

October 12, 2025

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, October 19th

Rev. Susi Kawolics preaches

10 am

Traditional Worship

In-Person and Online via

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We are so glad you've chosen to worship with us today!

We welcome you to The Federated Church, a place to belong and a place to become. We are people just like you, who hope and love and hurt, and we have found that Jesus Christ makes a transforming difference in our daily lives. Your presence matters to us. We open our hearts to you.

Our Mission Statement

God accepts me just as I am, and loves me too much to leave me that way. Federated accepts all people as they are and supports them in the spiritual journey. With Christ we offer hope and healing to change our world.

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting Federated today, we are so glad you are here. Please stop by the table outside the Sanctuary and pick up a green Welcome Bag—it's our gift to you with information about Federated and a few small treats. We hope it helps you feel at home!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Listening for the Holy Spirit

Pastor Vicki will lead small group gatherings in October and November to help us discern where the Spirit is guiding Federated. Each session will include prayer, reflection, and conversation. Groups are limited to 12 participants; please sign up in advance. Contact Pastor Vicki for more details, ymcgaw@fedchurch.org.

Wondrous Wednesday: Stages of Life and the Law

Wednesday, October 15th | 6-8 PM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for an informative evening with Dana DeCapite, Attorney exploring how the law intersects with different stages of life—newlyweds, college years, empty nests, and beyond. Learn practical ways to plan for your future and legacy. Dinner will feature homemade harvest soups. Register for the dinner on Realm or in the lobby.

28 Days Women's Event—*"The Masks We Wear"*

Wednesday, October 22nd | 6 PM | Fellowship Hall

Join us on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6 PM for an evening of storytelling and conversation as we explore the roles and "masks" we wear—those that protect us and those that weigh us down. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Together we'll uncover our true selves and celebrate the wisdom that connects us. Sign up on Realm, in the Lobby, or at fedchurch.org/events.

Youth Study Group

Every other Thursday, 6–8 pm in Room G30. Next session: **Oct. 23**. A focused space for study, collaboration, mentoring, and review with licensed teachers. Volunteers welcome. Info/volunteer: omason@fedchurch.org.

Help Needed: Prescription Bottle Labels

Our Creation Care Team needs your help preparing empty pill bottles for Matthew 25 medical relief ministries. Join us in Fellowship Hall from 1–3 pm on October 20 and 27 to remove labels and wash bottles. Together, we can reduce landfill waste while helping people in need.

The Enneagram: A Guide to Understanding Yourself & Others

Join us Wednesday, October 29, from 7–9 pm in Fellowship Hall for an evening with Debbie Burditt, nationally recognized Enneagram teacher and consultant. Learn about the nine personality

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types, their strengths and challenges, and how this ancient tool can deepen self-awareness and compassion for others. Cost is \$10. Register at fedchurch.org/events.

Winter Wear Collection for NEOCH

October 1– November 1

Federated is collecting winter wear for all ages and sizes to support the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless. Needed items include warm, water-resistant jackets and boots, gloves, hats, scarves, and new socks. Please donate only items that are new or in excellent condition—clean, mended if necessary, and free of pet hair. No pillows, blankets, or used underwear. Financial gifts are also welcome (checks payable to Federated Church with “NEOCH” in the memo).

Trunk or Treat

Join us on **Saturday, October 25, from 4–6 pm** in the Federated Church parking lot for decorated trunks, candy, games, and fun! All are welcome to participate in the costume parade and vote for the spookiest trunk. Volunteers are needed to decorate cars—sign up at fedchurch.org/events to volunteer.

College Care Packages

Fall is here and your faith family at Federated Church is preparing to send Care Packages to our college students!. The package will contain some Halloween-themed goodies with a note reminding them that their church family loves them and is praying for them. If you have a child or children who is college age, please send an email with their name and address to Beth Rutkowski at brutkowski@fedchurch.org. We'll take it from there!

SJAM Movie and Speaker Night- “Book Banning”

You're invited to join SJAM on **Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7:00 pm** at the Family Life Center for an evening of learning and conversation on the growing issue of book banning. We'll view a short “60 Minutes” segment, then hear from speaker Sharon Rotblatt, who will share insights and answer questions. Come be part of the dialogue and bring a banned book to donate for Federated's Lounge library. Questions? Email sjamfedchurch@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Lilley Maine who is seriously ill in Cleveland Clinic - 180 N Fork Dr., Bentleyville, OH 44022

The ongoing search for our next Senior Pastor and the dedicated members of the Search Committee as they guide this important process.

This month, please pray for our mission partners– **Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH Cleveland)**

This week, please pray for staff members **Joshua Konow** and **Judy Bagley-Bonner**.

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week: Sally Ramsey, Louise Rutkowski, Lee Wiley.

USHERS/GREETERS

You were welcomed today by members of the **Congregational Care Commission and Friends**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given by Joy Robertson in loving memory of her husband Stanley, her son Scott, and her brothers John, Malcolm and Ronald Graham.

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11a-12p

Thank you to congregants with the last names beginning with **L and M** for providing treats today. We encourage you to join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for food and fellowship.

Next Sunday– Congregation members with last names beginning with **N, O, P, Q, and R** are invited to bring treats next week for Fellowship Hour. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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