



First Federated Church



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God Loves ALL Peeps!

What a fun image to have... whether you think of downy little chicks or puffy sugary multi-colored candy; imagine God loving them all the same. One will grow up to ultimately provide us with healthy food the other has zero nutritional value but is oh-so-sweet.

Of course we know we have to eat a proper diet if we want to be healthy. It can’t all be sweets. And maybe it’s the same way with the “peeps,” the people that share our life experience: some will be sweet and others will make us stronger! Can we love them all the same?

The Open & Affirming discussion sessions – Brewing Faith – continue through May. We are reviewing previous scripture topics and comparing them with new ones. The conversations are at times hilarious and other times very deep. What does the Bible tell us about loving others? You can still be a part of that discussion.

Reset yourself this Easter. Invite someone else to reset with you. Make Easter more than just about candy peeps.

Pastor Jack



Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Fundraiser
Get Flocked!

Tickets are on sale for \$1 each. How it works: You enter a name and address of someone who's yard you want flocked with Pink Flamingo's. On March 31 we will pull a name & on April Fool's Day they will wake up to a yard full of pink flamingos! BUT WAIT! What if you really don't want a yard full of pink flamingos? Well for \$5 you can buy Pink Flamingo Insurance! All money goes to our food pantry! Buy as many tickets as you'd like!

Maundy-Thursday Dinner

March 24 at 6:00pm we will have a Passover meal of lamb and unleavened bread in the fellowship hall. We are looking for specific items to go with our meal: deviled Eggs, Salad, Celery (veggie tray), flat bread, fruit and grape juice. Pastor Jack will be cooking the lamb. Please call or email the office and let Mary Sue know what food you will bring. Seating is limited so please make your reservation by signing up on the clipboard.

Christian Ed Thank You's!

Thank you to everyone that organized our Family Movie Night on Feb 27. It was a huge success with 60 in attendance! We hope to do it again in the coming months.

Thank You to everyone that purchased subs, we raised \$296 for VBS!

Thank you for all the Easter candy donations too!

Scout Sunday

We'd like to thank the scouts and all their families that joined us on Feb 7. It was truly wonderful to have them all here; with over 190 in attendance between both services!

You Are Invited!

EASTER SUNDAY

March 27, 2016



Have you ever felt like you just wanted to hit the reset button on life – just like you can with your computer or any electronic device? Of course you

have. And it's safe to say someone you know has that same feeling.

EASTER is the world's chance to hit the reset button. Jesus is the reason we have the opportunity to start over – to clear out the corrupted files in our memory and reset our course.

Someone you know wants to do that too. And they are waiting for you to ask them to experience the same kind of reset. Believe it or not – they are waiting for you to ask them to church. Fewer than 20% of the American population attends church regularly BUT 82% of people will say "YES!" when you ask them to come to church with you.

So go ahead. Hit the RESET button. Start yourself over and invite someone to come to church with you. Let Jesus reset our lives.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

Mar 13	Skating Party @ Skate Zone	2-5pm
Mar 14	Brewing Faith	Noon
Mar 16	Brewing Faith	7:00pm
Mar 17	Truck to Unload for Our Pantry	9:15am
Mar 19	Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	10am to Noon
Mar 20	Palm Sunday	
Mar 20	Easter Egg Hunt	between services
Mar 24	Maundy Thursday Dinner/Service	6:00pm
Mar 27	Easter Services are at regular times	9:30 & 11:00am
Mar 28	Brewing Faith	Noon
Mar 30	Brewing Faith	7:00pm
Apr 4	Brewing Faith	Noon
Apr 6	Brewing Faith	7:00pm
Apr 10	VBS Meeting	between services



AA every Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall at 8pm
 NA meets Monday Nights at 7pm basement.
 Cub Scouts Meet weekly on Mondays at 6:00pm
 Boy Scouts Meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm
Church Choir meets Thursday's at 8pm (Sept thru May)



Easter Flowers are in Loving Memory of:

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| John P. Acri | Walter & Mary Miller | Jim Campbell |
| Jessie Campbell | Earl Ruggles | John & Betty Evans |
| Joseph & Mabel Cessna | Shirley Latimer | Richard Latimer |
| Arthur Isler | Keener Family | Wilson Family |
| Annie McKinney | Tom McKinney Jr. | Loy Metzler |
| Rocco & Elizabeth Polito | Lloyd & Julia Contant | Loved Ones |
| James & Betty Garlock | Betty Metzler | William Metzler |
| Robert Clark | Larry Ruggles | Charlene Cutlip |
| Shelly Neff | Edith Cumberledge | |
| Keith and Eileen Riggs | Delbert and Clarabelle Sinn | |

When taking your EASTER FLOWERS

If you paid for and ordered flowers look for the pots with your name on them. Labels will be on the backside of the pot. We hope this will help eliminate any confusion



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

If you've been thinking about joining our church family just call 330-538-3936 or email ffcpastor@neo.rr.com

Welcome to our most recent new members... Christina Roberts & Scotty Flaker. Christina has joined our Charities Board & Scotty sings with our Praise Team! We are so happy to have you both as part of our First Federated Church Family!

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Pantry Dates 2016

These dates are for the 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month except for March, November & December

Open 10am - Noon

March 12 and 19

April 9 and 23

May 14 and 28

June 11 and 25

July 9 and 23

August 13 and 27

September 10 and 24

October 8 and 22

****November 12 and 19****

****December 10 and 17****

In emergencies you can call Help Hotline Crisis Center 1-800-427-3606 or 211
2nd Harvest Food Bank 330-792-5522

Kidz Church

Every Sunday morning following the Children's Message (about 9:40am) the fun of Kidz Church begins & lasts right thru 10:40 a.m. Tell your friends – you won't want to miss a Sunday – everything is more fun together!



Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Palm Sunday, March 20, between services. All children are welcome!

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Extra help is always needed on pantry days, and when unloading a truck; please consider giving a little of your time if you are able.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 20 thru June 24

I know June seems like a long way off but a weeklong event takes some time to plan! It also takes a church family working together to make it the best it can be! Our title is Deep Sea Discovery with the main theme being “Jesus is with us Always!” There is a web page set up for child registration & for volunteers to register www.vacationbibleschool.com/ffchurch

There will be another planning meeting on April 10 between services. Please stop in and at least let us know if you can teach, lead activities, or help in any way during VBS



First Federated Church is having a Skating Party at Austintown Skate Zone on Sunday, March 13 from 2-5pm. Admission and skate rental are **FREE!!** Don't miss this fun evening! **Tickets are available** Sunday March 13, after the first service to those interested in attending.



FINANCE TEAM REPORT:

Year to Date as of Feb 29, 2016
 Gen Fund Income: \$ 18,444.10
 Gen Fund Expense: \$ 20,356.89
 Deficit \$ 1,912.79

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.firstfederatedchurch.net and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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God is still speaking,

SERVICE TIMES

CONTEMPORARY

9:30AM

TRADITIONAL

11:00AM

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*"To Be for the World, the Body
of Christ,
Reaching Out, Welcoming All,
and Growing Together
in Faith, Hope & Love"*

In Our Prayers.....

Erma Baumstark, Clark Biles, Marian Booth, Dorothy Clark, Marty Clark, Bill Colwell, Breanna Coonce, Jean Cramer, Charles Evans, Helen Evans, Valerie Evans, Danielle Ferrell, Ted Fulmer, Jennie Halczak, James Hagan, Marti Hallas, Lucas Haus & his parents (1 month old), Blanch Jones, Liz Jones, Katherine Keener, Sean Kephart, Jodi Kirin, Elizabeth Lelo, Penny Lunger, Mike Mallory, Wayne McDougal, Nancy Nanes, Elizabeth Neeley, Tanner Noble, Shirley Ocheltree, Jim Osborne, Lucas Persing, Debbie Romans, Katie Ross, Cheryl Sandberg, Stephanie Schaffner, Tim Sickle, John Taylor, and Mary Wagner. Names can be added or removed by calling or emailing our church office.

Lunch Bunch will be gathering again on Tuesday March 29, 11:30am at Nese's Café in Lordstown on Salt Springs Rd. If you plan on attending please let Phoebe Dickerhoof know 330-538-3126.

Friendship Ops will meet again also on March 29 after Lunch Bunch in the church parlor

Pastor Jack's office hours
Mondays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

and

Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**His mobile phone number is 330-770-2786 or reach
him via email at ffcpastor@neo.rr.com**