February 23, 2025

# Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week: Sunday, March 2nd

Rev. Betsy Wooster 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.

# WHAT'S HAPPENIN

## **Federated Church Annual Meeting**

TODAY, February 23rd | Immediately Following Worship Sanctuary or via Zoom

Join us **TODAY**, **February 23rd**, immediately following worship, for our **Annual Meeting** in the Sanctuary or via <u>Zoom</u>. This is an important time to reflect on the past year, discuss future plans, and participate in the life of our church community. **Watch for the Annual Report and Financial Report**, which will be sent via email this week before the meeting. Please contact Brooke Strong by Monday if you need us to mail you a printed copy. We encourage you to review them in advance and join us for this meaningful gathering.

#### The Zoom link is as follows:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84852682711?pwd=dVc1MjJTdUdRanR1ZGhMT3ZjMTFkdz09

or if you do not have the internet, join by phone: 1.301.715.8592,

Meeting ID: 822 9556 5955, Passcode is 898174, press # (no participant ID).

Full Zoom Instructions are on the last page of this Annual Report.
Please note, the Annual Meeting will be recorded.

# Federated Church Performing Arts Series presents: Voices from the Other Side

Tuesday, February 25th, 7 PM Sanctuary

Join us for an evocative evening of chamber music featuring a cello octet and soprano. Experience works by Arvo Pärt, Heitor Villa-Lobos, and Cleveland composer Margi Griebling-Haigh, whose *Voices from the Other Side* brings Edna St. Vincent Millay's poetry to life. A reception will follow the program. Don't miss this extraordinary musical event! Tickets on sale now at <u>fedchurch.org/PAS</u>.

#### **Justice Has No Boarders**

With deportations a growing daily reality for more and more people, understanding the human impact of this tragedy is critical to resistance! Join the Global Ministries Network on **Thursday**, **February 27 at 6:30 pm** to hear the personal stories of clergy and laypeople from throughout the conference who just returned from a powerful trip to the border last month. <u>Click Here</u> for the Zoom link or contact Brooke, <u>bstrong@fedchurch.org</u>.

Events: fedchurch.org/events | Calendar: fedchurch.

# **IG AT FEDERATED?**

# Color Me Hopeful.... That You Are Hopeful to Color

Help create beautiful journals for the Lenten season—no artistic skills needed! Drop into The Daily Bread Room (off Fellowship Hall) anytime the building is open to color with washable markers and blend the colors with water for a unique effect. All supplies are provided, and you're welcome to bring a friend or take supplies home (just return them ASAP). Instructions will be available in the room. Questions? Contact Vicki at **216.849.1942** or **vmcqaw@fedchurch.org**.

#### **Altar Flower Donors Needed**

There is an opportunity to donate the altar flowers on Sunday, March 30th. 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 <a href="mailto:sueman@roadrunner.com">sueman@roadrunner.com</a> if you are interested.

## **Day Off VBS Experience**

Monday, March 3 | 9 AM-1PM Room G30

Don't sit home bored on your day off of school! Join us for games, stories, snacks, crafts and more inspired by the parable of the mustard seed and be remind that God has a spot for you! Visit <u>fedchurch.org/events</u> to save your spot today!

# Wondrous Wednesday & Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5th | 6 PM Dinner | 7 PM Service Fellowship Hall | Sanctuary

Join us on March 5th for a special Wondrous Wednesday that flows right into our Ash Wednesday Service. Enjoy a delicious dinner at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall, followed by the Ash Wednesday Service with Pastor Vicki at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. We'll even have desserts—because you haven't attended the service yet! Sign up for dinner at <a href="fedchurch.org/events">fedchurch.org/events</a> or on the sign-up sheet at the Angel Desk.

## **FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER**

Please include in your prayers this week....

Mary Hobbs who is hospitalized with pneumonia- 7125 Bingham Ln Apt 111 Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

Bill Zelazny as he recovers from RSV-

This month, please pray for our mission partners—St. Paul's Community Church

This week, please pray for staff members **Vicki McGaw** and **Beth Rutkowski**.

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week: Debbie Baker and Peggie Jo Shinagawa



## **USHERS/GREETERS**

You were welcomed today by members of the **Spiritual Formation Commission and friends.** 

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers this morning are given by Nora Wagner in loving memory of her husband Sterling and in honor of his birthday and their wedding anniversary.

There will be no Angel Flower Ministry this week due to the Annual Meeting.

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11a-12p

There will be no Fellowship Hour due to the Annual Meeting!

Next Sunday— Congregation members with last names beginning with **S and T** are invited to bring treats. Thank you in advance for your





