

September 24, 2023

Welcome!



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*live your faith*



**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.*

Next Week:

**Sunday, October 1st**

**Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches**

**10 am**

**Traditional Worship**

**In-Person and Online via**

**YouTube**

# WHAT'S HAPPENIN

## Worship With Nature

**TODAY, September 24, 4:30 pm**

**Sulphur Springs, Metroparks**

Join at the "pop-up" *Worship With Nature*, an interfaith, intergenerational gathering. When we listen to the earth, it will teach us. Come experiment and encounter God in an emergent outdoor worship model where we join our hearts and minds with the wind in the trees, the birdsong, the waters, & other partners in sacred conversation between Creator and Creation.

**Bring a chair or blanket, your reusable water bottle, and a whole food from nature to share.** No need to register. For more information, email [coopdole@gmail.com](mailto:coopdole@gmail.com).

## Helping Hands

**Monday, September 25, 1 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

Helping Hands will be meeting Monday, September 25th, at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please bring any pillowcases you may have and we will stuff them & sew them up...ready to send to Hospice!

Join us for some stitching & fellowship! For more information contact Lynne Kessell, [lynnkessell@gmail.com](mailto:lynnkessell@gmail.com).

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, September 30, 8-10 am**

**Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we hear from authors of 4 books on shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, researchers active in Maritime Archeological Survey Team (MAST), and members of Lake Erie Wreck Divers Club; **The Shipwreck Hunters: Georgann & Mike Wachter** as they speak about "**Romancing Lake Erie**". To sign up, visit [fedchurch.org/events](http://fedchurch.org/events) or contact Barry Biggin,

[barrybbiggin@windstream.net](mailto:barrybbiggin@windstream.net).

## NEW Inquirers' Class This Fall

Are you interested in finding out more about membership at Federated Church? The Inquirer's Class is an opportunity to reflect on your faith journey as well as give you information about who we are as a church and why we do what we do. The next Inquirer's classes will be held October 25 and November 1, with those who choose joining on November 12th. Contact Brooke at [bstrong@fedchurch.org](mailto:bstrong@fedchurch.org) or call 440-247-6490.

# ING AT FEDERATED?

## All Church Book and Bible Study

**"Conversations on Living, Loving, and Dying"**

**Led by Rev. Betsy Wooster**

**Wednesdays in October, 1 pm, Lounge**

Join us in October to read and discuss the book ***Walking Each Other Home***, by Ram Dass and Mirabai Bush. We will engage in meaningful discussion about the journey and preciousness of life in ways that help us to lessen our fears of dying. **Register** and purchase the book after worship on Sunday, **September 24th** or contact Rev. Wooster at [bwooster@fedchurch.org](mailto:bwooster@fedchurch.org).

## Apollo's Fire: Splendour In London

**Saturday, October 14, 8 pm**

**Tickets On Sale NOW!**

**Only 100 tickets are available directly to Federated Church**

Jeannette Sorrell leads a sumptuous orchestra in Handel's lively Water Music. The acclaimed Apollo's Singers and soloists join for Purcell's beautiful Funeral Music for Queen Mary and selections from King Arthur. Handel's Zadok the Priest concludes the concert. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [fedchurch.org/PAS](http://fedchurch.org/PAS). For questions, contact Joshua Konow at [jkonow@fedchurch.org](mailto:jkonow@fedchurch.org) or 440.247.6490 x 120 .

## Missions & Service Sponsors a Coat Drive for NEOCH (Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless)

During the month of October, we will be collecting CLEAN or new winter wear for ANY age and size, including water resistant coats/jackets, waterproof winter boots, waterproof gloves/mittens, warm hats, socks, and scarves/mufflers. You may also donate through Federated Church online at [fedchurch.org/giving](http://fedchurch.org/giving) (select NEOCH Coat Drive) or by indicating NEOCH on the envelope or on the check memo line. For more information contact [Cathy Watterson](mailto:Cathy.Watterson@cwstarfish2000@yahoo.com), [cwstarfish2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cwstarfish2000@yahoo.com).



## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

*Please include in your prayers this week...*

The family and friends of **Norma Burrows**  
who died on September 16, 2023- 653  
Cherry Park Oval Aurora, OH 44202

This month, please pray for, **St. Paul's  
Community Church and St. Paul's  
Community Outreach**

This week, please pray for staff members  
**Jake Magalski** and **Joshua Konow**.

**Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this  
week:** Trina Gigax, Martine Scheuermann,  
Jane Healy. Jody Halley

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given in  
fond memory of Rick Jones, a longtime and  
generous supporter of altar flowers and the  
Altar Flower Ministry.

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 **H, I, J, and K** 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 **L and M** are invited  
to bring treats. Thank you in advance for your  
participation!

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