

A PLACE TO BELONG. | A FAITH TO GROW. | A MISSION TO LIVE.



FIND
yourself
at **FEDERATED**

YOU WERE MADE FOR MORE.

Let's find it together.



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From the Desk of Pastor Michael...

Find Yourself at Federated!

This fall, our invitation is simple: **Find Yourself Here at Federated.**

At first, it may sound like nothing more than an invitation to come back to church. Summer has scattered us into different rhythms. We have traveled, rested, visited family, worked in gardens, watched grandchildren, and enjoyed long evenings. Now September arrives, programs begin again, and a new season of our shared life takes shape.

So yes, “Find Yourself Here” means: Come back. There is a place for you here! But the invitation holds another meaning too.

“Find yourself” is often associated with a private journey. We imagine withdrawing from the demands of life, looking deeply within, and discovering some hidden, authentic self. There can be value in reflection and solitude, but few of us truly find ourselves alone. We discover who we are through our relationships! We discover ourselves in our commitments, the stories that shape us, and the communities that call forth our gifts.

We find ourselves when someone remembers our name, when our voice joins other voices in song. When we are trusted with work that matters or when another person’s need awakens our compassion, we can discover parts of ourselves we didn’t know were there. When grace allows us to release who we thought we had to be, we find freedom to be who God is calling us to be.

That is the deeper invitation in our fall theme. Federated is not simply a place to attend. It is a community in which we find ourselves. Together, we are discovering what it means to live within the ongoing story of God.

To find yourself at Federated does not mean being pressed into a single mold. It means finding a place where your whole, unfinished life can encounter the lives of others and the grace of God. Here, we learn that belonging does not require sameness. We learn that faith is not something we possess once and for all, but a life we practice together.

God’s story is already unfolding around us—a story of creation and renewal, justice and mercy, reconciliation and new life. We are not invited to watch that story from a distance. We are invited to take part in it.

Perhaps that is where we most truly find ourselves: not by turning endlessly inward, but by offering ourselves to a life of shared purpose. We discover who we are as we sing, teach, feed, welcome, organize, pray, repair, learn, and serve. We find that becoming ourselves and becoming part of a people are not opposing journeys. They are one work of grace.

So this September, come and find yourself here.

Find yourself in worship and service, in friendship and shared purpose, in ancient wisdom and new possibilities. Find your questions welcomed, your gifts needed, and your life joined to the lives of others. Find yourself among a people who do not have everything figured out, but who are committed to living the questions together.

Find yourself among a people still becoming.

Ours the Journey,

Pastor Michael





thank you
FOR A
WONDERFUL
Summer





WONDROUS *Wednesdays*

FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. FAITH. COMMUNITY.



Dr. Skip Heston will present on
Wed. Sept. 16th at Wondrous Wednesday's
dinner and speaking event.

His topic is

CANCER!

There is good news!

Dr. Heston is a researcher and investigator into cancer, in particular urology and prostate cancer. He has collaborated on 25 books on cancer, and has 10 patents involving prostate specific membrane antigens and uses.



The FREE community
dinner begins at
in Fellowship Hall. **6PM**



Dr. Heston
will speak at **7PM.**



*Please sign up if possible
so we can plan
enough food.*

**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



Sign up to attend:

- Scan the QR code
- At the Angel Desk
- On Realm



**American
Red Cross**

**Carve out time
to give blood**



Blood Drive

Federated Church UCC

Fellowship Hall
76 Bell St.
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Treats

Federated members take turns bringing treats for Fellowship Hour each Sunday, as scheduled by the Congregational Care Commission. Of course, anyone is welcome to bring treats at any time!

Please bring ready-to-serve treats in disposable containers. Healthy food choices are especially welcome. *Please no nuts.* Thank you for helping to make our Fellowship time delicious and enjoyable!

September 6– last names beginning with C & D
September 13– last names beginning with E, F, & G
September 20– last names beginning with H, I, J, & K
September 27– last names beginning with L & M



Women's Ministry

Circle will meet on **Monday, September 21 at 12:00 PM at Burntwood Tavern in Solon**. Please let **Karen Johns** know if you're able to join us. We'd love to see you!

Sit & Stitch meets **every Thursday at 10:00 AM** in the Room 340. Join us as we knit and crochet prayer squares, prayer shawls, and blessing blankets. We have plenty of supplies available, so just bring yourself and enjoy a morning of fellowship and creativity!

Helping Hands will meet on **Monday, September 28 at 1:00 PM** in the Lower Level Meeting Room. We'll be stitching and stuffing cancer pillows for hospice. We look forward to seeing you! Loaves & Fishes at St. Paul's

Jim will be serving lunch at **St. Paul's for Loaves & Fishes on Sunday, September 27**. If you're able to make cookies or other treats to share, please leave them in the church kitchen, clearly marked "**Loaves & Fishes,**" before 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 27.

Thank you for your continued support of this important mission!

Thank you for your continued support—we appreciate it! For more information contact Lynne Kessell, 440-487-9104 or lynnekessell@gmail.com.



Mission & Service

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 
at the sign up sheet at the
Angel Desk.



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TOGETHER, WE SERVE. | TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



Time to Think Christmas Eve offering

**Mission and Service
will be accepting
2026 Christmas Eve
offering nominations
through
Monday, Sept. 21st**

**Pick up a Nomination form
at the Angel Desk in the
Church Lobby**

**Reminder: Nominations
must be made by a church
member who has first hand
experience/knowledge
of the 501c3 organization.**

2026 NEOCH Winter Wear COLLECTION



New or clean, freshly washed, gently worn items are welcome
(No pet hair, please.)



WATER-RESISTANT
WINTER JACKETS



WATER-RESISTANT
GLOVES / MITTENS



WATER-RESISTANT
BOOTS
(no fashion
boots, please)



WARM HATS /
WARM SCARVES



NEW SOCKS /
LONG UNDERWEAR



WASHABLE
HOODIES OR
SWEATSHIRTS
AS A LAYER



ALL SIZES—
FROM INFANT TO ADULT—
are welcome!



PLEASE NOTE:

No household items,
pillows, or blankets. ♥



If your closets or shopping for new
or gently worn items aren't an option,
you may write a check to
FEDERATED Church
with **NEOCH** or **Homeless**
in the memo line. ♥



Thank you ♥

in advance for your thoughtful
response and generosity. ♥

Cathy Watterson and Patti Lyden

>> and the **Federated NEOCH team** <<



MISSION MOMENTUM

#myfederated



My place
to grow



My place
to belong



My place
to give



My YES
to God!

Dear Generous Friends at Federated:

At Federated, autumn is the harbinger of the coming Christian holidays full of generosity and thankfulness. The **2027 Generosity Campaign** for Federated gets underway and gains momentum. We're privileged to enjoy the Ingathering of Gifts, the Greening of our Halls, the sharing of gifts with our mission, our communities, spirit-filled music, the children's pageant, the Christmas Eve Offering whose impact has been transformational over many years.

Add to this gratitude list our new senior minister **Reverend Michael Anthony Howard**. In his "call sermon" at Federated on March 1 of this year (after which the congregation held a vote to hire him) he reminded us that in the Congregationalist tradition, his job is not to tell us what to do, but to come and be present, as, together, we discern where God is leading us.

He demonstrated this when he asked us to turn to each other and pose this question: *"What is the gospel?"* He went on, *"I've come to understand the gospel as the mighty and dangerous story of the unfolding of the dream of God... If our gospel is small, then our dreams will be small...."*

What would be God's dream for us?

As you know, the Generosity Commission is advancing the annual campaign to prepare the 2027 budget. We thank you for all the ways you already give—through your presence, your prayers, your love, and your generosity.

We ask you to **join in God's dream and pledge**. Give some thought to what God's dream for us would be. How far can we reach? What is God's dream for you?

Are you able to increase your pledge over last year? As you prayerfully consider your commitment for the coming year, *what might you do with what you have?*

Live your faith,

Your Generosity Commission

Diana Weber Gardner

P.S. View the sermon here!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXEPNSnL1Cg>



*Scan to
view the
sermon!*

**Our thanks go out to the supporters of our 2025-2027
Family Life Center Capital Campaign**

Your gifts will help preserve this important space for our congregation and the wider community to live out the call to be the change we want to see in the world and to live our faith.



Alan & Peggie Jo Shinagawa

Allison Hawkes

Ann & Bill Lentz

Anne Burr

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous – In memory of Jessica
Rickert, Nancy Martt & Ernest Martt

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous -- In honor of The
Chagrin Falls Meals on Wheels
Organization

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Barry & Melinda Stees

Becky Carter

Bill & Carole Mason

Bill Lineweaver – In memory of
Bobbi Lineweaver & Judy Kramer

Bob & Beth Rutkowski

Bob & Cindy Barclay

Bob Chalfant & Marilyn Wise – In
honor of Matt Rutkowski

Carol Rogers – In memory of Tom
Rogers & Lynn Rogers

Carole & Terry Rounds

Dave & Betty Pugh

Dave & Holly Strauch

Dawn & Gary Dole

Dawn Herdman

Donald & Carole Wakeman

Doug & Barb Church

Eric & Tricia Baumgartner

Gabrielle & Michael Quintin

Gail Shelley – In memory of John &
Ardis Millikan

Harriett Rogers – In honor of those
that created and have maintained
the site and mission of the FLC

Houston & Mary Bowers

Jane Wallace – In memory of Mary
& Jack Hobbs

Janet Berlincourt

Jeff & Lauren Miller

Jim Young – In memory of Kathleen
B. Young

Joan H. Elliott

John & Marilee Biel

Kathy Kolcaba

Ken & Kristi Horner

Lauren Brandon

Lee & Karen Johns

Linda & Bill Zelazny

Lynne Kessell – In memory of
Jim Kessell

Marcia Snaveley & Greg Polyak

Marty Culbertson & Martine
Scheuermann

Megan & Sam Fulton

Nora K. Wagner – In memory of my
husband Sterling G. Wagner

Patti Lyden

Paul & Maren Koepf – In memory of
Bob & Marilee Rickert and
Bill & Tish Koepf

Peggy Fullmer – In memory of
David Fullmer and in honor of Sally
Fullmer Ramsey

Rev. Trent & Norma Bobbitt

Ringene Fund

Peter & Rose Brown

Scott & Julie Gordon –
In memory of Reverend
Mark Simone

Sharon Munson

Sue & Jim Ollinger

Susan Vecchio – In memory of Jack
& Marita Freer

Susi & Rich Kawolics

Terry Donley

The McMullen Family

Todd & Melinda Smith

Toni & Owen Foster

Vicki & Michael McGaw

Ward Pierson & Diane Tuuri



CREATING A LEGACY OF FAITH AND GENEROSITY

AT FEDERATED

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up". Galatians 6:9

As followers of Christ, we are called to share our blessings for the good of our community and the world. Generosity is more than an act of giving; it is a spiritual practice and a tangible expression of gratitude for all that God has entrusted to us.

As we enter the fall season, we invite you to consider supporting the **Federated Church Legacy Fund**, our church's endowment dedicated to strengthening Federated's long-term financial foundation while providing ongoing support for our ministries.



The Legacy Fund currently has a value of approximately **\$938,000** (as of July 31) and is carefully stewarded by the Legacy Committee, which oversees both its management and mission.

Each year, up to 5% of the fund may be distributed to support the church's operating budget and ministry work. In 2025, the fund contributed **\$38,380** to the Church's General Fund, helping sustain the programs and outreach that define our mission.



This spring, our church was blessed by several contributions made to the Legacy Fund in honor of **Silvia Kenneweg**. Silvia's life exemplified grace, resilience, and faith. Despite a forty-year battle with multiple sclerosis, she faced each day with joy, serenity, and a warm smile that touched all who knew her. While we celebrated Silvia's life in May, her legacy continues through the countless lives she impacted and through the gifts made in her memory that will support the ministry of Federated Church for years to come.

YOUR GENEROSITY TODAY HELPS ENSURE THAT FEDERATED CHURCH REMAINS VIBRANT, STABLE, AND MISSION-DRIVEN WELL INTO THE FUTURE. WE INVITE YOU TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER:



Making a designated gift to the Legacy Fund



Including Federated Church in your estate plans



Contributing appreciated assets such as stocks, real estate, or other financial resources

If you choose to make a planned gift, you can share your intentions with the church using our *notification of intent form*.

Thank you for considering a gift that will bless our church family for generations to come.
Together, we can build a lasting legacy of faith, stewardship, and service.

WITH GRATITUDE,
FEDERATED CHURCH LEGACY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 2026

PRIMETIME!

AT FEDERATED CHURCH

COMING ATTRACTIONS

LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday, September 17th
11:30-1:30pm
Fellowship Hall
PLEASE RSVP

SEPTEMBER PRIMETIME MEETING

Monday, September 28th
3:00-4:00pm in the Lounge

We NEED you and your
great ideas. All are welcome
and we encourage you to
join us!

PRIMETIME WIDOWS DINNER

Thursday, September 15th
5:30-7:30pm
This month, the Windows
Dinner Group will be dining at
Burntwood-Solon



MIND YOUR HEAD PRIMETIME LUNCH & LEARN

September 17th, 11:30-1:30pm

- Lunch will be provided
- Join us for a talk with Dr. Mary Rensel
Mary is a church member and
neurologist. She will be speaking
about the brain and aging.

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF THESE
EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON REALM OR BY
CONTACTING THEA AT
TMOZINGO@FEDCHURCH.ORG OR
440-247-6490**



**Save the Date- 10/15 trip
to the Cleveland Museum
of Natural History**

Confirmation 2026–2027: *The Way*

IS YOUR STUDENT READY TO TAKE
THE NEXT STEP IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY?

Confirmation: The Way is an invitation for students entering grades 8–10 to explore the Christian faith through Scripture, worship, conversation, service, mentorship, and meaningful relationships.

Confirmation is not simply a class—it's the beginning of a lifelong journey of discipleship, supported by the entire church community.



GROW IN SCRIPTURE

Discover what it means to follow Jesus and live out your faith every day.



BUILD COMMUNITY

Grow through meaningful relationships, mentorship, and belonging.



LIVE ON MISSION

Put faith into action through service and loving others.

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



PARENT & STUDENT ORIENTATION



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



12:00 PM – 1:00 PM



FELLOWSHIP HALL

Questions?

Contact Rev. Michael Howard
mhoward@fedchurch.org



➤ FEDERATED CHURCH PRESENTS... ➤

CLIMB. EXPLORE. DISCOVER.

TOUCH A TRUCK



➤ FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! ➤



SATURDAY
SEPT. 26



10:00 AM –
12:00 PM



76 BELL STREET
PARKING LOT



EXPLORE
COOL TRUCKS!



TAKE
PICTURES!



MEET THE
HEROES!



BIG FUN FOR
LITTLE ONES!

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SCAN FOR MORE INFO!



➤ BIG TRUCKS. BIG FUN. BIG MEMORIES! ➤

Federated CHILDREN'S CHOIR

BEGINS AUGUST 31!



Calling all young singers! **Students entering grades 1-8** are invited to join the Federated Children's Choir for another exciting year of music, fun, and praising God together.

No previous choir experience is needed, and families do not need to be members of Federated to participate.



Our first rehearsal is **Monday, August 31 at 4:00 PM** in the large choir room downstairs.

Rehearsals will continue on **Mondays from 4:00-4:45 PM**, with **no rehearsal on Labor Day, September 7**.



The choir will sing throughout the year, beginning **Sunday, October 4**, and will also participate in a special **Christmas Musical on December 13** and the **4:00 PM Christmas Eve service**.



Along the way, children will enjoy singing, instruments, fun props, and opportunities to grow together through music and faith.



COME GIVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR A TRY ON AUGUST 31!



Questions? Contact **Pat Haynish**,
Director of Federated Children's Choir,

440-263-3356 | phaynish@sbcglobal.net



Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

**SOCIAL
JUSTICE
ADVOCACY
MINISTRY**
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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Embrace diversity. Reject racism. Forgive often.
Love God. **Fight for the powerless.**
Share earthly and spiritual resources. Enjoy this life.

The mission of the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry is to be a voice and witness to God's love for all people and creation and to advocate for justice for those who are marginalized, discriminated against and denied their inherent rights as children of God and citizens of our nation and world.

We strive to become well informed, provide opportunities to educate ourselves, balanced with opportunities to take action. **Live Our Faith!**



To learn more or receive our emails,
please contact sjamfedchurch@gmail.com



TIME TO VOTE



NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM
Come and join us! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER SPEAKER NIGHT: PROTECT THE SACRED RIGHT TO VOTE

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Fellowship Hall
7:00pm – 8:30pm

According to the UCC Church, "Voting is a sacred right and must be protected. Democracy honors the sacred worth of all human beings by recognizing that we all have a spark of the divine that allows us to shape our own destiny."

Please join an important SJAM program that focuses on why the midterms are important, and the current changes in the election process. We also have some "Call to Action" items for those wishing to be more involved in the democratic process.



MORAL MONDAYS

Next One is:
Monday, September 14th at Noon
DOWNTOWN

War takes tax dollars away from the future of our children and care of our Vulnerable Neighbors

Meet at Public Square in front of Old Stone Church, and create a funeral procession to advocate for justice – walking in prayerful solidarity with those in distress to the Federal Building at E 9th and Lakeside.

Questions: Rev. Doug Horner: Revdchornor@gmail.com

If you'd like to carpool, please email
sjamfedchurch@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES FOR OCTOBER EVENTS!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

Heartlands 4th Annual Climate Action Summit. At Camp Christian in Columbus

An ecumenical event featuring keynote and workshops around Inspiring Climate Action Through Relationships.
Saturday, October 3, 10-4:00 at Camp Christian (near Columbus).

A carpool will be going from Chagrin on Friday night, and you can spend the night at the camp.
Those who want to go just for the day can car pool on Saturday and leave early in the morning.

Interested in car-pooling and going?
Email: sjamfedchurch@gmail.com

For more information visit: <https://heartlanducc.org/>



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 11:30 AM AFTER WORSHIP

Join us to watch a video about Data Centers,
learn some facts, and discuss
in preparation for . . .



MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 7 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Speaker Panel on Data Centers

We will learn Basic facts, and pros and cons,
and what can you do about data centers.
We will also invite candidates running in
November to inform us about their plans.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 7 PM

Resurrection Catholic Church, 32001 Cannon Rd, Solon
"Second chance" to hear Mother Agapia
share her personal experiences and
stories of Christians in Today's Holy Land.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH FROM 9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

Poverty simulation at FLC

Will include speakers Chris Knestrick, from NEOCH,
And Noel Rivera from Greater Cleveland Food Bank in the morning.
Lunch with a presentation from Rev. Michael Howard
Afternoon: Poverty simulation led by Greater Cleveland Food Bank
Also, collecting donations for Food Bank and NEOCH



TO LEARN MORE, RECEIVE SJAM EMAILS, OR GET INVOLVED,
CONTACT US: SJAMFEDCHURCH@GMAIL.COM

**SOCIAL JUSTICE
ADVOCACY
MINISTRY**

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DATA CENTERS IN OHIO - WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW?

A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH Q+A



MONDAY, OCT. 19, 2026 | 7:00 PM



FEDERATED CHURCH, FELLOWSHIP HALL

76 BELL ST., CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO



As a faith community, we have a great interest in social and environmental justice. You may be hearing about Data Centers in the news and are wondering what this is all about and how it affects our communities and the environment. What do we need to know?



LEARN. We will be hosting a panel discussion that will bring together experts from various backgrounds to help educate and inform our community and bring a more complete picture of the impact on communities, the environment and financial implications of Data Centers.



ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring your friends and family with you to learn about this important issue and how it affects all of us. This event is being hosted by the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry team of The Federated Church.



PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED
but not required.
Scan the QR code to register:



SCAN TO REGISTER



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QUESTIONS?

Contact the church office at (440) 247-6490

PROTECT THE SACRED RIGHT TO VOTE

Vote Today, Shape Tomorrow!



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**Tuesday,
September 22,
2026**

**Federated Church, 76 Bell St. Chagin Falls
7:00-8:30pm
Fellowship Hall**

Creation Care Tip of the Month



CREATION CARE CHOOSE *Bamboo,* CARE FOR CREATION



"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it."
— Psalm 24:1



WHY BAMBOO?

Bamboo is a rapidly renewable resource. Unlike trees, which can take many years to mature, many types of bamboo grow quickly and can be harvested without killing the plant. Its root system remains in the ground and produces new growth, making bamboo a useful alternative for many everyday products.





SMALL CHANGES WE CAN MAKE

Consider replacing some common household products with bamboo alternatives:





Toilet paper and tissues



Paper towels



Toothbrushes



Cotton swabs with bamboo stems



Hairbrushes and combs



Kitchen utensils



Cutting boards



Reusable straws



Cleaning brushes



CREATION CARE IS AN ACT OF FAITH

Caring for creation isn't only about protecting forests. It is about recognizing that the earth is a gift entrusted to our care. The choices we make in our homes and in our church can reflect gratitude, stewardship, and love for our neighbors.



THIS MONTH, CONSIDER MAKING ONE SIMPLE CHANGE:

Choose one disposable or everyday product and replace it with a sustainable bamboo alternative.





Small choices, multiplied across our congregation and community, can make a meaningful difference.

*Care for Creation. Choose thoughtfully.
Protect what God has entrusted to us.*



FEDERATED CHURCH

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

2026-2027 SEASON

SEASON OPENER

VERONA STRING QUARTET

*Oberlin Conservatory
quartet-in-residence*



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2026
7:30 PM**

Praised by *The New York Times* as an "outstanding ensemble," the Verona String Quartet is recognized as one of the premier ensembles of its generation.

The program includes works by **Glass, Barber, Peter Myers,** and **Dvořák.**



**TICKETS: \$25-\$45
STUDENTS: \$10**



RECEPTION
with light bites
following the concert.



FEDERATED CHURCH
76 Bell St.
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

The Federated Church
Performing Arts Series brings
world-class musicians to our
community for inspiring
evenings of music and
connection.



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TICKETS & LEARN MORE!**



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FEDERATED CHURCH PRESENTS...

2026-2027 PERFORMING ARTS *Series* SEASON



VERONA STRING QUARTET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$25-\$45 | Students: \$10

The Oberlin Conservatory quartet in residence performs works by Glass, Barber, Peter Myers & Dvořák.

Reception following the program.



NEW WINTER PRESENTS:

AULD LANG SYNE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$30-\$50 | Students: \$10

Celebrate the season with Scottish smallpipes, voices and Celtic music inspired by the winter solstice, Christmas and Hogmanay.

Reception following the program.



LEBOEUF BROTHERS PRESENTS:

OFF CENTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2027 | 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$25-\$45 | Students: \$10

Two-time GRAMMY® Award-winning brothers Pascal and Remy LeBoeuf bring their innovative jazz project *Off Center* to Federated.

Reception following the program.



A WEEKEND WITH COMPOSER

JAKE RUNESTAD

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 17-18, 2027

MASTERCLASS: Saturday at 3:00 PM | Free

CONCERT: Saturday at 7:00 PM | \$20-\$40 | Students: \$10

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Sunday at 10:00 AM | Free

Experience the music of acclaimed composer Jake Runestad with the Federated Church Choir, guest orchestra and community musicians.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS AT FEDERATED CHURCH

CLEVELAND
REPERTORY
ORCHESTRA

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

APOLLO'S *fire*
performs Handel's
Messiah

DECEMBER 6, 2026

COURAGE TO
CAREGIVERS
Musical
Health Summit
APRIL 3, 2027

ENCORE
Chamber
Music Institute

JUNE 2027

ChamberFest
Cleveland

JUNE 2027



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TICKETS &
MORE INFORMATION
fedchurch.org/PAS



INTERESTED IN SPONSORING?

Contact Thea Mozingo at
tmozingo@fedchurch.org
or Joshua Konow at
jkonow@fedchurch.org
to learn more.

76 BELL STREET, CHAGRIN FALLS, OH 44022



SEPT 26

5:00 - 8:00PM
DINNER SERVED
6:00PM



scan code to RSVP

CLAM A-RAMA

CLAMBAKE FOR FRIENDS OF THE CLC

This event is designed to deepen connections among community members, spark new relationships, and uplift the grassroots social and environmental justice efforts we're collectively advancing. We will center community care, shared joy, and the power of gathering - because change happens when people come together. Through good food, meaningful conversation, and opportunities to learn and engage, we aim to strengthen the fabric of our community and inspire collective action for a better future.



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**WINKING
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includes

- 1 BBQ 1/2 chicken
- 1 Dozen clams per person
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- Dinner rolls, corn on the cob and baked potatoes
- wine, beer and water

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**SATURDAY,
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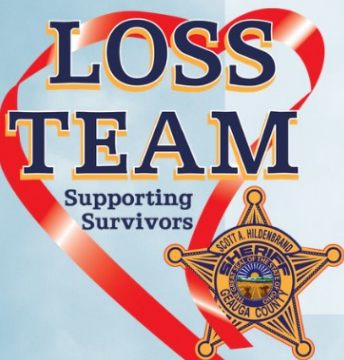
FREE Group Sessions 10 weeks
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at 10 am to 11:30 am

*"Grief is like a rollercoaster and this group is
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*(She is also the sister of
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Mother Agapia Stephanopoulos, a Greek Orthodox nun who has spent nearly three decades living and working in Jerusalem and the West Bank, will provide a uniquely illuminating perspective on the difficulties that our sisters and brothers in the faith face on a daily basis.

From teaching Palestinian girls in Bethany to navigating Israeli checkpoints during the Second Intifada, Sister offers a firsthand view of what life looks like for Christians under occupation. She will explain how families lose access to their land, why Christians are cut off from their own holy sites, and how settlements and the separation wall have reshaped daily life.

Throughout the conversation, Mother Agapia will reflect on faith, endurance, and what it means to follow Christ in a place defined by displacement, fear, and political power.

Monday, October 5
7:00 PM
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**Hope to see you
this Sunday!**

10:00 AM
In person and Online