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# In the Interim...

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. – Psalm 107:1*

Dear Friends,

I have to admit that I have a love-hate relationship with November. I hate darkness setting in so early when daylight savings time comes to an end. I hate when autumn leaves move from their vibrant hues of reds, oranges and gold to brown. And I hate the cold chilly weather that signals an end to the warmth of summer and early fall but hasn't yet made space for the peaceful snowfalls of winter.

But November also includes my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, and the season of gratitude that surrounds it. I love the abundance of the harvest and the challenge of finding a new recipe to include with all of the traditional favorites for my family's Thanksgiving feast. I love the season that invites us to focus on the abundant blessings we receive from God and the inclination of so many people to share them with people in need. And I love that, after having a short break to celebrate a holiday on which I don't lead a worship service, that we begin the awe- and wonder-filled season of Advent.

Our worship services in November are another way I overcome my negative feelings about this month. On November 2 we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. There is something so moving, inspiring and reverent about recalling and giving thanks for the lives of the saints we have lost during the past year. On November 9 we will wrap up our uplifting Do Unto Others worship series with a focus on love. Generosity will be the center of worship on November 16 as we consecrate our pledges and on November 23 when we enjoy a celebratory Thanksgiving service and our annual Ingathering Sunday. This collection of food will carry even greater importance this year as the SNAP program is about to come to a halt due to the government shutdown.

Finally, on November 30 we will begin the season of expectation with the first Sunday of our Advent series, Angels Among Us. On each Sunday of Advent, we will hear a story of how angels came to share the message, "Do Not Be Afraid" with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. This is shaping up to be a lovely season of worship full of anticipation of Jesus' birth. You won't want to miss a single Sunday!

Whatever your relationship with November, I hope that you will choose to focus on the parts that bring you joy and, as you do, that you will make time to reflect on your many blessings and give thanks to God for all the ways that God has enriched your life.

Happy Thanksgiving!

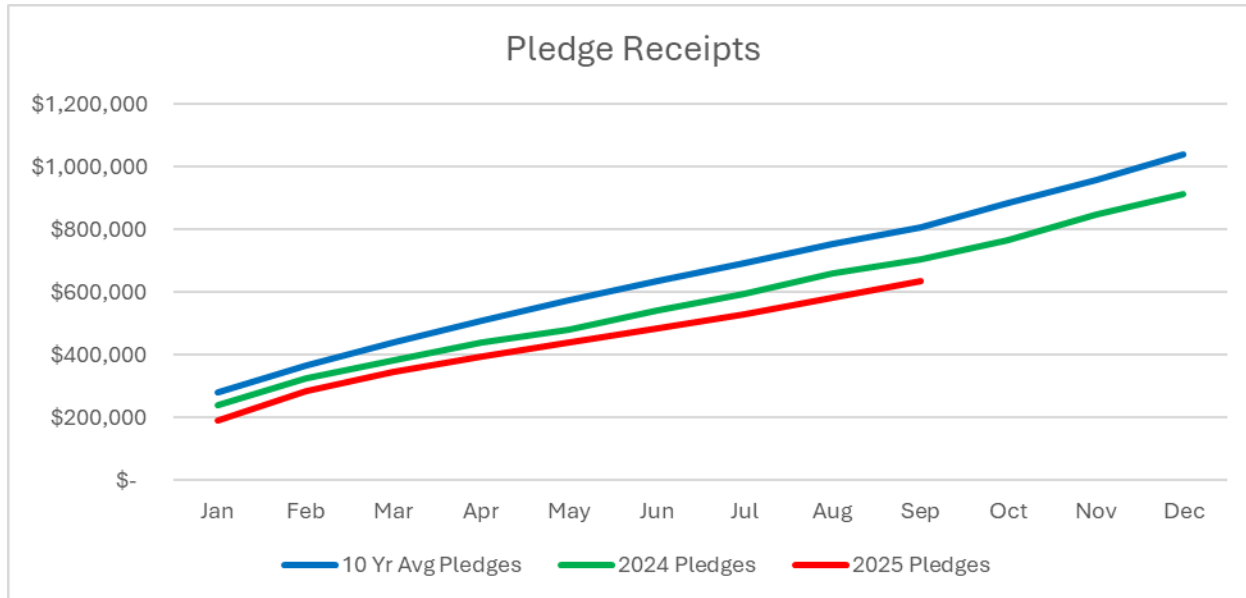
*Vicki*



# Church Financial Update– 3rd Quarter of 2025

Dear Federated Church,

On behalf of the Federated Finance & Properties Committee, I would like to share an update on our financial position. Through the first nine months of the year, we have collected \$637,455 in Pledge Receipts. That is 72% of the pledges that we budgeted to receive for the entirety of 2025. Over the past ten years, through the first nine months we have averaged \$809,006 in pledge receipts making up 78% of the total budgeted for the year. The chart below shows how much we received in pledges on average over the past 10 years in blue, the pledges we received in 2024 in green and the pledges we received this year in red.



During most years, we receive a large percentage of our pledges in January. Pledge receipts decrease significantly in February and generally stay around that level until October, at which point pledges start to increase through the end of the year. We are currently behind where we would like to be with our pledges. **There is still time to get your 2025 pledges in** so that we are able to meet our budget and keep doing all of the amazing work at Federated.

The Finance & Properties Committee would also like to note that 2025 recovered nicely from what started as a year of volatility from a market perspective. Since the beginning of May, Federated's investments, and the stock market in general, have performed quite well. Beyond the investments that Federated has in our Legacy Fund, we also invest a portion of our operational assets. Those assets are in our Operations Investment Account. For the first nine months of the year, the Operations Investment Account increased in value by 10.5% and the Legacy Investment Account increased in value by 14.5%. We will continue to invest our assets in a responsible manner that provides more than sufficient liquidity, while allowing our assets to grow over time.

Sincerely,

*Brady Hively*



# From the Desk of Operations...

## Welcome to Federated Staff – Allison Hutchins

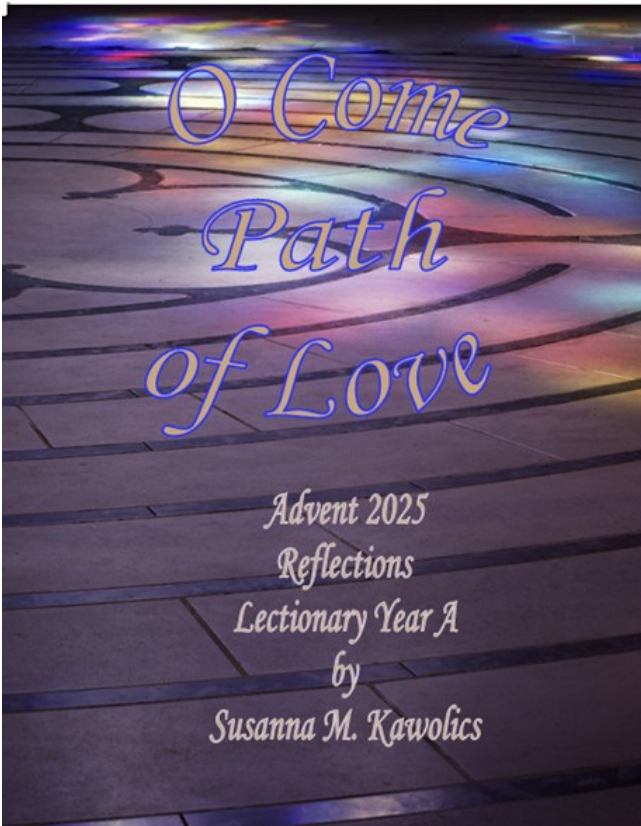
Please welcome Allison Hutchins as she joins our staff in a part-time administrative role. She will be assisting Brooke with the layout and printing of bulletins and other communications pieces, as well as assisting other staff members with administrative and database tasks. Allison has worked in non-profit organizations, including Family Promise and LifeAct, for many years. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and is a welcome addition to our staff.

With the help that Allison will be providing, Brooke Strong will now be able to focus on internal and external communication strategies. While Brooke has been handling many of our communications tasks for years, she will now be the point person for all Federated Communications and will remain the first point of contact for people who call and visit the church.



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## 2025 Advent Reflection Booklets



Advent is right around the corner. Are you looking for a resource to deepen your Advent journey? Rev. Susi Kawolics has created an Advent Reflection Booklet, with a prayer for every day during the Advent season. Reflections are based on Lectionary readings, and they begin the Monday before Advent, November 24th.

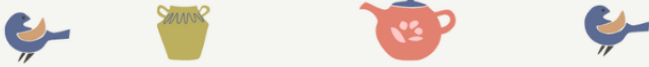
**Booklets will be available beginning Sunday, November 9th.**

Many of the reflections this year are conducive to labyrinth-walking. Please feel free to avail yourselves of the labyrinth in room 330 as you pray through this booklet.

Pick up your free copy in the Narthex, at the Angel desk, or read online at [fedchurch.org/adventreflections](https://fedchurch.org/adventreflections). Email [reverendsusi@gmail.com](mailto:reverendsusi@gmail.com) with any questions or comments. Blessings on your Advent journey!

# TRINKETS N' TREASURES 2026?

**WE NEED YOU!**



**Did you know that the TNT sale has:**

- **Raised over \$157,000 for the church since it started in 2016.**
- **Kept thousands of pounds of donatable goods out of the landfill.**
- **Donated leftover items to several local charities.**

**The Trinkets N Treasures Sale cannot be held in 2026 without YOU!**

The TNT Committee needs important roles filled immediately if the sale is to take place in 2026.

They are looking for someone to take over the role of Sale Leader/Coordinator.

This could be an individual or a team. We have a detailed job description available for anyone interested. This person/these persons will be responsible for coordinating the entire sale including being at the sale for all of the drop off days and the days of the sale. The planning begins in December.

They are also looking for a Food Coordinator and a Furniture Pick Up Coordinator.

Please contact Thea Mozingo [tmozingo@fedchurch.org](mailto:tmozingo@fedchurch.org) with any questions.

**We must have a Sale Leader or team in place by November 26<sup>th</sup> or there will NOT be a sale in 2026.**

# Women's Ministry

**Circle** will meet on **November 17 at 1:00 PM** in the **downstairs meeting room**.

**Sit & Stitch** continues on **Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in Room 340**. We have plenty of yarn and knitting needles. If you would like to join us to make a prayer shawl, a prayer square, lap blanket...or a baptism a blanket.... We would love to have you join us we always have a good conversation going.

**Helping Hands** will gather on **Monday, November 24th at 1:00 PM** in the **Lower Meeting Room**.

**Loaves & Fishes** will take place at **St. Paul's** on Sunday, November 30th. Jim Scheuermann will once again prepare a wonderful hearty lunch. If you'd like to contribute, donations of cookies, other treats, cheeses, or chips are welcome. Please leave them in the church kitchen by that Sunday, clearly marked "**Loaves & Fishes.**".

If you would like to join any of these activities, all are welcome... just drop in!  
For more information contact Lynne Kessell, 440-487-9104  
or [lynnekessell@gmail.com](mailto:lynnekessell@gmail.com).



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## All Aboard the Mexican Train!

Looking for a little Sunday fun and friendly competition? Join our **Mexican Train Dominoes Group**, meeting **Sundays at 12:00 PM** here at Federated in Fellowship Hall!

Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the game, there's always room at the table. Bring your lunch, your laughter, and your love of good company—we'll teach you the rest!



Come make connections, share a few laughs, and hop aboard the train this Sunday!





**DONATING BLOOD IS AS EASY AS PIE**

**Blood Drive**  
**Federated Church UCC**  
 Fellowship Hall  
 76 Bell Street  
 Chagrin Falls, OH 44022  
**Tuesday, November 25, 2025**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**SIGN UP TODAY**

**Hands Only CPR & AED Demonstrations**

**Sunday, November 9th**  
 After Service

Federated Church  
 76 Bell Street  
 Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Val Woods CPR  
 AHA Certified CPR  
 Instructors  
 info@valwoodscpr.com  
 www.valwoodscpr.com

1 Corinthians 13

- Did you know that we have an AED machine here at the church?
- Do you know where it is?
- Do you want to know how you might save a life?

**In just a few minutes, you will learn the basics of how to use any AED machine!**

**Join us on November 9<sup>th</sup> after worship - the training will just take a few minutes! Please sign up on REALM or by calling the office by 11/2.**

Wondrous Wednesdays Presents...

# LIFESTYLE MEDICINE

What Is It? Little  
Changes, Lasting Health

Join us for an evening with Joanie Belair and Pam Tanchon, National Board Certified Health & Wellness Coaches, as they share simple ways to improve your health through small, lasting habits in nutrition, movement, sleep, and stress management.

## All Are Welcome!

Enjoy a healthy community dinner featuring a large salad bar, a colorful "Rainbow Meal" platter, and desserts! Bill Lentz's famous chicken will be included.

**Nov. 19**


**6 PM | Dinner  
7 PM | Program**

**Register Today!**



Visit: [fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events)

**Well Being**

NEXT EXIT 

# In Gathering

## Local Food Pantry

### Collection

Cooking oil

Dish soap

Tuna fish

Canned meats

Salad dressing

Peanut Butter

Coffee

Sugar

Creamer

Stuffing mix

Cranberry sauce

Corn

Yams

Green beans

**GIVE WITH A  
GRATEFUL HEART**

November 2-23

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**Financial Donations to  
Hunger Fund Accepted**



*In anticipation of the Advent Season, follow the...*



# “STAR *of* WONDER”

**December 1<sup>st</sup> | 6:30 PM**

**Fellowship Hall**

**ADVENT *by* CANDLELIGHT**

**Please bring a sweet or savory treat to share.**



**Sign up today by scanning the code or visiting [fedchurch.org/events](https://fedchurch.org/events)**

# December Events

SAVE THE DATES!

**01**

*Advent by Candlelight-  
"Star of Wonder"*

**07**

*Christmas Caroling to  
shut-ins • Youth Bake  
Sale • St. Paul's  
Christmas Shop  
Support*

**08**

*SJAM Panel Discussion  
with "Braver Angels"*

**10**

*Wondrous Wednesday  
- Singing, Food and  
Cookies*

**11**

*Primetime Lunch at  
The Cabin*

**14**

*Children's Christmas  
Musical at Worship •  
"Bethlehem Market"  
during Fellowship Hour*

**20**

*PAS Concert: Burning  
River Brass "Our Kind  
of Christmas"*

**21**

*Service of Hope and  
Healing*

**24**

*Christmas Eve Services  
12:30, 4 & 7 PM*



## Christmas Caroling Brings the Joy of the Season

Last year, Federated began a new and touching tradition—caroling to members of our congregation who may feel lonely during the Christmas season. There’s nothing quite like the joy of seeing faces light up when familiar carols fill the air. As last year’s carolers discovered, this experience brings just as much joy to those who sing as to those who receive the songs.

Join us after worship on **Sunday, December 7** for a hearty soup lunch before heading out to share music and cheer with homebound members. Special thanks to the Congregational Care Commission and Peggie Jo Shinagawa’s flower ministry team, carolers will also deliver a small gift along the way. We’ll return to church between 2:00 and 2:30 PM.

Whether you are a true singing angel or can’t sing a note in tune, please join us for this intergenerational outing as we spread holiday cheer to homebound members of Federated by signing up **HERE**.

## Christmas Eve Preparation: Calling All Creatives and Lovers of Christmas!

This year, we’re adding a creative new element to our Christmas Eve services—a nativity tableau designed by our own congregation! You’re invited to “adopt” a nativity character and bring it to life using 3–4 ft. cutouts we’ll provide.

Join one of our **Advent Creation Workshops** after worship on **November 16, 23, 30, or December 21**, or take your creation home to decorate. Let your imagination shine as we prepare together for the wonder and joy of Christmas Eve.

## Generosity Corner

Dear Generous Friends at Federated:

We are approaching our time to make commitments for Federated's future, which is always an exciting time for me. I believe Federated is at once a **Sanctuary**, whose arms reach out to replenish and renew us, and at the same time a **Call to Action** from God to be bold in unsettled times. Your Generosity Commission constantly asks itself the vexing question, "How do we ask a congregation to give when they aren't sure about tomorrow?"

Henri Noewen offers some precious advice about why we give and about the difference between short and long term mentality: *"When we give ourselves to planting and nurturing love here on earth, our efforts reach out beyond our own chronological existence! Indeed, if we strive to **fund a Community of Love**, we are helping God build the Kingdom. We are doing exactly what we are supposed to be doing as Christians."*

I strongly urge you to make a commitment to the 2026 Generosity Campaign for Federated, and do so with a growth mindset toward the future. Your Federated staff and Council are broadly improving inreach and outreach through our programming, our worship experiences, and our Family Life Center and successful Community Life Collaborative, just to name a few! And we are **deeply committed to finding the right pastoral staff** to lead us on this continuing journey. What better way to say "**Come to Federated**" than to be able to show huge participation in our Generosity efforts?

A community cannot be nurtured in a growth mindset by only half a community. I earnestly ask you to be part of a **participation rate that soars to 75% of Federated members making commitments to the Generosity Campaign** in the next 45 days, my friends. We want to be running forward, not standing still, and we simply cannot do it without ALL of you!! Jump in with both feet. You won't be disappointed!

Blessings and Gratefulness,

Your Generosity Commission  
Ken Horner, Chair





## The Generosity Campaign for 2026 has officially started!

**Please watch your mailbox for your pledge materials.**

How to pledge:

- Mail or drop off the enclosed pledge card at the church.
- Bring the enclosed card on Sunday, November 16th, to be consecrated during the worship service.
- Submit your 2026 Pledge/Intention to Give on our website at [fedchurch.org/giving](https://fedchurch.org/giving).
- Use your Realm account to submit your 2026 Pledge/Intention to Give.

The 2026 Generosity Campaign has started. Watch your mail for your pledge materials. If you are wondering how to submit your pledge, you can:

- Mail or drop off the enclosed pledge card at the church.
- Bring the enclosed card on Sunday, November 16th, to be placed in the offering plate.
- Submit your 2026 Pledge/Intention to Give on our website at [fedchurch.org/giving](https://fedchurch.org/giving).
- Use your Realm account to submit your 2026 Pledge/Intention to Give.

Please contact Thea with any questions, [tmozingo@fedchurch.org](mailto:tmozingo@fedchurch.org)!

# FEDERATED CHURCH PRIMETIME NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2025



We would love to have you join us for one or all of the upcoming Primetime events! You do not need to be a member of the church to join us. Church members can sign up on REALM. Feel free to sign up by contacting Thea Mozingo at [tmozingo@fedchurch.org](mailto:tmozingo@fedchurch.org) or by calling 440-247-6490

## Upcoming Events

### **November 13th - Cleveland Memories Trivia and Lunch**

Join us for a great time with local historian, wit and master storyteller Dennis R. Sutcliffe as he rekindles forgotten Cleveland memories. Food and fun with your Primetime friends. Lunch provided by Two & Company Cafe  
\$10 per person

### **November 18th - Widows' Dinner - Lola's Bistro**

Join our widows' group for dinner at the new Lola's Bistro here in Chagrin Falls. Please RSVP so we have accurate numbers for our reservation.

### **December 11th - Lunch out at The Cabin**

A favorite for many years - join your Primetime friends for lunch out at The Cabin in Aurora. Enjoy food, fun and a cozy atmosphere all decorated for Christmas.

Federated Church  
76 Bell St  
Chagrin Falls OH  
440-247-6490  
[www.fedchurch.org](http://www.fedchurch.org)



OUR FIRST EVER TRUNK OR TREAT WAS  
**ALL TREATS, NO TRICKS!**

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO  
JOINED IN THE FESTIVE FUN!

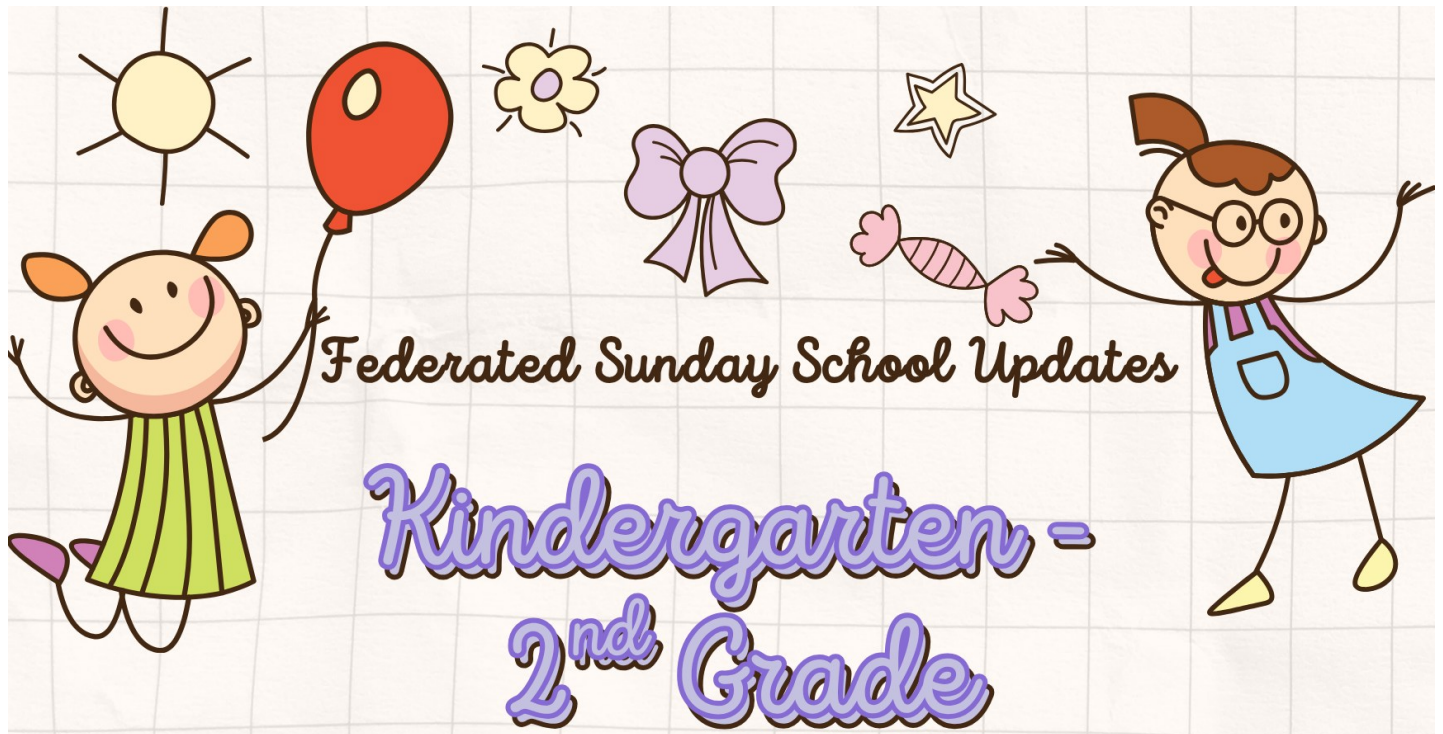
CANDY GUESS WINNER  
**400 CANDY CORNS**  
FARRAH (ARIANA'S FRIEND)

BEST TRUNK WINNER  
**FRANKENSTEIN**

LAURA HANCOCK  
AND JOHN REITER



**WINNERS! PLEASE SEE OLIVER FOR YOUR PRIZES!**



Hello Families!

Our Kindergarten through Grade 2 group has been engaged in some truly heartfelt and foundational lessons. Each Sunday, we begin our time together with prayers and shares, creating a safe and loving space for the children to connect with each other and with God. It's a joy to see them open up and support one another!

Our core focus has been centered on the concept of "Do Unto Others," the spirit of the Golden Rule. Through stories, activities, and discussion, we've explored what kindness and compassion truly look like in action.

This coming Sunday, November 2nd, will be a special day as we gather for our new Kids Church service. Co-created with and for the children, reflecting their ideas, energy, spirit, and ownership. Please have your child bring in any spare coins they can find for our special collection contraption - a fun and noisy way to teach about giving! And after the service, children will have fun ringing the bells! Please come to the Chapel to collect your child after the service! I will see you there!

Bright blessings - Jannine Mason

# Federated Sunday School

## 3rd-5th Grade Updates

Third through fifth grade is off to a fantastic start! Our focus this fall has been centered on "Do unto others". We are working on not only passing kindness forward and being a ripple of love and kindness, but also to see and appreciate God's love all around us.

We would love to have you join us for time spent loving and supporting one another, reading stories to exemplify God's love, singing songs and playing games to help us learn lessons about all that Jesus teaches us!

See you on Sunday!



# Federated YOUTH GROUP

## November- December Schedule

Remind Classroom: Text @98h8c3c to the number 81010

**11/2 OFF WEEK**

**11/9 COLORADO INTEREST MEETING**

11:30 AM Meeting in Fellowship hall

- Details of Colorado trip shared
- Expectations for those attending
- Letters to veterans
- Pizza lunch provided

1 PM Pickup

**11/16 FRIENDSGIVING**

Holidays are not just about family, join us for a Friendsgiving potluck!

**11/23 INGATHERING**

Sorting food donations for St Paul's

**11/30 FAMILY WEEK- NO YOUTH GROUP**

**12/7 BAKE SALE & ST. PAUL'S TOY SHOPPING**

- Youth group members to bring in homemade baked goods to sell after service
- Travel to Target to spend proceeds on toys to donate to St. Paul's congregation

**12/14 BETHLEHEM MARKET**

Join us for our annual, immersive holiday tradition!

**2026 Events:**

**2/6 CLEVELAND CHARGE GAME**

**7/11 COLORADO TRIP (Date tentative)**

Join for youth group updates! →





# Federated Kids Church

-in our very own Chapel-  
a place to belong and become

After the passing of the peace in the Sanctuary, children will head to church school for a brief period before going to the Chapel for a fun-filled time of learning, laughter, music and love as we grow in God's Word together!

THE FIRST  
SUNDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH

CO-CREATED  
WITH OUR KIDS  
FOR OUR KIDS



## What to expect:

- Children lighting the candles
- Joyful songs and praise
- Children leading prayer
- Bible stories made fun and easy
- Games and activities
- Children invited to play music
- Fun and fellowship
- Coin collection (please send them in)
- Ringing of the bells after worship

For more information:

 [omason@fedchurch.org](mailto:omason@fedchurch.org)

# Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

A ministry for action as we live into our call for Care and Justice for all of God's people and creation

## Social and Environmental Justice (SJAM) News

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, please contact [sjamfedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sjamfedchurch@gmail.com)



### Next SJAM Meeting: Sunday, November 16th

at 11:30 at Bell Street in Lower Level Meeting Room

Or join by Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVlWdz09>

### November 17 – Federated Church Fellowship Hall: 7 pm

**Love knows no Borders** – “Stories from the Border” –

Will have people who went to the border in January on a pilgrimage. There will be another pilgrimage this January. Brenda Grauer, Anne Murphy, Harriett Rogers, Karen English will share their stories.

### December 8 – 7 pm – Fellowship Hall

**Workshop on Communicating with those we disagree with**

**Braver Angels skills** –With Bill Shaul

Focusing on skills to interact with family and friends we care about who are on opposite sides. Will be practicing. Will take issues as examples of what can be said that triggers you – and how can you respond. Start with softer issues and then move to difficult ones that may come up in our families.

### Other Events of Interest:

#### "The God I Know" Play

Join us for *The God I Know*, an Inclusion & Belonging Edutainment experience that explores the intersection of personal identity, religion, freedom of speech, and separation of church and state.

The play is timely in its theatrical storytelling as Christian Nationalism is being introduced into our society. You won't want to miss this opportunity for coming together to turn us and them into WE.

#### Performance Dates & Locations

**Thursday, November 13, 2025 – 7:30 PM** | Fairmount Presbyterian Church

**Friday, November 14, 2025 – 7:30 PM** | Fairmount Presbyterian Church

**Get tickets:** <https://gettingtowe.org/the-god-i-know/>

### November 8

November 8, at Community Church of Chesterland, 3PM

[\(1984 Caves Rd, Chesterland, OH 44026\)](#)

a dramatic presentation highlighting the unique and special friendship between two first ladies: Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the United States, and Mary McLeod Bethune, whom the black press called 'the First Lady of Negro America'. Our performers are courtesy of Women In History

# Creation Care TIP of the Month

## Composting

helps microbes and invertebrates decompose what would otherwise be wasted into a valuable soil amendment.

Composting uses nitrogen-rich materials or “greens” (like kitchen scraps fruit, veg, coffee, tea, eggshells, grass clippings, plant trimmings, manure, etc. and carbon-rich materials) or “browns” (like dry leaves, straw, shredded newspaper, cardboard, napkins, paper towels, etc.

*No animal products, grease, oil, weed seed, diseased plants, human or pet waste, or plastic.*

Composting requires moisture and oxygen. A heavy plastic bin with holes, a tumbler, or chicken wire bin are some container options. Add water by hand unless compost is open to weather. Compost should be damp but not soggy. Turn the pile with a garden fork to aerate; even twice a week is enough.

Find what works for you. For example, kitchen scraps can be collected in a counter top caddy and emptied daily into an outdoor bin, adding browns twice a week while turning the pile. Yard waste can be composted separately in an open pile. If you can't compost at home, look into Rust Belt Riders, who pick up/drop off compostable scraps for a fee.

Compost is finished when it looks like rich soil, with an even texture and nice earthy smell. Incorporate a couple inches into garden soil around plants.

Resources: [cuyahogarecycles.org](http://cuyahogarecycles.org). [rustbeltriders.com](http://rustbeltriders.com)  
<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>  
<https://www.ars.usda.gov/oc/br/compost/index/>



“Waste Nothing” is one of nature’s core principles.”

# Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

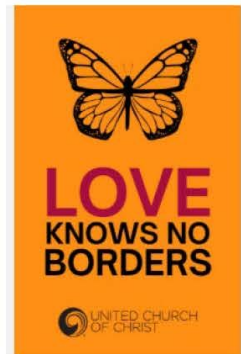
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## Love Knows No Borders

*Stories and Images Surrounding Immigration*

### November 17th at 7 pm

Federated Church, Fellowship Hall  
76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022



### Featured Speakers: Rev. Brenda Grauer and Anne Hill



**Rev Brenda Grauer**, UCC pastor, has a long history of congregational relationships here in Ohio, as well as beyond our state. She has led groups of persons beyond the US borders into Nicaragua, and most recently to the southern US border, to discern realities of immigration, and what God might be calling each of us to do in response to those realities.



**Anne Hill** is the immediate past President of the Board of AMIS (Americans Making Immigrants Safe), Inc., and currently the Secretary. She also serves on the Steering Committee of the Northeast Ohio Friends of Immigrants (NEOFI). She's been working on immigration issues since January, 2017.

Come hear stories and get information about the current reality for Immigrants in this country, and be informed of opportunities.

Contact: [sjamfedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sjamfedchurch@gmail.com) with questions.

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# Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

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## WE ARE DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS!



**Consider buying Eco-Friendly stocking Stuffers and Gifts**

The Creation Care team will have a variety of Eco-Friendly Items for Sale on Sundays in Fellowship Hall from Mid November – December 21 or until we Sell Out



Shopping for Eco-Friendly products is fun and helps the Earth and All Living things



**Bring Holiday Cheer and remove Plastics from the Environment**





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LIGHTS FOR  
LIONS  
COLLECTION

  
federated

Federated's Mission & Service Commission and Creation Care Ministry are teaming up to collect non-working Christmas lights and electrical cords to benefit the Lights for Lions program at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo supports the work of [Lion Landscapes](#) using revenue generated from recycling the copper found in donated light strings and electrical cords. These funds directly benefit conservation initiatives that protect large carnivores – including lions, leopards, cheetahs, African wild dogs, and spotted hyenas – along with their habitats. The program also helps local communities and livestock coexist safely alongside these iconic species, creating a lasting impact for both people and wildlife.

**When: Jan 4th through January 25th**  
**Where: Fellowship Hall in the Blue Bins**

# Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM)

A ministry for action as we live into our call for Care and Justice for all of God's people and creation

## Injustice to JUSTICE a community forum on the criminal 'justice' system

**December 6, 2025  
Noon - 4 PM**



**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cleveland  
21600 Shaker Blvd, Shaker Heights, OH 44122**

**Featuring  
Christina Swarns  
Executive Director of  
The Innocence Project**



- testimonials from individuals who have been wrongfully charged, incarcerated, and exonerated
- panel discussion exploring restorative justice
- panel discussion on present efforts to eliminate injustice

RSVP to:

**Racial Equity Buddies** <[racialequitybuddies@gmail.com](mailto:racialequitybuddies@gmail.com)>

**Sponsors: ACLU, Pretrial Support Team, Unitarian Universalist of Cleveland, Racial Equity Buddies of Greater Cleveland, Social Justice Advocacy Ministry of Federated Church at Chagrin Falls, Undoing Oppressions Task Force of West Shore UU Church**

# FEDERATED CHURCH PRESENTS...

# 2025-2026

# PERFORMING ARTS SERIES



**ROMAN RABINOVICH, PIANIST**  
**THU, OCT 9, 2025 - 7 PM**  
**TICKETS: \$25-\$45 | STUDENTS \$10**  
Renowned pianist and ChamberFest Cleveland co-director performs Haydn, Debussy, Beethoven & Schumann.



**BURNING RIVER BRASS**  
**"OUR KIND OF CHRISTMAS"**  
**SAT, DEC 20, 2025 - 7 PM**  
**TICKETS: \$30-\$50 | STUDENTS \$10**  
Celebrate the season with a festive mix of carols, swing, and a jazzy Big Band Nutcracker! A holiday concert sure to have you singing along.



**APOLLO'S FIRE- "WINTER SPARKS"**  
**SAT, JAN 31, 2026 - 7:30 PM**  
**TICKETS: ASSIGNED SEATS**  
Virtuoso chamber works by Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, and Marais, featuring dazzling soloists on flute, oboe, violin, and viola da gamba.



**CLE CONCIERTO- "CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"**  
**SAT, MAR 21, 2026 - 7 PM**  
**TICKETS: \$25-\$45 | STUDENTS \$10**  
Celebrate women composers of the 17th century featuring the music of Strozzi, Bembo, and Leonarda.



**AUSTIN WALKIN' CANE- "BBQ & BLUES"**  
**SUN, JUNE 7, 2026 | 4 PM**  
**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**  
**TICKETS: \$30 | KIDS (12U) \$10**  
A crowd-pleasing blues performance paired with our annual dinner. Featuring a community BBQ cookoff!



FOR MORE INFO: JOSHUA KONOW (JKONOW@FEDCHURCH.ORG)  
OR 216.247.6490X120 OR VISIT FEDCHURCH.ORG/PAS



# Community Partners



The **Community Life Collaborative** is committed to modeling environmental sustainability. In 2024 we launched a new recycling initiative at the **Family Life Center**, made possible by a generous grant from the **Ohio EPA**. With guidance from **Cuyahoga Solid Waste District** and **Geauga Solid Waste District**, we built a program rooted in access, education, and action. Together, we've made a measurable impact in just 8 months, and this is only the beginning.

## How Much Are We Diverting From the Landfills?

### 8,325 Pound Recycled in 8 Months

Plastics, glass, aluminum, paper, and cardboard from events all diverted from landfills.

### 700 Events, 15,000 visits, and We Want Everyone Involved

Every FLC space use now includes a 1-page recycling guide to make sustainable action easy for all who use the Family Life Center. With more than 700 events and 15,000 annual visits, that's a whole lot of shared momentum!

### Food Waste and Yard Debris? That's Recycled, Too!

Our composting efforts powered **Meals On Wheels** and **Cleveland Field Kitchen**, dozens of **community members**, and our **volunteer Garden Guardians** to compost and create rich soil and extend sustainability practices beyond the FLC. Not to mention how the EPIC Leaf Pile of the Annual Fall Festival decomposes into the best soil for tending the labyrinth & memorial gardens.

### Our Next Goal: 12,000 Pounds in One Year

The CLC is on pace to exceed 6 tons of waste diverted by year-end. With continued community effort, we'll get there! **Make the choice to divert: reduce, recycle, repurpose, reuse!**





# St. Paul's Christmas Store Collection

Collecting  
New Unwrapped Toys,  
Crafts and Games  
for Kids of all ages!

Novemeber 30-  
December 7

*Place under the Tree in the Church Lobby*

Chagrin Valley Council of Churches

Save the Date

*Thanksgiving*

PRAYER  
BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH  
9-10:30AM.

RSVP: [eburns@loloh.org](mailto:eburns@loloh.org)  
Valley Presbyterian  
17560 Chillicothe Rd

Speaker to be announced

Veterans' Presentation:

Email photos and / or or  
current veteran's names &  
to [eburns@loloh.org](mailto:eburns@loloh.org)  
with their branch of service.



# 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!

- November 2– last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y, and Z**
- November 9– last names beginning with A and B**
- November 16– last names beginning with C and D**
- November 23– last names beginning with E, F, and G**
- November 30– last names beginning with H, I, J, and K**



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## OUR STAFF IS HERE TO HELP YOU

### CLERGY

**Vicki McGaw**, *Interim Pastor*  
**Judy Bagley-Bonner**, *Minister of Pastoral Care*

### Administration Staff

**Beth Rutkowski**, *Senior Director of People and Operations*  
**Brooke Strong**, *Director of Communications*  
**Thea Mazingo**, *Director of Generosity*  
**Oliver Mason**, *Director of Youth and Families*  
\* **Susi Kawolics**, *Bookkeeper*  
\* **Marty Culbertson**, *Director of Missions*  
\* **Allison Hutchins**, *Administrative Specialist*  
**Jake Magalski**, *Properties, Maintenance & Grounds Lead*

### Music Staff

**Joshua Konow**, *Director of Music Ministries*  
\* **Marcia Snavelly**, *Organist*  
\* **Pat Haynish**, *Director of Children's Choir*

### Children's Ministries Staff

\* **Jannine Mason**, *Children's Activities Leader*

\* denotes part-time staff

**federated**

**Hope to see you  
this Sunday!**

**10:00 AM**  
**In person and Online**