and all non-human living elements such as trees, rivers, clouds and sunshine, and all of the foliage of the earth, are partners in faith with us, given as gifts by God.

The month of May ushers in the lushness of creation that finds its full bloom in the summer months to come. I find this a wonderful metaphor for the life of the church in the months ahead. As we ease our way out of winter days and walk with delight into the beckoning world of Spring and Summer, our imagination of what is possible blossoms within us. The greening earth is our teacher, reminding us that fields, mountains, rivers, oceans, woods and gardens are both our playgrounds and our sanctuaries to tend and keep as faithful stewards of the glories of God's unending creativity.

In keeping with the transformative months of Spring into Summer, our worship theme for May and June is "Transformative Encounters," and our theme for the months of July and August is "Metaphors for God." Within these themes we will explore how both the natural world and the world of the Holy Spirit nudge us into deeper understandings of how God speaks to us, how God loves us, and how God finds us, wherever we are on the journey toward greening and blossoming into all that God created us to be.

Let it be so! Let us sing and pray and worship God together with the playfulness and delight that these seasons herald! In the words of poet Wendell Berry, let us "rest in the grace of the world."

In God's Peace,  
Betsy



# Federated News & Info

## Worship for May 2023

May 7th: John 21: 1-17:

Rev. Betsy Wooster

May 14th: Special Mothers Day Worship

Guest Preacher Kristen LeFeber

May 21st: Exodus Chapter 3,

selected verses (Moses and the  
burning bush): Rev. Betsy Wooster

May 28th: Special Online Worship with

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner

## Worship Every Sunday 10:00 AM

**In-Person at Federated Church  
or Online on our YouTube Channel:  
[TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)**

### June Spire Deadline

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

Please email your information to  
[communications@fedchurch.org](mailto:communications@fedchurch.org)

by **Friday, May 19th.**

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

### In Memoriam

Recognition of those who have  
passed recently.

A farewell to friends; May God  
welcome them with open arms.

Barb Warren- April 27, 2023

### PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS

**Need to see a pastor? Our Pastors  
have Standing Office Hours.  
We are here for you!**



**Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton**  
**Senior Pastor**

**Office Hours: Tuesdays 2 PM-5 PM**

**P: 440.247.6490 x100**

**E: [hamthrock@fedchurch.org](mailto:hamthrock@fedchurch.org)**



**Rev. Betsy Wooster**  
**Pastor of Spiritual Formation**  
**Office Hours: Mondays 1 PM-4 PM**  
**P: 440.247.6490 x101**  
**E: [bwooster@fedchurch.org](mailto:bwooster@fedchurch.org)**

### 'Extravagant E-Welcome'

Please like, share, and subscribe to all  
Federated's social media platforms.



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[www.instagram.com/  
federatedchurch](https://www.instagram.com/federatedchurch)

# RePlay Recap:

## Federated Volunteers Adapt Toys

### So All Can Play

On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, eighteen Federated volunteers, mostly middle school students and their parents, gathered in Fellowship Hall to rewire toys to help an local organization called RePlay for Kids.

RePlay for Kids, a local nonprofit serving Ohio and beyond, serves to adapt battery-operated toys, attaching developmentally appropriate switches and buttons. Doing so allows all kids, regardless of motor abilities, to be able to play. The toys are also used to teach hand-eye coordination and cause and effect which assists the individual to learn to operate wheelchairs and other support tools in the future.

After a brief introduction from organization staff, the volunteers got to work using directions provided on tablets. The process involved opening the toy, cutting and soldering wires and lots of testing. RePlay provided all the materials needed to complete each project, including the toys. The experience was educational and fun. Most volunteers had never soldered before but enjoyed learning a new skill to help others. Federated is excited to provide this hands-on service opportunity again in the near future.

Thank you to RePlay for Kids for providing a meaningful morning of service!

And special thank you to those who purchased Easter lilies! All proceeds from the 2023 Easter Lily sales were donated to RePlay for Kids. Your generosity helped make the day even more successful.

**RePlay** *for Kids*  
because every child needs to play





# Easter Lilies

**A Friend** In memory of David Ponce and in honor of his parents; Ed and Mary Ann

**Anonymous** In honor of Melody A.W. McClure

**Becky Carter** In memory of parents Virginia & Paul Stewart, and friend Helen Brown

**Bill and Linda Zelazny** In memory of our parents, John and Caroline Zelazny, and Paul and DeLight Rhoades

**Bill and Linda Zelazny** In honor of our extended family

**Bill, Lauren, and Ruby Brandon** In loving memory of Ed and Phyllis Brandon

**Bob & Lindy Bryson** In loving Memory of Mary Lou and Don Chester

**Bob & Lindy Bryson** In loving Memory of Ruth and Nat Bryson

**Bob & Lindy Bryson** In loving Memory of Pixie Ferlito

**Bob & Lindy Bryson** In Honor of our brave granddaughter, Maddie Feder

**Chuck & Thea Mozingo** In honor of Rolf and Therese Hanson

**Gary & Dawn Dole** In memory of Loy W. Cooperrider and John D. Dole

**Georgiann Pace** To Lorraine Pace, Steph Bindernagel and Brian Bindernagel

**Georgiann Pace** Happy Easter always in my thoughts and prayers

**Janet Belincourt** In memory of parents Mr & Mrs Don A Berlincourt

**Janet Belincourt** In memory of best friend, Cinda Berri

**Jim & Claudette Whitelaw** In memory of our parents and Kevin

**Jim & Claudette Whitelaw** In honor of Eric, Jenn, Matt, Jon, Sarah, and Tim

**John & Pat Leech** In Memory of Scott Chamberlain Miller

**Kathi, Carolyn, Krista, and Karlyn** In Memory of Scott Chamberlain Miller

**Marcia Snavelly** In memory of Charles, Ruth & Larry King

**Marcia Snavelly** In memory of John Laskowski

**Marcia Snavelly** In memory of Judith Albert

**Maren and Paul Koepf** In memory of Mildred Koepf

**In memory of Tish & Bill Koepf**

**Maren and Paul Koepf** In memory of Bob & Marilee Rickert

**Martine Scheuermann & Marty Culbertson** in memory of Al & Shirley Culbertson

**Martine Scheuermann & Marty Culbertson** In memory of Nancy & George Scheuermann

**Martine Scheuermann & Marty Culbertson** In memory of Michael Scheuermann

**Martine Scheuermann & Marty Culbertson** In memory of Rich Scheuermann

**Martine Scheuermann & Marty Culbertson** In honor of Our Loving Faith Family

**Mary Ann Boysen** In loving memory of my parents; Mary and Fred Guice

**Mary Ann Boysen** In loving memory of Joe Groeger

**Mary Dixon and Family** In memory of Husband, John B Dixon, son John E & Margaret Dixon

**Mary Dixon and Family** In honor of Daughter Wendy Dixon Magree and grandson William Dixon

**Phoebe, Robby, and Max** In honor of Nana

**Phoebe, Robby, and Max** In honor of Grandma and Grandpa

**Sharon Munson** Tom H.Munson, Thomas Rogers, Lynn Rogers

**The Buescher Family** In memory of Thomas Tidd, we miss you Papa

**The Children's Guild** In memory of Joe Groeger

**The Oliver Family** In memory of Michael Rea

**Jenny Brown** in memory of Dr. Glenn R. Brown

## Fellowship Treats

We are **so excited** to continue Fellowship Hour after Sunday worship services. 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!

**May 7– last names beginning with E, F, or G**

**May 14– last names beginning with H, I, J, or K**

**May 21– last names beginning with L or M**

**May 28– last names beginning with N, O, P, Q, or R**



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## Wear Your Faith

As you **#LiveYourFaith**, you can now **#WearYourFaith**.

Federated merchandise is now available. Click [HERE](#) to view the online store or visit, <https://federated2021store.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>.



# Youth & Family

## Our Confirmation Sunday Celebration!



"You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives."

*Matthew 5:13-16 The Message, Eugene Peterson*



Aren't pictures worth a thousand words? These photos of our Confirmands on the day of their confirmation indeed show that they are light bearers, letting their joy and God-Colors shine for all to see as a witness to God's presence in their lives. We praise God for the richness of their lives and the vitality they bring as our newest members of Federated Church!



## More Youth News

### Loaves and Fishes Service Day

Not only does their light shine for us, but for the wider world. One week after their Confirmation, several of our students joined Federated's monthly mission with St. Paul's Church, on the near west side of Cleveland, preparing and serving a meal to the those in that neighborhood whose resources might be running low at the end of the month.

Our students are also our teachers, showing us what it looks like to live our faith. Praise be to God!



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# Primetime: All Are Welcome

## Thursday, May 18: Lunch Out at Noon



14614 East Park Street  
Burton, Ohio  
On the Burton Square

Opened in 2015, Warren's Spirited Kitchen offers a mix of contemporary cuisine, warm hospitality. You are invited to step inside the cozy Burton location to catch a feel of the local area. Grab a seat around the table and enjoy one of the many handcrafted courses made with local produce. Warren's is welcoming and fun—see you there!

Lunch and transportation on your own; carpooling available, contact Melissa if you need a ride !



## Sunday June 25: Lunch + George M. Cohan



What was America feeling at the dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century? Protean songwriter-performer-director-producer George M. Cohan had his finger on the pulse of this so-called American Century. Immortalized on film by James Cagney, the legendary Cohan emblazoned his signature with hundreds of songs including "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Over There" and "Yankee Doodle Boy." His story cracks open a crucial time capsule.

Join us! Meet at Solon Burntwood Tavern at 12:30 PM for Lunch and carpool to the Maltz Performing Arts Center located at 1255 Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio; performance begins at 3:00PM.

Cost: \$50 (Lunch not included)

## Save the Date(s):

- ✓ June 15: Lunch Out at Barrel Lodge
- ✓ June 25: George M. Cohen at Maltz
- ✓ July 20: Primetime Picnic !
- ✓ August 3: Everly Brothers + Lunch at the Hartville Kitchen

No May/June/July Forum.



**RSVP via REALM or to Melissa: [mowen@fedchurch.org](mailto:mowen@fedchurch.org) or 805.636.4256**

# Generosity Corner

## Generosity and Giving Update

### ***The spirit of Generosity abounds at Federated Church!***

Here are some recent highlights:

- Donations of clothing, housewares, furniture, and other items went to the annual **“Trinkets ‘N’ Treasures”** rummage sale. The event raises money for needs at the church.
- Members and friends of Federated **give their time and talent volunteering** for many wonderful activities, such as:
  - ◊ Angel Ministries
  - ◊ Performing Arts Series events
  - ◊ Trinkets ‘N’ Treasures
  - ◊ SJAM events and Wondrous Wednesdays
  - ◊ Fellowship Hour on Sundays
  - ◊ ... and many more!
- Youth and adults gave their time on a Saturday to adapt toys for kids with disabilities through a program called **RePlay for Kids**. Proceeds from the **sale of Easter Lilies** helped to fund this event.
- Members of Federated’s **Sit ‘n’ Stitch** group knitted beautiful prayer shawls for our Confirmation Class students and they were presented on Confirmation Sunday.

To date, 47% of 2023 Generosity Intentions have been received. That’s \$451,097 out of \$957,407 committed! Non-pledge and special offering gifts are also received each week.

***All we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others!***



# Mission & Service

## Thea Bowman Center

The beneficiary of Federated Church's 2022 Christmas Eve Offering of \$20,000 was the **Thea Bowman Center (TBC)** which, since 1966, has been is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Cleveland's Mt. Pleasant neighborhood through food support, children's programs, and adult education. The Center is named after Sister Thea Bowman (1937-1990) who was a black Catholic Sister, teacher, liturgist, musician and evangelist.

Thea Bowman Center serves 2500 children each month in the TBC Kids After-school Program held at Nathan Hale Elementary School, operates a Food Pantry delivering groceries to roughly 80 seniors a month in partnership with the Cleveland Food Bank, sponsors a 6-week Summer Youth Camp from June - August, maintains a Community Garden at the corner of 112th Street and Kinsman Road, and holds Adult GED and Literacy classes 4 days a week. Some of the most popular topics in the community education program are computer instruction for senior adults and computer coding for teens. Also popular is the free tax preparation offered in conjunction with the IRS each year from January - April. Last year, TBC helped 500 residents file their taxes at no charge which resulted in roughly \$1M in tax refunds coming back to residents in the neighborhood.

The Mt. Pleasant community was once a vibrant neighborhood with large lovely homes built in the 1930's and 40's. Today, the median household income is \$28,000 and residents of the Mt. Pleasant community have numerous challenges we would find shocking. For instance, no grocery stores, poor internet service, and many abandoned and deteriorating homes which have created safety issues and declining property values.

Federated's funds were a wonderful gift to the Thea Bowman Center and the people they serve. Additionally, there are many other ways the Federated Church family can assist. The Center welcomes our volunteer help in the Adult GED Program, presenting programs for Seniors on health and well-being, or conducting an art, cooking or music education program for the children in the Summer Camp or After-School program. Members from Federated who are interested in assisting can contact Ella Thomas at 216-491-0699.

Submitted by Dan Kershner & Emilie Gottsegen  
On behalf of the Mission & Service Commission





## 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



### ***A Whole Church BOOK JOURNEY!***

***Journey with others as we read and explore the book:***



## ***Speak with the Earth and It will Teach You: A Field Guide to the Bible***

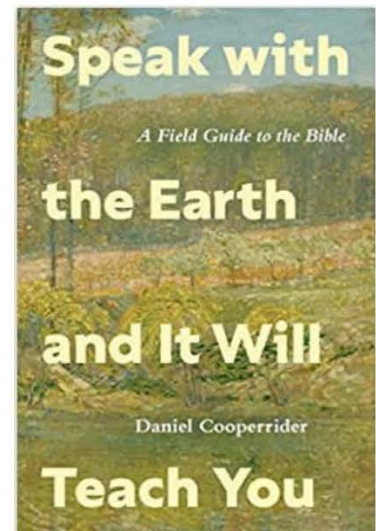
By The Rev. Daniel Cooperrider

Beginning the week of April 30, the journey will go for 4 weeks. Each week the groups will meet at a different park, enjoying the natural world around them: sharing, meditating, reading, short/easy walks and exploring. Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors to this church and community experience. Drop-ins are welcome too!

### **About the book:**

"I don't think it is enough appreciated how much an outdoor book the Bible is," wrote Wendell Berry. Author Daniel Cooperrider illustrates his point with beautiful narrative - like a stroll through the woods. *Speak with the Earth* analyzes the Bible's treatment of nature and intersperses this analysis with the author's own reflections on experiences in nature.

This beautiful and insightful book is perfect for every one of every age: the nature lover, the explorer, and the spiritual seeker.



- **Group 1 - Tues. 9:30 - 11:00 am** with Dawn Dole and Diane Tuuri
- **Group 2 - Wed. 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm** with Sandra Myer and Maren Koepf
- **Group 3 - Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm** with Mary Ann Viveros and Dan Kershner
- **Virtual group – day/time to be determined if there is interest.**

Get your book now and enjoy reading it to prepare for our Book Journey. Books will be available to purchase for \$20 in April in Fellowship Hall after worship services. Books are also available at Fireside.

Watch the Book Trailer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VLET7Rrltg>.

**Register for a book journey group at <https://fedchurch.org/events/>, calling the church office (440-247-6490) or signing up on Sundays after church in Fellowship Hall. You can also email: [coopdole@gmail.com](mailto:coopdole@gmail.com).**

**Sign up with your friends and family too.**

### **About the author:**

Daniel Cooperrider grew up at Federated Church, did his pastoral supervision under Pastor Hamilton and was ordained at Federated Church in 2011. Daniel is a writer, teacher, and pastor in the United Church of Christ (UCC). He was Pastor of the Weybridge Congregational Church (VT) and has served as Pastoral Resident at the Wellesley Village Church (MA). Daniel writes at the intersections of theology, environmental ethics, poetry, aesthetics, and climate justice. Daniel is the author of *Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You*, and a study on the book of Job. A fly-fisher and forager, he can often be found hiking, canoeing, wading, or otherwise navigating the landscape. Daniel lives on the edge of the driftless region in Madison, WI on ancestral Ho-Chunk land with his spouse, the Rev. Dr. Julia Burke, Senior Pastor of the Orchard Ridge UCC Church, and their young wild one, Reverie Faye. For more information on the author - <https://danielcooperrider.com/>





## Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

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### Creation Justice Film Night

The Creation Justice Task Force is hosting the showing of the film **"Planet Local: A Quiet Revolution"** on Monday, May 15 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

This film, by the international NGO Local Futures, shows a quiet and transformative revolution emerging worldwide. Away from the screens of mainstream media, the crude "bigger is better" narrative that has dominated economic thinking in modern times is being challenged. As people work to protect and restore local communities and the natural world, diverse initiatives are demonstrating a new path forward for humanity.

A discussion and response time will follow the showing of the film.



## Electronic Recycling Collection – Drive-Through Event



### Acceptable Items for Collection

- Computers/ laptops
- Tablets/e-readers
- Monitors (CRTs, LCD, LED Flatscreens)
- Keyboards, mice, cords, and other peripherals
- Printers
- Cell phones
- Telecom equipment
- Networking equipment
- Servers
- Video games
- Stereo equipment
- Electronic equipment batteries
- All accessories and cables
- Ink and toner cartridges
- DVD and CD Players
- Cable boxes
- Media player
- Televisions (fee needs to be paid)

**June 3, 2023**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**at the Bell St. Parking Lot**



**What:** Collection will happen on this day only.  
Drop off ONLY to the TRUCK in the church parking lot. This is a drive-through event so you don't get out of your car.

*Please do not drop off any items before this day and time.*

**Questions, contact:** Diane Tuuri - [dianeandward@gmail.com](mailto:dianeandward@gmail.com)

Please spread the news of this important recycling event!

Fees charged on - Older Tube model, console projection TVs- cost is \$1.00 per diagonal inch of the screen. Older CRT monitors cost- \$3.00/ea for terminal, \$5.00 for 17" flat screen monitor and \$10.00 each for 19" and up flat screen monitor.

# The Community Life Collaborative

## Community Life Collaborative: Being in Touch With Our Nature

In April, the CLC hosted more than 50 participants in a Midwest Climate Fresk on “Beginning to End the Climate Crisis”. High energy and hope pulsed through the workshop & training to equip climate change champions.

**Throughout May**, the CLC lifts up community conversations alongside local partners to bring new light to understanding creation care and justice. In collaboration with the UCC Living Water Association, the CLC’s annual **“Our Nature Series”** offers programs at the Family Life Center and in spaces around the broader region. See details on our website: [communitylifecollaborative.org/events](http://communitylifecollaborative.org/events).

**Thurs. May 4 Our Nature: Exploring the Disparity in Green Space Access** 12-1:30 at Killingsworth Meeting Place, 4127 East 131st, Suite 300A, Cleveland. *For those living in NE Ohio, access to available green space is a given. Not so for urban dwellers. Learn how development practices often cut off African-American neighbors from clean water as well as limiting the availability of parks and natural recreation areas.*

**Tues. May 9 Our Nature: Low Power Happy Hour** 4:30–7pm Happy Days Lodge, 500 West Streetsboro St, Peninsula OH 44264. *The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park invited LWA Faith In Action minister Rev. Michael Howard to host a “spirited” discussion with numerous public and private organizations about how collaborative community partnerships further our spiritual calling to care for the places we inhabit. Conservancy Members: Free / General Admission \$10.*

**Sat. May 20 Our Nature: The Power of Water: A Day of Exploration** 12-4:00pm at the Family Life Center 16349 Chillicothe Rd, Bainbridge 44023. *Join us for a day full of workshops and demonstrations by local experts who will share their extensive knowledge of rain gardens, pollinators, native plants, and more. The day will culminate with a reception & panel discussion that will help you gain a deeper knowledge of current issues and best practices.*

**The FLC Garden View Gallery (GVG)** engages hearts & conversation through art. Observing the **Our Nature: Bees, Bugs, and Pollinators** exhibit, learn about the vital importance of pollinators to all our lives.

**Mark your calendars:** Register for the [CLC Garden Gala](#) fundraiser: **The Year of the Firefly June 10. Games, food, music, and good times together!** Help grow our impact in lifting voice and action in the community.



The CLC manages operations and covers the costs of the FLC. To schedule church programs at the FLC, please contact CLC Executive Director, Peter Bode at [ed@communitylifecollaborative.org](mailto:ed@communitylifecollaborative.org) for details.

The CLC is a separate 501(c)3 nonprofit partnering with Federated Church to nurture transformation through collaboration for a just and sustainable world. To get involved or to partake in the forums, subscribe to CLC email blasts, follow us on social media, or reach out anytime!





# Federated Church's 2023 Lay Leadership

## Federated Church's 2023 Lay Leadership – Updated May

### Church Council

| <u>Position</u>  | <u>Lay Leader</u>   | <u>Representative to</u>         |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Moderator        | Adam Graves         |                                  |
| Vice Moderator   | Stephen Downey      | Membership & Nominating          |
| Past Moderator   | Rick Bryan          |                                  |
| Clerk            | Peggie Jo Shinagawa | Membership & Nominating          |
| Treasurer        | Brady Lively        | Finance, Legacy                  |
| Admin. Councilor | Doug Harlan         | Councilor to HR & TOS Committees |
| Councilor 1      | Diane Tuuri         | Congregational Care              |
| Councilor 2      | Ken Horner          | Generosity                       |
| Councilor 3      | Dan Kershner        | Mission & Service                |
| Councilor 4      | Sunny Doxey         | Spiritual Formation              |

### Commissions

#### Congregational Care Commission

Karen Zoltowicz (chair), Karen Johns, Leah Hassett, Judy Riemenschneider, Jodi Elioff, Carole Halberg, Heidi Asplin, Carolyn Shaul ,(1) Opening

#### Generosity Commission

Maren Koepf, Michael Quintin, Martine Scheuermann, (chair), Dawn Thatcher (5) openings

#### Mission & Service Commission

Gay Quintin, Kathy Kolcaba, Linda Zelazny (chair), Dave Strauch, Karen Godenschwager, Patti Lyden, Emilie Gottsegen (2 openings)

#### Spiritual Formation Commission

Pete Bednar, Bill Kenneweg, Silvia Kenneweg , Betsy Mast (chair). Zach LeFeber, Sandra Meyer, Katie Swanson-Harbage, Ali Hively\*, Allison Graves\*

### Appointed Delegates

#### Living Water Association Delegates

Susan Lampson, Jim Ogle, Kate Walsh

#### Heartland Conference Delegates

Susan Lampson, Kate Walsh

### Elected Committees

#### Finance & Properties Committee

Brady Hively, chair, Joe Rose, Padi Joseph (2) Openings

#### Human Resources Committee

Chris Bednar, Dave Watterson, Bill Franz (chair), Phil Fogarty, Eric Baumgartner

#### Legacy Committee

Robin Harbage (Chair), Tricia Baumgartner, Jeff Miller, Allison Greaves (1) Openings

#### Membership & Nominating Committee

Rose Brown (chair), Dawn Herdman, Jennie Krutilla, (2) opening

#### Telling Our Story Committee

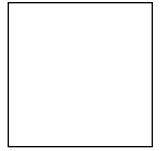
Jim Scheuermann, Todd Smith (chair), Diana Gardner, Bob Munson, (1) Opening

*\*—New appointment/position since  
Annual Meeting held February 2023*





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### CLERGY

**Hamilton Throckmorton**, *Senior Pastor*  
**Betsy Wooster**, *Pastor of Spiritual Formation*

### Administration Staff

**Melissa Owen**, *Senior Director of People and Operations*  
**Brooke Strong**, *Congregational Life Administrator*  
**Beth Rutkowski**, *Director of Generosity (new as of April 3)*  
\* **Janis Stefanchik**, *Bookkeeper*  
\* **Marty Culbertson**, *Transitional JOY / Missions*  
**Jake Magalski**, *Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

### Music Staff

**Joshua Konow**, *Director of Music Ministries*  
\* **Marcia Snavely**, *Organist*  
\* **Pat Haynish**, *Director of Children's Choir*

### Children's Ministries Staff

\* **Kristin LeFeber**, *Director of Children's Faith Formation*  
\* **Alex Bell, Lianna Davis, Tanya Goff**, *Childcare*  
\* **Shawn Bottcher, Emma Bottcher**, *Sunday School Teachers*

\* denotes part-time staff



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Hope to see you  
this Sunday!

10:00 AM  
In person and Online