

October 18, 2026

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Gratitude Sunday

Rev. Michael Howard
preaches

10 am

Traditional Worship

In-Person and Online via
YouTube

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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

A Retirement Celebration for Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner

Join us **TODAY, October 18** as we celebrate and give thanks for our beloved Pastor of Pastoral Care, **Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner**, as she prepares for retirement. We will gather in Fellowship Hall directly after worship to share well wishes and special moments of celebration with her – and, of course, cake! Come help us honor **a job well done and a call beyond fulfilled**.

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.

New Member Partners Needed

With our next Inquirers Class approaching, we're seeking current Federated members to serve as New Member Partners! Help welcome those exploring membership by offering friendship, encouragement, and a familiar face as they begin their journey at Federated. **Let's put belonging into action!** Interested in serving? Contact Dawn Herdman at dtrmherd@gmail.com.

Data Centers– What Do We Need To Know?

A Panel Discussion with experts in the field and a Q + A , **Monday, October 19 at 7:00 PM** in the Sanctuary. It's not just about AI and data, it's also about water, electricity, land use, financial responsibility and community voice. ***As a faith community, we have a great interest in social and environmental justice. We believe we are called to steward and advocate for the voiceless including the human and non-human world.*** ALL ARE WELCOME!! CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE! Come Learn with us.

Souls to the Polls

SJAM is coordinating carpools to the Cuyahoga and Geauga County Boards of Elections for early voting ahead of the November 3 General Election. Upcoming carpool dates are **October 20 and November 1**, and additional drivers are needed! If you need a ride or can volunteer to drive, please see the latest **Spire or Eblast** for signup information.

AT FEDERATED?

NEOCH Winter Wear Collection

From **October 4–November 8**, the Federated NEOCH Team is collecting new or clean, gently worn winter clothing for individuals and families in need. Items needed include water-resistant jackets, gloves, mittens and boots; warm hats and scarves; new socks and long underwear; and washable hoodies or sweatshirts. **All sizes, infant through adult, are welcome!** Please ensure items are freshly washed and free of pet hair. No household items, pillows or blankets. Monetary donations may be made by check to Federated Church with **NEOCH or Homeless** in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Trunk or Treat

Get your costumes ready and join us for an afternoon of Halloween fun on **Saturday, October 24, from 3:00–5:00 PM** at Federated Church! Enjoy creatively decorated trunks, treats, and family-friendly fun. Bring the kids, invite your friends, and join the festivities! **All are welcome!** Interested in decorating a trunk or helping out? There will be **PRIZES!**

Contact Jannine Mason at janninemason@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.**

Altar Flower Donor Request

There is an opportunity to donate the altar flowers on Sunday, November 1, 2026. 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.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Debbie Medlar, whose significant other was killed in a traffic accident last week- 8743 Eastbrook Cir, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

Sandi Sommers recovering from sinus surgery- 114 Shawnee Trl, Aurora, OH 44202

Nora Wagner recovering from surgery- 38955 S Woodland Rd, Moreland Hills, OH 44022

This week, please pray for staff members—**Thea Mozingo and Beth Rutkowski**

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: **Sonja Solar, Carol King-Shaw, and Joyce Ritchie**

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 Sharon Munson in loving memory of her husband Tom and in honor of her son Tyler who shares an October 17th birthday with his Dad.

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 **U, V, W, X, Y, and Z** 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 **A and B** are Invited to bring treats next week for Fellowship Hour. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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