

November 9, 2025

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, November 16th

Gratitude Sunday  
Pastor Vicki McGaw  
preaches

10 am  
Traditional Worship  
In-Person and Online via  
YouTube

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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, [vmcgaw@fedchurch.org](mailto:vmcgaw@fedchurch.org).

## Colorado Youth Trip 2026 Meeting

The Federated Church's Youth Mission Trip to Colorado is happening in 2026! We are having an interest meeting in the Fellowship Hall today, **Sunday, November 9th at 11:30**. We will be discussing responsibilities of those who will want to go, costs associated with the trip, tentative schedules for departure and return dates, and fundraising opportunities. If you are interested and cannot make the meeting, please contact Oliver Mason ([omason@fedchurch.org](mailto:omason@fedchurch.org)).

## SJAM presents: Love Knows No Borders: Stories and Images Surrounding Immigration

**Monday, November 17 | 7 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Join us for an evening of powerful storytelling and reflection with **Rev. Brenda Grauer** and **Anne Hill**, who will share firsthand experiences and insights into immigration realities at the U.S. border and beyond. Learn how faith communities are responding with compassion and advocacy. Come to listen, learn, and explore how we're called to love without borders.

## Wondrous Wednesdays Presents:

### Lifestyle Medicine – What Is It? Little Changes, Lasting Health

**Wednesday, November 19 | Dinner 6 PM | Program 7 PM**

Join us for an inspiring evening with **Joanie Belair** and **Pam Tanchon**, National Board Certified Health & Wellness Coaches, as they share practical ways to build small, sustainable habits that lead to lasting improvements in nutrition, movement, sleep, and stress management.

Enjoy a healthy community dinner featuring a large salad bar, a colorful "Rainbow Meal" platter, desserts, and Bill Lentz's famous chicken.

All are welcome! Register at [fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events)

# ING AT FEDERATED?

## Youth Study Group

Every other Thursday, 6–8 pm in Room G30. Next session: **November 20th**. A focused space for study, collaboration, mentoring, and review with licensed teachers. Volunteers welcome. Info/volunteer: [omason@fedchurch.org](mailto:omason@fedchurch.org).

## Ingathering

Our In Gathering food collection begins now **through November 23rd**. Food collected will be shared with St. Paul's Community Church, the Chagrin Falls Park Food Pantry and Bainbridge Area Food for Friends. Please note that this year we have a specific list of items needed by the pantries. There is a "shopping list" available in the lobby.

## Advent Reflection Booklet

Advent is right around the corner. Are you looking for a resource to deepen your Advent journey? Rev. Susi Kawolics has created an Advent Reflection Booklet, with a prayer for every day during the Advent season. Reflections are based on Lectionary readings, and they begin the Monday before Advent, November 24th. Many of the reflections this year are conducive to labyrinth-walking. Please feel free to avail yourselves of the labyrinth in room 330 as you pray through this booklet. Pick up your free copy in the Narthex, at the Angel desk, or read reflections online. Email [reverendsusi@gmail.com](mailto:reverendsusi@gmail.com) with any questions or comments. Blessings on your Advent journey!

## 2026 Generosity Campaign

The 2026 Generosity Campaign has started. Watch your mail for your pledge materials. If you are wondering how to submit your pledge, you can:

- Mail or drop off the enclosed pledge card at the church.
- Bring the enclosed card on Sunday, November 16th, to be placed in the offering plate.
- Submit your 2026 Pledge/Intention to Give on our website at [fedchurch.org/giving](http://fedchurch.org/giving).
- Use your Realm account to submit your 2026 Pledge/Intention to Give.

Please contact Thea with any questions

## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

*Please include in your prayers this week...*

**The Family and Friends of Karen Perry** who died on October 28th- 1129 Trailridge, Atlanta, GA 30338

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- **FOOD PANTRY PARTNERS** ( St Paul's Community Church, Chagrin Falls Park, Bainbridge Area Food for Friends)

This week, please pray for staff members **Pat Haynish and Jannine Mason**

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

## USHERS/GREETERS

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

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Sue and Jack Putnam, parents of Wendy Pierce

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 **A and B** 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 **C and D** are invited to bring treats next week for Fellowship Hour. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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