

March 8, 2026

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner
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

Blessing Bowls: Full to the Brim with Gratitude!

As we celebrate the gift of God's amazing grace in this Lenten season, we seek to be more mindful of the many blessings in our lives. **You are invited to choose a blessing bowl of your own or pick up a blessing jar from the table in the narthex.** Then, as we explore a life full to the brim during Lent, reflect each day or each week on the ways that God blesses your life. Write down those blessings on a slip of paper and fill your bowl with them. On Palm Sunday, as we reflect on the many blessings we have received in this season, we will pour them into a collective bowl that we will fill to the brim with gratitude.

Lenten Prayer Chains

Part of living an expansive life is seeking to live in right relationship with God, ourselves and one another . . . and prayer is a great way to deepen and expand those relationships. This Lent, you are invited to pray each day for a member of the congregation.

Pick up a Lenten Prayer Chain bag from the table in the narthex. Each day, choose a name from the bag, offer a prayer, and add the strip to your paper chain. During Holy Week, return your completed chain to decorate the church as a colorful reminder that, as Resurrection People, we are deeply connected.

2nd & 4th Sunday Morning Bible Study

All are welcome to join a new Bible study group—whether you plan to attend regularly or simply drop in to try it out.

We gather for Lectio Divina, using the Sunday lectionary verses, woven together with prayer. Lectio Divina invites us to read scripture slowly, listen for a word or phrase that stands out, and share how God is speaking to us through the text.

When: 9:00–9:45 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month

Where: Room G30 at Federated Church

For questions or more information, contact **Lauren Brandon** at Isbrandon616@hotmail.com

MasQUEERade Prom – A Sensory-Friendly Celebration

Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 6–10 PM

Take a sweet escape to *MasQUEERade*, a nontraditional, sensory-friendly prom experience for LGBTQIA+ high schoolers and allies. Dress up or dress down for a fun and welcoming silent disco, complete with dinner, dessert, dancing, games, and a quiet space for those who need a break. This is a **free event**—registration is encouraged.

Hosted in partnership with Community Life Collaborative, Geauga SOGI Support Network, and Federated Church.

GOING AT FEDERATED?

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing, Offering Date, **March 15th**. A special Mission offering, connecting you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe.

Wondrous Wednesday – An Evening in Ethiopia

Wednesday, March 18 • 6:00 PM Dinner | 7:00 PM Program • Federated Church

Join us for Wondrous Wednesday as Heather Luckey shares reflections from her month volunteering in rural Ethiopia through Laimba, a nonprofit supporting at-risk children and families through health, nutrition, and education. Hear stories of resilience and hope from the communities she served.

A **community dinner begins at 6:00 PM**, followed by the **presentation at 7:00 PM**.

Gluten-free and vegan options will be available, along with dessert.

PAS – CLE Concierto: In the Stillness of the Soul

Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Join us for an evening of early music honoring Women's History Month, featuring works by Barbara Strozzi, Antonio Bembo, and Isabella Leonarda. This program highlights the brilliance and resilience of early women composers alongside their contemporaries, offering music of quiet beauty and emotional depth.

Performed by CLE Concierto with soprano Andréa Walker and an acclaimed ensemble of early-music artists. A reception will follow the program.

Visit <https://onrealm.org/fedchurch/Registrations> to purchase tickets.

Hire A Colorado Kid (HACK)

There is still time to hire a Colorado Kid (HACK) and support Federated's Youth Group trip to Colorado! As you prepare for spring, consider hiring one of our hardworking youth to help with yard work, organizing, or household chores.

To be matched with a "Colorado Kid," contact **Oliver (omason@fedchurch.org)** or **Emily (youthgroups@fedchurch.org)**. A \$100 donation per four-hour work period directly supports the youth trip.



FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Linda Squire, who is currently hospitalized in Westerville, Ohio: 455-56 Meadowview Dr. # 11K, Aurora, OH 44202-9196

Doug Bannerman upon the death of his sister, Barbara Zehnder: 15385 Russell Rd. Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-2662

This month, please pray for our mission partners— **St. Paul's Community Church**

This week, please pray for staff members and **Susi Kowalics** and **Brooke Strong**

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week: **Carol King-Shaw**, **Sonja Solar**, and **Joyce Ritchie**

USHERS/GREETERS

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given in memory of Bill and Fran Bates and Jerry and Evelyn Krejci by Don and Charlene Krejci and Sarah and Patrick Cox.

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 & 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 & D** are invited to bring treats next week for Fellowship Hour. Thank you in advance for your participation.



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