

February 15, 2026

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Wednesday, February 18th

Ash Wednesday

Pastor Vicki McGaw preaches

7 pm

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Pastor Vicki McGaw 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

Mardi Gras Lunch

Today, immediately **following worship**, join us for a festive luncheon featuring traditional Mardi Gras food, decorations, and joyful fellowship.

This celebration is hosted by our Colorado Kids, who will help set up, decorate, cook, and serve this fun feast. At-will donations will be accepted during Fellowship Hour to support the Colorado trip. Cash and check are appreciated, but we will also accept donations through REALM.

Ash Wednesday: Wonderous Wednesday Community Dinner & Service

Join us for a meaningful Ash Wednesday at Federated on **Wednesday, February 18th**.

We'll begin with a **Wondrous Wednesday Community Dinner at 6:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy a warm, nourishing meal featuring homemade soups, side dishes, and desserts, with vegan and gluten-free options available. Following dinner, we will gather for the **Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary**, a reflective time of prayer, confession, and the imposition of ashes as we begin our Lenten journey together. Please sign up on REALM.

Parent's Night Out

Saturday, February 21, 2026, 6:00–8:15PM

Parents, enjoy a well-deserved night off! Federated is hosting a Parent's Night Out for children Pre-K through Grade 5. Kids will have a blast with pizza, movies, games, crafts, and plenty of fun—more than we can fit into one announcement! Open to Federated families and friends too! For more information, please email **Oliver Mason** at omason@fedchurch.org.

Federated Church Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 22, 2026 | Immediately Following Worship

All are invited to attend the Federated Church Annual Meeting immediately following worship. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and will also be accessible via Zoom. This is an important opportunity to reflect on the past year, discuss plans for the year ahead, and take part in the life of our church community. Watch your email for the Annual Report and Financial Report in the coming days.

Alter Flower Donation Opportunities

There is an opportunity to donate the altar flowers on Sunday, March 22nd. This is a wonderful way to celebrate or memorialize a loved one, as well as brighten our sanctuary for the Sunday service. Please contact **Sue Mansour** at **(440) 668-9399** or sueman@roadrunner.com if you are interested.

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SJAM Speaker Night

Monday, February 23, 2026 | 7:00PM | Fellowship Hall

In honor of Black History Month, the Racial Justice Committee of SJAM invites you to a special presentation on the Community of Hope (COH), a Cleveland-based nonprofit supporting youth aging out of foster care. Join us as Program Director, Denise Eaddy, along with one or two participating youth, share how COH builds meaningful, year-long mentoring relationships that help young adults navigate life beyond the foster system.

Snacks will be provided, and a free-will offering will be collected to support COH. All are welcome to attend and learn more about this impactful work.

28 Days: Self-Love Potluck Edition

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 | 6:30-8:30PM

"Love your neighbor as yourself." – Luke 10:27

Join us for an evening of reflection, connection, and comfort as we explore what self-love looks like in real life and faith.

This is a Potluck. Bring a dish that makes you feel loved, safe, and comforted—a favorite meal, a family recipe, or something that nourishes your soul.

All women are welcome. Come as you are. Leave filled.

Candidating Weekend and Special Congregational Meeting

Our Church Council has called a Candidating Weekend for **February 28** and **March 1**.

On Saturday, February 28, you will have the opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Michael, then, on Sunday, March 1, you can hear him preach at our 10:00 service, directly followed by a Special Congregational Meeting to approve the Call for Pastor Michael to serve as our next Senior Pastor. Please note that a quorum is required for this special congregational meeting and that you will be able to attend the service and meeting in-person and online.

Hire A Colorado Kid (HACK)

Our Hire a Colorado Kid (HACK) program is in full swing and proudly supports Federated's Youth Group trip to Colorado. Through HACK, members of the congregation can be matched with youth who are ready and eager to help with seasonal chores and household projects.

To be matched with a "Colorado Kid," please contact **Oliver (omason@fedchurch.org)** or **Emily (youthgroups@fedchurch.org)**. We ask for a \$100 donation per Colorado Kid for each four-hour work period, with all proceeds directly supporting the youth trip.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Caroline McClellan is having hip replacement surgery on Monday, February 16th: 17259 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-4619

Kelly Downey, who had a heart procedure this past week: 5750 Liberty Rd., Bentleyville, OH 44022

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

This week, please pray for staff members and **Jannine Mason** and **Marcia Snavely**

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week: **Debbie Baker, Peggie Jo Shinagawa** and **Nicki Adams**

USHERS/GREETERS

You were welcomed today by members of the **Spiritual Formation Commission** and friends.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today were donated by Steve and Kelly Downey as a celebration of love honoring the first wedding anniversary of their beloved daughter, Kaitlyn, and her amazing wife, Cassy. The brides are hosting their formal wedding on April 4th in the Dominican Republic. May their celebration be as vibrant as these blooms, and may their love grow and flourish with each passing day.

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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11a-12p

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for a Mardi Gras inspired lunch hosted by our Colorado Kids.

Next Sunday there will not be a Fellowship Hour due to the 2026 Annual Meeting.



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