

January 2024


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The Spire

The Federated Church Newsletter

United Church of Christ  An Open and Affirming Congregation

Thank You 2023....



Hello 2024!



From the Desk of Our Church Moderator...

Dear Congregation,

My warmest thoughts and holiday wishes to each of you and yours! A New Year means a new chapter for each of us and for Federated Church. As we all look forward to 2024, may our community of faith be filled with a spirit of joy, embrace and transformation as we seek to love the world through Jesus Christ.

As was shared in the November Spire, a joint Evaluation Team ratified the Church's management agreement with the Community Life Collaborative (CLC), which terminates on March 31st, 2025. Since this decision, your Church Council has carefully considered the Long-Term strategic value and material financial obligations if the Church were to continue as the owner of the FLC property (16349 Chillicothe Rd).

Your Church Council, guided by Federated's shared purpose, has strategically examined our current physical infrastructure and is confident that our 76 Bell Street main campus is more than adequate and should be the focus of future capital and maintenance investments. Additionally, we considered the FLC property's projected maintenance investment needs over the next several years, which are expected to range from \$500,000 to \$750,000, assuming similar uses to those at present. Furthermore, while our Church is so much more than any single building, we believe that our main campus will continue to be the central gathering place of our dynamic faith community. After careful deliberation, on December 5th, 2023, your Council passed the following proposal regarding the FLC property:

Approved Resolution (12/5/23):

Church Council recommends to the congregation for consideration at its 2023 Annual Meeting (2/25/24) the sale of the FLC property, offering the CLC the right of first offer to purchase the FLC property at 90% of fair market value. However, if the CLC is not the purchaser, the new owner will abide by the conditions in the current CLC management agreement through its expiry date (3/31/2025).

From the Desk of Our Church Moderator...

As the proceeds from an eventual sale of the FLC property will be material to the Church, your Council has directionally aligned on the use of these funds for three strategic purposes:

1. Thoughtful and intentional design and construction of a relocated memorial garden on the available property at 76 Bell Street.
2. Investment in infrastructure and maintenance projects, and enhancement of the Church's deferred maintenance fund (estimated use of 1/3 of the remaining proceeds).
3. Enhancement of the Church's investment funds with the interest generated from these funds to support Federated's mission by fully investing in our VAP - Visionary Action Plan.

As we move forward together, your Council will host the following three engagement sessions:

1. An in-person Elected Lay Leaders meeting to discuss the recommendation, following worship on Sunday, January 28th 2024. A summary of this meeting will be published in the February Spire.
2. An in-person member-only listening session, following worship on Sunday, February 11th 2024.
3. A virtual member-only listening session via Zoom at 6pm on Tuesday, February 13th 2024.

Once these sessions have concluded and in accordance with Federated Church's constitution (*see reference below*), a congregational vote will occur at the Church's annual meeting on Sunday, February 25th 2024.

"The following financial transactions require the prior approval by vote of the Church Congregation at a meeting duly called as provided by Article XI: B. Any sale, lease or encumbrance of Church property in an amount greater than \$100,000.

Thank you in advance for thoughtfully and prayerfully considering your Church Council's recommendation on this important decision. I look forward to hearing from you and engaging with you at the upcoming listening sessions.



Sincerely,
Adam Graves
Church Moderator

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Federated News & Info

**Worship Themes for January 2024 Focus on
Epiphany: Baptized to Follow, to Believe, to Be Taught,
to Be Healed, to Be Transfigured by Love.**

Jan. 7

"Baptized with the Holy Spirit"

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Jan. 14

"Follow Me"

John 1:43-51

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Jan. 21

"Believe in the Good News"

Mark 1:14-20

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Jan. 28

"Taught with Authority"

Mark 1:21-28

Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches

Worship Every Sunday 10:00 AM

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

February Spire Deadline

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

Please email your information to
communications@fedchurch.org

by **Friday, January 19th**

Include **"Spire"** in the subject line.

In Memoriam

Recognition of those who have
passed recently.

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

Joyce Moore – Dec. 6, 2023

Jack Sterling– Dec. 6, 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 2PM-5PM

P: 440.247.6490 x100

E: hamthrock@fedchurch.org



Rev. Betsy Wooster
Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Office Hours: Mondays 1 PM-4 PM

P: 440.247.6490 x101

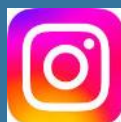
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'Extravagant E-Welcome'

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Rev. Betsy's Spiritual Formation Corner

~Looking Ahead to the Season of Lent~
This year, our Lenten Book Study is... the Bible!

Beginning the week of Ash Wednesday in mid-February, our six-week Lectionary Bible study groups will begin. A lectionary Bible study refers to studying the scriptures that the pastors will preach on the following Sunday. We will study passages from the gospels of Mark and John this year as we prepare our hearts and minds for the seasons of Lent and Easter.

Keep Watch! Our Lenten Bible Study Group sign-ups are coming soon!

Women's Ministries

Women's Fellowship Helping hands will be meeting January 22nd. FYI...we were able to deliver 83 Christmas cancer pillows & 2 fidget pads to Hospice, the results of our November meeting! For more information contact Lynne Kessell, lynnekessell@gmail.com.



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!

January 7– last names beginning with C or D
January 14– last names beginning with E, F, or G
January 21– last names beginning with H, I, J, or K
January 28– last names beginning with L or M



Wear Your Faith



As you **#LiveYourFaith**, you can now **#WearYourFaith**.
Federated merchandise is fun to wear and available!
To view the online store, click [HERE](#).



Generosity Corner

We are truly grateful to all of you who have turned in your 2024 Generosity Campaign Intention to Give card or online pledge. This information helps us to more accurately plan for the coming year's activities and programming.

If you have not yet turned in an Intention to Give for 2024, *it's not too late!* You can make your pledge online at fedchurch.org/giving or call or email Beth Rutkowski at 440-247-6490 ext. 115 or brutkowski@fedchurch.org.

If you are unsure if you have completed your pledged donation for 2023, this information can be found on Realm, or you can call or email Beth at the information above.

Federated Church has a wonderful history of profound generosity, which comes from you, its dedicated friends and members. We see the blessings of this generosity play out every day in the lives of our church family and the wider community.

Thank you and God bless you!

The Generosity Commission
Martine Scheuermann (Chair), Ken Horner, Maren Koepf,
Michael Quintin, Dawn Thatcher

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A Special Thank You...

Words cannot express my gratitude for the magnificent 30th year Celebration Concert held on Dec. 2nd. I am still on "Cloud Nine." It has been a "bucket list" dream to play the Saint Saens Organ Symphony and Handel Organ Concerto with an orchestra. Special thanks to Joshua Konow and Steve Eva for making it happen. And what a joy to play piano/organ duets with my favorite duet partner, Randy Fusco and hear the choir perform one of my favorite pieces, Rutter's "Feel the Spirit." The reception afterwards was also perfect, thanks to Nancy Isham and her crew.

It has been such a privilege to be the Organist at the Federated Church for thirty years. I don't know where the years have gone.... Whew!.. but what a fabulous journey. I've had the opportunity to work with such talented musicians.... directors, soloists, choirs, performing groups ... and received such strong support from David Norling and Hamilton Throckmorton and the Federated staffs. And now, having the opportunity every week to play the Rogers/Schantz hybrid organ and Mason Hamlin concert grand and collaborate with Joshua, Pat and the choirs is so fulfilling.

Thanks to all of you... and to the Lord for bringing me to Federated....

With love and gratitude,

Marcia Snavelly



Christmas Tree, Wreath, & Poinsettias Fund

Federated's Youth Programs are so appreciative of all those who purchased a poinsettia *in honor* or *in memory* of a loved one. Thank you for your support, for beautifying our Sanctuary during this holiday season, and for remembering someone special in your life this way. Federated is a premier messenger of Grace and love - and your thoughtfulness makes that possible.

Many thanks to:

Lisa Novak Antil in memory of Joel Novak
Tom & Heidi Asplin in honor of our family and friends
Tom and Bobbi Jo Baclawski in memory of Wanda Abrich (Bobbi's Mom)
Tom and Bobbi Jo Baclawski in memory of Thomas Baclawski (Tom's Dad)
Tom and Bobbi Jo Baclawski in memory of Jason Gell (Tom's Brother-in-Law) and all who have passed away. We love and remember you in Heaven.
Jane Badal in memory of Alfred Badal
Jane Badal in honor of Laura & Steve Hervert
Eric & Tricia Baumgartner in memory of Ed & Betty Baumgartner
Janet Berlincourt in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Don Berlincourt (parents)
Janet Berlincourt in memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Thomas (aunt & uncle)
Barry & Kathie Biggin in memory of Clark and Jean Zimmerman
Barry & Kathie Biggin in memory of Phyllis Biggin and Gerry Ann Draeger
Jan Blank in honor of Terra and Karman
Jan Blank in honor of Rita and Arvid Nyberg
Jeanette Brown in memory of Glenn Brown
Jeanette Brown in memory of John Laskowski
Jeanette Brown in memory of Helmut Fochler
Becky Carter in memory of Virginia & Paul N. Stewart (parents) and Helen Brown (friend)
Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann in honor of the staff at Federated Church
Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann in memory of Al & Shirley Culbertson
Marty Culbertson & Martine Scheuermann in memory of George & Nancy Scheuermann
Mark & Kathleen Davis in memory of Will Davis and Richard R.G. Hobson
Gary & Dawn Dole in memory of our loved ones - no longer with us
The Hively Family in memory of Tom Hively
The Hively Family in honor of the Hively/Hogan Families
Joan & Walker Johnson in memory of Mary & Eric Essex
Joan & Walker Johnson in memory of Jane & John Johnson
Dana Korosi in honor of Alexander Korosi, Nina Ulrick, and Marsha Helen Stroud
Don, Charlene & Sarah Krejci and Patrick Cox in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Bates
Don, Charlene & Sarah Krejci and Patrick Cox in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Krejci
Sibyl & Dick McBride in memory of loved ones
Sibyl & Dick McBride in honor of our wonderful family
Gylene Pelton in honor of Dolores, Guy, & Rich Sankey, Guy Pelton, and David Pelton
Polly Peters in memory of Don & Janet Peters
Harry Rees & Karen Anderson in memory of Eleanor & Clarence Anderson
Harry Rees & Karen Anderson in memory of Joan & Harry Rees
Marcia Snavelly in memory of Scott Snavelly
Marcia Snavelly in memory of Charles, Ruth, & Larry King
Marcia Snavelly In memory of Marion & Geoff Snavelly
Cheryl Stone & Max Mehlman in memory of Helen, Henry, & Judith P.
Bill & Linda Zelazny in honor of our extended families, past and present



The wreaths adorning our doors were donated by: Stephen & Kelly Downey in joyful celebration of all, with us and past; Phyllis Ference in memory of Bob Ference; Peg Fullmer in honor of Marcia Snavelly's Ministry of Music for 30 years and counting; Vicki Jones in memory of Rick & Leslie Jones; Richard Masters in memory of Anne Masters; Richard Masters in memory of Sarah Masters; Lynn C. Miller in memory of Scott Chamberlin Miller; Thea Mazingo in memory of Therese Anne and Karl Rolf Hanson. The large wreaths in the windows were given in loving memory of Eva Jean Trace by the Trace and Bittinger families.

The altar Christmas Trees were donated by: Larry Trace in loving memory of his wife, Nancy Trace, and in honor of their grandchildren, Shannon Marie and Lea Kay Trace and Tyler Matthew Bittinger. The poinsettia tree on the altar was donated by the Trace and Bittinger families in memory of Nancy Trace.

Federated Church's 2023 Lay Leadership – Updated Dec

Church Council

<u>Position</u>	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Representative to</u>
Moderator	Adam Graves	
Vice Moderator	Stephen Downey	
Past Moderator	Rick Bryan	
Clerk	Peggie Jo Shinagawa	Membership & Nominating
Treasurer	Brady Hively	Finance & Properties Committee, Legacy Committee
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 Eliofoff, 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

Susi Kawolics, Judy Bagley-Bonner, Jim Ogle

Heartland Conference Delegates

Susi Kawolics, Judy Bagley-Bonner

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, Kelly Lawrence*

Legacy Committee

Robin Harbage (Chair), Tricia Baumgartner, Jeff Miller, (2) openings

Membership & Nominating Committee

Rose Brown (chair), Dawn Herdman, Harriett Rogers* (3) openings

Telling Our Story Committee

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

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



Performing Arts Series '23-'24 Season

Save the Dates!

Full concert details and are available at fedchurch.org/PAS

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 7pm
Sonya Headlam, soprano
Celebrating Black History Month



Saturday, March 2, 2024, 7pm
Cleveland Celtic Ensemble
with a community dinner!

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 7:30pm
Apollo's Fire: "Bach's *Easter Oratorio*"



Friday, May 17, 2024, 7pm
Factory Seconds Brass in Concert

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Wondrous Wednesday

What is Horticultural Therapy?

Is it crazy stuff with plants? Why is the Cleveland Clinic willing to pay for it?
Can I benefit from it?

Come to Wondrous Wednesday on January 17th, and find out!

Two Master Gardeners will talk about the interesting research behind it, and some of the amazing results they've experienced.

You'll have a chance to experience it for yourself when we all work together on a project. Come learn something new!

Dinner is at 6 pm, presentation is at 7 pm.
Sign up at fedchurch.org/events or the poster by Fellowship Hall (where it will be held).

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New Artist in the Federated Gallery Space!

Our own Rebecca Woehrle will be sharing her art with us in January. *How did she get to be an artist?* Her printed story will be found hanging amongst her paintings. It may have something to do with a her father... conclusion to follow! Come be inspired!



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Youth & Family Federated Family Yoga

Saturday, January 20th

11am – 12pm

\$25/family

It's parents and kids, playing, working and relaxing together in one hour of quality connection and FUN! With the intention of nourishing body, mind & spirit we will practice yoga postures, play yoga games and explore partner yoga poses. No prior yoga experience necessary. Bring a yoga mat for each person if you have them.



Registration is required at fedchurch.org/events or by emailing klefeber@fedchurch.org

Facilitated by Polly Manke, The Heart Center | Yoga Wellness Reiki

FEDERATED CHURCH

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Sundays at 11:30 - 1:00

Meeting in Room 340

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

December

24: Merry Christmas from your advisors!
31: and a Happy New Year.

January:

We will resume meetings on January 21!
Enjoy your break!
21: Planning session for the next few months. Come with your ideas for service projects and fun outings!
28: Loaves and Fishes at St. Paul's Church.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL GARY OR PAUL

gdd.fedchurch@gmail.com

paulcantlay99mail.com



Primetime Fun!

Primetime Lunch Out: The Original Mario Fazio's Thursday, January 18 at Noon

Join us at Mario Fazio's: 34400 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

The Mario Fazio team has cheerfully & earnestly devoted their lives to the evolution of the restaurant – they are passionate about food & beverage and you will taste the love in every bite and sip.. Join us at this iconic spot for lunch and laughter!

[RSVP](#)—Need a ride? Contact Melissa—carpooling is available!

Thank You for a Wonderful 2023 !



Save these 2024 Dates:

- ✓ [January 18. Noon: Lunch Out at Mario Fazio's](#)
- ✓ [February 16, Noon: Lunch Out at Guido's in Chesterland](#)
- ✓ [February 24, 7PM: Sonya Headlam, Soprano Celebrating Black History Month](#)
- ✓ [March 15, 5PM: Dinner + 100 Years *Rhapsody in Blue*, Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, Pops](#)
- ✓ [March 22, Noon: Lunch Out at Cooper's Hawk](#)

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

Mission & Service

A New process to choose the Christmas Eve Offering continued...

In September the Mission and Service Commission announced a change to the process of choosing a recipient for our Christmas Eve offering. The commission would like to share how the revised process worked.

The commission asked members of the congregation to nominate a worthy organization to be considered for the Christmas Eve Offering. The goal of this offering is to make a considerable impact on an organization's programming needs and wanted to reach an organization that speaks to how the Federated Church family is living their faith beyond the walls of the church.

The Mission and Service Commission researched the nominees and chose four organizations to have a spokesperson present a short summary of their programs, goals, and needs at a Mission and Services meeting in late November.

As you know, Humble Design was the organization chosen to receive the 2023 offering. What you may not know is that the other three organizations, Harriet Tubman Movement, InMotion and Power of Harmony received a donation to support their work from the Mission and Service 2023 budget.

You can learn more about these three organizations via their websites.

www.harriettubmanmovement.org

www.beinmotion.org

www.harmonyfoundation.org

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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

Am I Racist?

IMPLICIT BIAS: We all have it, so what can we do about it

New Racial Justice 4 week series starting Jan. 4 (free on Zoom)

sponsored by

Social Justice Advocacy Ministry of Federated UCC (Chagrin Falls)

Title: Racism: Through Windows and Mirrors

A close look at Implicit Bias



Dates/Times: Thursdays Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25

**SOCIAL
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7:00 to 8:30 p.m. EDT (zoom)

If interested in more information or to participate

contact: Bill Shaul (theshauls@msn.com) or

Robin Harbage (robin.harbage@gmail.com)

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A Pilgrimage* to the Southern Border

Wednesday, January 10 - Monday January 15, 2024

Sponsored by:

The Adult Faith and Life Department:
Plymouth Church UCC of Shaker Hts., Ohio
and

Good Shepherd UCC of Sahaurita, Arizona

Read more about the Arizona event: www.Commongroundontheborder.wordpress.com

Interested in this pilgrimage:

Contact Rev. Brenda at: pilgrimagebjg2024@gmail.com or

Rev. Matt Wooster at: mwooster@plymouthchurch.org

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SJAM Movie Night

Monday, January 22, 2024

7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

3 lessons of Revolutionary Love in a Time of Rage



Valarie Kaur

(author of *See No Stranger*)

TED talk (22 min.):

Followed by discussion and an exploration of

Implicit Bias (We all have it !)

and how to overcome it

Led by

Robin Harbage and Bill Shaul

Federated Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

Questions: Email: sjamfedchurch@gmail.com



Worship With Nature



4:57

Sunset.

Lanterns glowing,
Procession chanting —
Circling round a crackling fire
In the sacred sanctuary of
a labyrinth.

Enchanting flute and voices float on a
chill night breeze.

Imagery beckons to embrace the
surprising gift of darkness, of waiting, of gestation...
Look there: God's dawning Light in the world!



New friends and faces gather inside.
A delicious array of soups, breads, cookies, and warm beverages set in
a welcoming festive atmosphere.

Worship With Nature awakens our senses in new found awe for the
fragile web of creation!



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Community Partners

The [Community Life Collaborative](#) is excited to announce the appointment of Destinee Burse as the Executive Director leading the CLC into the next chapter! Destinee brings experience working at both regional and national levels promoting water justice. A community organizer in the Cleveland area, she has a proven track record of working with community grass-tops leaders to identify local priorities to influence public agendas. Destinee is invested in developing, organizing and campaigning strategies rooted in race equity while supporting grass-tops and grassroots advocacy, asserting that a campaign cannot be successful without participation and leadership from the communities and audiences most impacted. With Destinee's leadership, the CLC is looking forward to the profound difference we can make with and for communities across the region. She will officially begin January 2. Please stop by the FLC and introduce yourself. There will be a reception welcoming Destinee in January.



The **CLC Welcome Kettle Series** reached folks from across the Greater Cleveland area to engage with a documentary and art exhibit expressing the challenges faced by refugees displaced by horrors of climate change, tyranny, and violence. We are grateful to all who contributed to building community, spreading the word, and committing time and a willing heart.



A Look Back Inspires a Look Forward:

In just 3 years time (including COVID), we are humbled by what the Community Life Collaborative has accomplished...

- Getting the FLC operational from being shuttered and unmaintained
- Aligning facility uses with Federated's values while elevating outreach to 300-500 members community members using the FLC every month
- Evolving CLC leadership from a volunteer Executive Director to a part time ED to a full time ED
- Developing a 7-member Board of Directors diverse in expertise and representation
- Implementing frameworks for curating programs and projects among prominent as well as uncommon stakeholders to engage communities across Northeast Ohio
- Amplifying diverse voices and empowering communities historically silenced or dismissed
- Cultivating curiosity around social issues with innovative programming and problem-solving toward a just world

As we envision the future of the CLC at the FLC, we continue to ask community-facing questions like:

- *What are the dreams of our neighbors in underserved communities?*
- *How might the FLC space host summits for climate change and youth leadership in response to the next generation's fears for their future?*
- *How else can the FLC stand at the intersection of community and connection in our region?*

Upcoming vote on the FLC

In February of 2020, the congregation overwhelmingly chose to support a partnership with the CLC. The CLC is using the FLC in a way that is both financially sustainable and mission-based which the church originally desired. As you have likely read, the church council is recommending the sale of the FLC property. Both the CLC and Federated Church are made stronger by our partnership. We hope for continued support from the congregation so that the CLC can operate as a burgeoning asset of community engagement and mission outreach.

The [Community Life Collaborative](#) manages all operations and covers repair & improvement costs of the FLC for Federated. To schedule church programs at the FLC, please email ed@communitylifecollaborative.org. The CLC is a separate 501(c)3 nonprofit aligning with Federated Church to engage transformation through collaboration for a just and sustainable world. To get involved or stay informed, subscribe to CLC email blasts, follow us on social media, or reach out anytime!

Community Partners

SAVE THE DATES!

You are invited to join our friends from NOICA (Northern Ohio Intercultural Association) for fun, educational experiences that provide a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange. Learn more about the food and customs by participating in the following events:

Cooking Classes

January 27 and February 17 at 10:00 am

Learn new recipes and experience a delicious Turkish breakfast! Expand your cooking skills with new dishes and recipes and meet new friends. Get to know each other as you explore culture and flavor in these fun, interactive classes.

Participation is free. Sign up at fedchurch.org/events for one or both classes.

IFTAR (Dinner)

March 23 at 7:00 pm

Come enjoy a wonderful dinner here at Federated Church in Fellowship Hall. We welcome back our friends from the Northern Ohio Intercultural Association, who have generously offered to prepare and serve an Iftar.

Iftar is the evening meal taken by Muslims at sundown to break the daily fast during Ramadan. Ramadan is observed worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community.

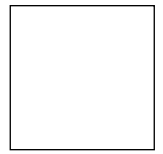
Last April, NOICA hosted an Iftar at Federated Church. Friendships were forged, a delicious meal was shared and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all. We are thrilled NOICA will return this Ramadan! Join us!

Besides the meal, we will also have an opportunity to learn more about the Muslim faith and traditions. This is a family-friendly event. Children of all ages are welcome! Come, meet new friends. The event is free. Register at fedchurch.org/events by March 17.





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OUR STAFF IS HERE TO HELP YOU

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Betsy Wooster, *Pastor of Spiritual Formation*

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Brooke Strong, *Congregational Life Administrator*
Beth Rutkowski, *Director of Generosity*
* Marty Culbertson, *Transitional JOY / Missions*
Jake Magalski, *Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

Music Staff

Joshua Konow, *Director of Music Ministries*
* Marcia Snavelly, *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

