

April 12, 2026

# Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Pastor Michael A. Howard preaches

10 am

Traditional Worship

In-Person and Online via  
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# federated

*live your faith*



**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

## Wonderous Wednesday

**Wednesday, April 15 | 6:00 PM Dinner | 7:00 PM Program • Federated Church**

Explore the wonderful world of fungi with guest speaker, Raymond Morris.

Ray is a mushroom and native plant enthusiast. His passion for wild edibles stems from a desire to be connected not only to what we consume, but to the earth as well. This has led him to learn the edible and medicinal mushrooms of our Ohio forests.

Ray is the production supervisor for Epiphany Mushroom Company, an organizer and guide for the Ohio Wild Food Festival.

## Parents' Night Out

**Saturday, April 18 | 6:00–8:15 PM**

Treat yourself to a night out while the kids enjoy an evening packed with fun, friends, and fellowship at Federated! Open to children in **Kindergarten–5th grade**, the night includes pizza, games, movies, crafts, and calm activity options.

**Don't wait—space is limited!** Register today through Realm. Questions? Email Oliver Mason at [omason@fedchurch.org](mailto:omason@fedchurch.org).

## Colorado Kids' Bake Sale

**Sunday, April 19**

Join us next Sunday for the Colorado Kids' Bake Sale! Enjoy homemade treats during fellowship hour and support our generosity initiative, launched on Youth Sunday, with a freewill donation.

Don't miss the silent auction featuring some extra-special baked goodies!

Love to bake? Want to contribute? Email Oliver at [omason@fedchurch.org](mailto:omason@fedchurch.org) to get involved.

## Altar Flower Donor Opportunities

There are two opportunities to donate the altar flowers in the coming weeks. We have **Sunday, April 19th** (next Sunday!) and **Sunday, May 3rd** available. 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](mailto:sueman@roadrunner.com) if you are interested.



# GET FEDERATED?

## Trinkets N' Treasures Rummage Sale

April 23-25 | Family Life Center

Discover hidden gems and support our community at Federated's annual Trinkets 'N Treasures sale at the Family Life Center! Shop furniture, clothing, books, electronics, and more. You never know what treasure you'll find!

**Donation Drop-Off:** Saturday–Monday, April 18–20 (gently used items only)

**Sale Dates:** April 23 | \$10 Pre-Sale Entry, April 24 | Regular Sale, April 25 | Half Off Everything!

**We need YOU to volunteer!** Call or text Heidi Asplin at 216-577-5658 for more information.

## "Love Notes" - A New Way to Offer Care

Offering care for members of this community and others in the world is a great strength of Federated . . . and we are offering another, easy way to show our love to people.

Beginning today in Fellowship Hall, stop by the Love Notes Station each Sunday to sign a card or two for people who need a little dose of love.

This Sunday, our cards will be for folks in Minnesota who, with the new headlines moving on to other stories, fear their plight is being forgotten even though ICE agents still roam the streets of their cities. Sign a card or two letting them know we remember them.

Each week, check out who we're encircling with love. It may be a member recovering from surgery or an illness, someone having a birthday or a homebound member we want to let know we are thinking about.

Let's share our love far and wide by spending a few minutes sending a message each Sunday after worship. Make stopping by the Love Notes Station part of your weekly practice.

## Prayers for the Earth

Through April and May, please pray for the Earth. We invite all Federated Church members—families, youth, and adults alike—to join in prayer over the coming months. Please pick up a prayer booklet, available in the narthex and lobby.

## Creation Care and Justice Tree

Visit our **Creation Care Action Tree** after worship each Sunday in April and May.

Take a leaf and write on the back of it, what you are doing to care for the Earth. Let's fill the tree with the actions we all do to care for God's beautiful creation and all living beings.

## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

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

Prayers for **David and Nancy Cooperrider** and family, and **Dawn and Gary Dole** on the death of Matthew Cooperrider (son of David and Nancy, and nephew of Dawn and Gary) on April 8. David and Nancy Cooperrider: 3710 Gulf of Mexico Dr., G-21, Longboat Key, FL 34228 and Dawn and Gary Dole: 63 Maple Hill Dr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

This month, please pray for our mission fundraiser— **Trinkets 'N Treasures**

This week, please pray for staff members— **Judy Bagley-Bonner** and **Marcia Snively**

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



## USHERS/GREETERS

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

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of the memory of Dr. Tom Riemenschneider by his family.

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 **N, O, P, Q, and R** 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 **S & T** are invited to bring treats next week for Fellowship Hour. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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