

August 23, 2026

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Rev. Michael A. Howard

10 am

Traditional Worship

In-Person and Online via

YouTube

Need a Connection?

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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

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.

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.

Confirmation 2026-2027: The Way

Is your student ready to take the next step in their faith journey?

Confirmation: The Way invites students entering **grades 8-10** to explore the Christian faith through Scripture, worship, conversation, service, mentorship, and meaningful relationships. Students will grow in Scripture, build community, and discover ways to live out their faith.

Parent & Student Orientation

Sunday, September 27, 2026 | 12:00-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Students who have not yet been baptized are warmly welcome and may choose to be baptized during the confirmation journey.

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.

GET AT FEDERATED?

The Generosity Commission needs you!

We are continuing to update REALM . Part of those updates include the skills & interests areas of your profile.

Staff, Commissions and Committees use this information to invite people to participate, volunteer and get involved. You can sign into your REALM profile–click EDIT – click PERSONAL INFORMATION and update your skills and interests there. We will also have paper forms available on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

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.

St. Paul's Help

The Mission and Service Commission is looking for your help!

St. Paul's Community Outreach Center, which operates out of our long time mission partner, St. Paul's Community Church is in need of help sorting and organizing donations to its Thrift Shop. They have currently been doing this with only two staff. We will go to St. Paul's once in September and October. Joy Wyatt from Mission and Service will accompany those volunteering. If interested in joining in this volunteer opportunity, please sign up on Realm or at the sign up sheet at the Angel Desk.

Save the Date!

Rally Day is Sunday, September 13, 2026!



FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

This week, please pray for staff members—**Marty Culbertson** and **Thea Mozingo**

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

USHERS/GREETERS

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Richard and Virginia Huebscher, and Winfield and Ethel Scott, by Cindy and Miriam Huebscher-Scott. And in recognition and celebration of Miriam's 50th work anniversary with Progressive Insurance today

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11a-12p

Thank you to congregants with the last names beginning with **S and T** 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 **U, V, W, X, Y and Z** are Invited to bring treats next week for Fellowship Hour. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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