

October 4, 2026

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Installation of Rev. Michael
Anthony Howard
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

Sunday School Is Back!

Sunday School has resumed for children and youth in **Kindergarten through 8th grade!** Children will begin the morning in worship with their families and will be dismissed to Sunday School following **Children's Time**. We're looking forward to a year filled with **spiritual growth, meaningful lessons, friendship, and plenty of fun!** As always, childcare is also available for anyone who needs it. **All are welcome!**

Federated Peace Pole

A six foot high peace pole has been handsomely decorated by our own Abigail Goodman with universal symbols of peace to be installed in front of 76 Bell St and dedicated **TODAY, October 4th, immediately following worship service.**

Data Centers– What Do We Need To Know?

Join us **TODAY, October 4 immediately following worship** for three short videos introducing the growing issue of data centers and their environmental, economic, and social justice impacts. We'll gather at **11:15 AM in the Ground Level Meeting Room**. Popcorn and drinks will be served. All are welcome!

Together We Stand: A House United

The **Chagrin Documentary Film Festival** will present the Midwest Premiere of *A House United*, a new film about **Braver Angels** and efforts to bridge political divides through conversation. The film will be shown **Wednesday, October 7 at 7:15 PM at Federated Church** and again **Saturday, October 10 at 6:30 PM at the Methodist Church**. Federated member **Bill Shaul of NEO Braver Angels** will be present at both screenings to answer questions and lead discussion following the film. Sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Chagrin Valley**.

Installation of Rev. Michael Anthony Howard

Join us during worship on **Sunday, October 11 at 10:00 AM** for the official installation of **Rev. Michael Anthony Howard as Senior Pastor of Federated Church**. This special service will include guests **David Long-Higgins, Will Fenton Jones, and others**. Come celebrate this important moment in the life of our congregation and show your support for Pastor Michael.

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A Retirement Celebration for Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner

Join us **Sunday, October 18** as we celebrate and give thanks for our beloved Pastor of Pastoral Care, **Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner**, as she prepares for retirement. Judy will preach during our **10:00 AM worship service**, with special moments of celebration throughout the morning—and, of course, cake! Come help us honor **a job well done and a call beyond fulfilled**.

Wondrous Wednesday: Singing for Peace, Hope, and Love

Join us **Wednesday, October 21** for a special Community Sing-Along! Dinner begins at **6:00 PM**, followed by the program at **7:00 PM** as we lift our voices together in songs of peace, hope, and love. **All are welcome! Registration is required** through Realm or by emailing katiesharbage@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care Party

Whether you've served for years or recently joined a care ministry, you're invited to our **Pastoral Care Party on Wednesday, October 28, from 6–8 PM in Fellowship Hall**. Enjoy a potluck dinner and fellowship as we celebrate the many ways we care for one another at Federated and learn how our Pastoral Care ministries work together. Beverages and place settings are provided; bring a favorite covered dish or dessert to share. **RSVP through Realm**.

Inquirers Class– November Sessions

Interested in joining Federated or learning more about our church community? Our Inquirers Class will meet **Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, November 7 at 9:00 AM**. **Participants should plan to attend both sessions**. New members will be welcomed on **Sunday, November 15**. Sign up online or contact Brooke Strong at bstrong@fedchurch.org.



FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Thea Mozingo who is home after being hospitalized for tests– 8005 Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

This week, please pray for staff members—**Marcia Snively and Joshua Konow**

This month, please pray for our mission partners—**Loaves and Fishes crew that serve St. Paul's Community Church**

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week:
Martine Scheuermann and Sue Mansour, and Lynne LaFalce

USHERS/GREETERS

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given by Beth, Bob, Sarabeth and Susannah Rutkowski in memory of Jon and Sue Blouin.

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 Rally Day.

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.

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