

August 16, 2026

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Rev. Michael A. Howard

10 am

Traditional Worship

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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

Federated Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM) presents: Stopping Violence against Women and Children in OH: Current Efforts in 2026

Monday, August 17th at 7 pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us for a very informative Speaker Night as we hear from:

Stephanie Lowry, Child Marriage Survivor and Mentor with **Unchained At Last**, an organization dedicated to ending underage marriage.

Andrea Gutka, Chief Executive Officer **WomenSafe**, an emergency shelter and resource center for survivors of domestic violence in Northeast Ohio.

There will be a Q and A and we will also learn how we might become involved. For more information contact sjamfedchurch@gmail.com.

Men's Cookout

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 | 6:00–8:30 PM | Frohring Meadow

The Federated Men's Ministries invite all men to an evening of great food, fellowship, and conversation.

Dinner includes Italian or bratwurst sausages, Mexican street corn, and Alabama baked beans. Please bring a side dish or appetizer to share and your own beverage (a cooler will be provided).

Cost: \$5.00

Bring a friend and join us for a relaxing summer evening together. We hope to see you there!

Pill Bottle Collection– PAUSED

We will be pausing pill bottle collection at this time. Please check local recycling rules to see if you can place them in your recycling bins at home or at your community recycling bins. Thanks for all of your support!

Fall Book Study: "The Gift of Years"

Led by Judy Bagley-Bonner and Jane Kenneweg

This book is a spiritual exploration of aging that reveals the profound purpose and potential of later life, showing how these years offer opportunities for deeper personal growth and fulfillment. The group will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:00–11:15 starting September 3rd. Please see the Spire and REALM for additional information.

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Are you an angel in disguise? We NEED you!

We are looking for Angel Desk subs to help us fill 3-4 hour slots during the summer while our regularly scheduled angels travel. If you are interested in learning more, please contact **Thea** at tmozingo@fedchurch.org or by calling the office at **440-247-6490**.

Join Federated in Spreading Kindness

As we celebrate America's 250th Birthday, Federated Church is joining the United Church of Christ's **United States of Kindness** initiative. Together, we're committing to making kindness a daily practice through simple acts of compassion, generosity, and grace in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, and community.

One small act of kindness can make a lasting difference.

Be sure to stop by the **Kindness Tree** in the church lobby! After you complete a kind deed, add a leaf to the tree as a way to commemorate your act of kindness and help our tree grow throughout the year.

Altar Flower Donor Opportunities

There are a couple of opportunities to donate the altar flowers in the coming weeks. We currently have Sunday August 30th and Sunday September 13th 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 if you are interested.

Help us Bring Touch-a-Truck to Life

Saturday, September 26 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

We're planning a **Touch-a-Truck event** at Federated and need your help! Do you have a connection to a fire truck, construction vehicle, police vehicle, tow truck, utility truck, delivery truck, or another fun or interesting vehicle that could join us?

If you have a truck or vehicle connection that might help make this event possible, please contact **Jannine Mason** at janninemason@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Pat Nichols and family, on the death of her husband Roy, 148 Oaktree Ln., Hiram, OH 44234.

Parents, students, and school staff as they return for the school year.

This week, please pray for staff members—**Beth Rutkowski** and **Pat Haynish**

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week: **Sally Ramsey** and **Lee Wiley**



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given with thanks for continued celebrations in the Ryburn Taylor 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, 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 and T** are Invited to bring treats next week for Fellowship Hour. Thank you in advance for your participation.

USHERS/GREETERS

You were welcomed today by members and friends of the **Finance and Properties, Human Resources, and Legacy Committees**

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