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The Spire

The Federated Church Newsletter

United Church of Christ  An Open and Affirming Congregation  A Creation Justice Church

 **MISSION,**
MOMENTUM,
#My Federated

 *My place
to grow,*

 *My place
to belong,*

 *My place
to give,*

 *My YES
to God!*

GENEROSITY
Begins Here.





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From the Desk of Pastor Michael...

I'm Glad We're In This Together

Dear Federated Family,

Well, these first four months have certainly been full! I'm still learning names and figuring a few things out, but one thing has become clear to me: I am glad to be your pastor. I am growing to love this church, this community, and the life we are making together.

On Sunday, October 11, we'll celebrate my installation during our morning worship service. Rev. Elena Larssen, Association Minister from the Living Water Association will lead the installation, Rev. David Long-Higgins from the Heartland Conference will preach, and my friend Will Fenton-Jones from the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church will be with us, too. It will be good to have them here, and good to have all of us together.

You might be wondering, "Haven't you already been our pastor for a while now?" Fair question! We've certainly been getting on with things. An installation gives us a chance to pause, make our promises to one another, and ask God to bless the ministry we're already sharing.

It's a way of saying, in the presence of God and our wider church family, **"We're in this together."**

That's why I wanted to celebrate on a Sunday morning. Installations can sometimes feel like events mostly for clergy and association folks. But I want you there. These are our promises, and they belong in the midst of our worship and our life together. I also want you to meet some of the people who help make the United Church of Christ our denominational home. The wider church is made up of people who care about us, pray for us, and share in the work God has given us to do.

For seven years, I worked with the Living Water Association, helping congregations learn to love their communities. I loved that work. And now, what a privilege it is to wake up each morning and pour that energy into one church—into you, and into the neighbors we get to love together.

These months have given us plenty of opportunities to do just that. Whether we're thinking about confirmation and how we care for one another, serving food at St. Paul's through Loaves and Fishes, or spending time with our neighbors at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, I'm getting to know Federated by sharing in its life. I've been grateful, too, to stand alongside you at community celebrations and solemn remembrances. There is something special about being part of a church that shows up.

But what stays with me most is the people: the conversations, the stories you've trusted me with, the laughter, and the chances to sit together when life is hard. Thank you for welcoming me into all of it. Thank you for your patience as I learn, and for the kindness you've shown along the way.

We have plenty still to discover about one another, and plenty of work ahead. We don't need to have it all figured out on October 11. We'll gather, sing, pray, make our promises, and trust God to help us keep them.

I'm glad we get to do this together.

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Michael





YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
INSTALLATION

OF

Rev. Michael
Anthony Howard

SENIOR PASTOR

Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for the installation of Rev. Michael Anthony Howard as Senior Pastor of Federated Church.

This special service marks a new chapter in our shared ministry and our continued commitment to living out our faith together as a community of welcome, purpose, and love.



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 11
10:00 AM



FEDERATED CHURCH
76 BELL STREET
CHAGRIN FALLS, OH 44022



ALL ARE WELCOME!

COME WORSHIP,
CELEBRATE, AND BE
A PART OF THIS
JOYFUL OCCASION.

FAITH

PEOPLE

PURPOSE

COMMUNITY

Pastoral Care PARTY

CONNECT • CELEBRATE • BELONG

Dear Friends and Family of Federated,

Every visit, phone call, meal, prayer, ride, flower delivery and thoughtful gesture helps someone in our Federated community feel cared for and connected. We're grateful for the many ways you offer that care, and we'd love to celebrate with you!

Please join us for a **Pastoral Care Party** on **Wednesday, October 28, from 6–8 p.m.** We'll share a potluck dinner, enjoy fellowship, and thank the people who provide care through Federated's many ministries. We'll also explore how pastoral care happens at Federated—from the moment someone notices a need through providing care and following up. You'll see how our ministries connect, where your part fits, and how our updated approach will help us keep track of needs and coordinate our response.

Whether you've been serving for years or have recently joined a care ministry, your experience and participation matter. This evening is a chance to meet others who share this work and see how our individual contributions come together.



**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 28
6–8 P.M.**



**FEDERATED CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

RSVP



SCAN TO REGISTER



POTLUCK DETAILS:

Beverages and place settings will be provided.
Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert to share.

Thank you

for the compassion, time, and faithfulness you share with our church family. We look forward to gathering around the table with you!

With gratitude,
— Pastor Michael and the Pastoral Care Team

*Many hands.
A more caring church.
A brighter tomorrow.*



A Peace Pole FOR FEDERATED

A colorful peace pole with artful symbols of peace will adorn the front gardens of Federated!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
DIRECTLY AFTER WORSHIP

All are invited to gather out front for a brief dedication of a Peace Pole to serve as a beacon of hope. Come! Encircle the pole with prayers and positive thoughts!

The idea of creating a peace pole for our church was inspired by Federated's Day of Peace, Healing and Hope. Crafted by furniture-maker Paul Koepf then imaginatively designed and painted by Abigail Goodman (now a freshman at Rochester University). The illustrations spiraling the pole include messages of "Peace on Earth" in 16 different languages (including braille and sign language). One can reflect on the warm images of sun rays and bumble bees, a dove of peace, the Earth encircled by clasped hands, and more.

Originating in Japan in 1955, there are now reportedly more than 200,000 peace poles in 180 countries around the world, all intended to promote the message "Let peace prevail on Earth".

A big Thank You

to all who contributed:

- ♥ Dawn Dole
- ♥ Abigail Goodman
- ♥ Jill and Goodman
- ♥ Paul Koepf
- ♥ Nancy Isham
- ♥ Jake Magalski
- ♥ Thea Mozingo
- ♥ Beth Rutkowski
- ♥ Maren Koepf
- ♥ Federated Church Council

And all who painted river and lake stones to be placed in our front garden, at the base of the pole!

*Let the wider community be inspired
to cultivate peace in thought, word, and action! ♥*





NO MORE PAPER/CARDBOARD RECYCLING

AT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

The bins that are in the parking lot by the barn are being removed.

Please use your **curbside recycling** or the **township recycling center** closest to you!



*Thanks for all of
your care for Creation!* ♡




federated
live your faith

NEW ADA BATHROOM DOORS

As prioritized by the Church Council and the Finance & Properties Committee, we have recently added electric ADA doors to the two restrooms off the main lobby downstairs and the restroom on the Sanctuary level. This improvement makes these restrooms more fully accessible and is one way we can demonstrate our commitment to an extravagant welcome for everyone.

Funds raised through the **2026 Trinkets N Treasures event** helped make this addition possible.



A REMINDER ABOUT USING THE NEW DOORS:

The doors are designed to be operated using the push buttons located both outside and inside the restrooms. **Please use the buttons when entering and exiting rather than pushing the doors open manually.** Manually opening the doors can damage the motors and prevent the automatic door system from working properly.



Thank you for helping us care for this new equipment and, most importantly, for helping ensure that our restrooms remain accessible and welcoming to all.



Wondrous Wednesday - Oct. 21, 2026

Singing for Peace, Hope and Love

🌻 **A Community Sing-Along** 🌻

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Program at 7:00 pm

Join us for a delicious dinner and community sing-along with songs of peace, hope + love.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



❖ **Bringing our Voices Together for Peace**

❖ **Singing our Hearts out for Hope**

❖ **Spreading Love Far and Wide**

❖ **Together, let's open our hearts + minds and share the love the world needs right now.**



1 Corinthians 14:15 - What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

Isaiah 44:23 - Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

Psalms 57:7 - My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody.

**Registration required: Through Realm or email
Katiesharbage@gmail.com**



A RETIREMENT
Celebration
FOR

**REV. JUDY
BAGLEY-BONNER**

OUR BELOVED PASTOR
OF PASTORAL CARE

Join us as we honor a job well done
and a call beyond fulfilled.

If Judy has touched your heart, your family's life,
or your faith in any way, please join us in
celebrating her on this special day.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

SERVICE STARTS AT 10:00 AM



JUDY WILL BE
PREACHING



SPECIAL THINGS
WILL BE HAPPENING



AND OF COURSE,
THERE WILL BE CAKE!

*Come celebrate, give thanks, and show your love
for Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner! ♥*

Women's Ministry

Circle will meet on **Monday, October 19 at 1:00 PM** in the Lower Level Meeting Room. We'll be making cards for the veterans in our church and assembling toiletry bags. We are collecting **travel-size shampoo and lotion, small bars of soap, lip balm, combs, small packs of Kleenex, razors, white tube socks, and washcloths**. Donations may be brought that day or left at the Angel Desk. We hope you'll join us for these special service projects!

Sit & Stitch meets every **Thursday at 10:00 AM** in Room 340. Join us as we knit and crochet **prayer shawls, blessing blankets, and prayer squares**. We have plenty of yarn and needles available, so just bring yourself and enjoy a morning of fellowship and creativity!

Helping Hands will meet on **Monday, October 26 at 1:00 PM** in the Lower Level Meeting Room. We'll continue stitching and stuffing **cancer pillows for hospice** while enjoying some good fellowship. We already have **80 pillows ready to be turned in next month!** Come lend a helping hand—we'd love to see you!

Loaves & Fishes at St. Paul's

Jim will be serving a special luncheon for **Loaves & Fishes on October 25**. If you're able to make cookies or other snack items to share, please have them in the church kitchen **by 9:00 AM Sunday morning**. If you would like to help Jim serve, please let him know.

Thank you for your continued support—we appreciate it! **For more information, contact Lynne Kessell at 440-487-9104 or lynnekessell@gmail.com.**



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!

October 4– last names beginning with N, O, P, Q, & R

October 11– last names beginning with S & T

October 18– last names beginning with U, V, W, X, Y, & Z

October 25– last names beginning with A & B





October is Generosity Month! Gratitude Sunday is October 25th!

We are kicking off our fall Generosity Campaign this month, and this year's campaign theme is **Mission – Momentum – #myfederated**. Federated is our place to grow – our place to belong – our place to give – and our yes to God!

Watch your mailbox for a letter and pledge card from Pastor Michael and the Generosity Commission. There's a stylish magnet you can put on your fridge or laptop to remind you to turn in your pledge card on Gratitude Sunday – October 25th. You can also pledge at any time by returning your card in the collection plate, mailing your card to the church or [pledging online](#) in the Realm app.

We have accelerated the timing of the campaign this year in hopes of wrapping up by December 31st. Church Council bases our annual budget only on pledged dollars, so we encourage you to prayerfully consider your pledge on this accelerated timeline. The commission and council will be following up in November and December with emails and phone calls to make sure each household pledge makes it into the budget.

We are so grateful for your time, talents and treasures that make Federated a vibrant, welcoming community – saying YES to God! Thank you!

The Generosity Commission

Ken Horner, chair, Thea Mozingo, staff, Houston Bowers, Diana Gardner, Maren Koepf, Ann Lentz, Michael Quintin, Joan Rieke, Judy Riemenschneider



MISSION & SERVICE
COMMISSION

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars
for our upcoming
collections this
holiday season!

OCT 4
—
NOV 8

NEOCH HOLIDAY COLLECTION

We will be collecting items to
support NEOCH this holiday season.



NOV 8
—
NOV 23

Ingathering FOOD COLLECTION

We will be collecting non-perishable
food items to support our Ingathering
Food Collection.



NOV 29
—
DEC 7

St. Paul's CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We will be collecting items to support
St. Paul's this holiday season.



SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



Special Collection

for the
Haitian Community
of Springfield, Ohio



September 24 - October 4

Immediate Need for the following personal items:

- ♥ **Toilet Paper**
- ♥ **1-Gallon Plastic Zip Bags**
- ♥ **Diapers – all sizes**
- ♥ **Baby Wipes**
- ♥ **Toiletries** – Tooth Paste, Soap, Shampoo, Feminine Products, Shaving Cream and Razors etc.

*Neighbors
Helping
Neighbors*



Donations can be left in the Lobby off the Church Parking Lot.



We will be purchasing food items by the case, financial donations can be made to Federated Church, mark the memo line **"Haitian Hunger Fund"** via check or online through Realm.



Federated Church is Partnering with
St. Vincent de Paul of Springfield Ohio



2026
NEOCH
Winter Wear
COLLECTION



➤ **October 4 - November 8** ➤

New or clean, freshly washed, gently worn items are welcome.
(No pet hair, please.)



**WATER-RESISTANT
WINTER JACKETS**



**WATER-RESISTANT
GLOVES / MITTENS**



**WATER-RESISTANT
BOOTS**
(no fashion
boots, please)



**WARM HATS /
WARM SCARVES**



**NEW SOCKS /
LONG UNDERWEAR**



**WASHABLE
HOODIES OR
SWEATSHIRTS
AS A LAYER**



**ALL SIZES -
FROM INFANT TO ADULT -**

➤ *are welcome!* ➤



PLEASE NOTE:

No household items,
pillows, or blankets.



If your closets or shopping for new
or gently worn items aren't an option,
you may write a check to
FEDERATED CHURCH
with **NEOCH or Homeless**
in the memo line.



Thank you ♥

in advance for your thoughtful
response and generosity.

Cathy Watterson and Patti Lyden

>> and the **Federated NEOCH team** <<



Event Recap

TOUCH A TRUCK

2026

AT FEDERATED CHURCH



Thank You! ♥

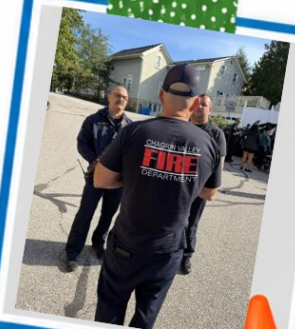
We are so grateful to everyone who made **Touch a Truck 2026** at **Federated Church** such a huge success!

From our amazing volunteers and community partners to the families who came out to explore, learn and have fun — you helped make this day memorable for so many in our community!



Special Thanks To:

- ♥ All of our volunteers
- ♥ Our community partners and vehicle providers
- ♥ Our church members and supporters
- ♥ The families who joined us
- ♥ Everyone who helped with planning, set-up, clean-up and behind-the-scenes support



You Helped Drive Joy in Our Community! ♥



TRUNK or TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
3:00 – 5:00 PM

Federated Church
76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls



**DECORATED
TRUNKS**



**TREATS
FOR KIDS**



**FAMILY
FRIENDLY**



**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
REACH OUT TO JANNINE MASON
janninemason@gmail.com



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 or receive our emails, please contact
sjamfedchurch@gmail.com



Next Meeting:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026
after Worship
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM



Come and join us!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

LEARN | DISCUSS | TAKE ACTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

at 11:30 AM after worship



Data Centers – What Do We Need to Know?

Join us for 3 short Videos – An Introduction to this issue.

Sun., Oct. 4th – Immediately after church.
11:15 am in the Ground Level Meeting Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!!



MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 7 PM

in Bell Street Sanctuary



Data Centers in Ohio – What Do We Need to Know? A Panel Discussion with Q+A

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. One of the most compelling issues currently facing Ohioans is the appearance of Data Centers in Ohio. You may be hearing about this issue in the news and are wondering what this is all about and how it affects us, our communities and the environment? And why is this a justice issue?

We will be hosting a Panel Discussion that will bring together experts from various backgrounds to help educate and inform our community and bring a more complete picture of the impact on communities, the environment and financial implications of Data Centers. It's not just about AI and data, it's also about water, electricity, land use, financial responsibility and community voice.

All are welcome. Bring your friends and family with you to learn about this important issue and how it affects all of us.



CARE
FOR CREATION



ADVOCATE
FOR JUSTICE



EDUCATE
OURSELVES



TAKE
ACTION



Social and Environmental Justice (SJAM) News

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM | FAMILY LIFE CENTER (FLC)

Poverty Simulation



Morning: Speakers

Chris Knestrick, from NEOCH,
and Noel Rivera from Greater Cleveland Food Bank



Lunch: Presentation

Rev. Michael Howard



Afternoon: Poverty Simulation

Led by Greater Cleveland Food Bank



We will also be collecting donations for
the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and NEOCH.



Greater Cleveland
Food Bank



NEOCH
BUILDING HOMES
FOSTERING HOPE



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST:



MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 7 PM

Resurrection Catholic Church
32001 Cannon Rd, Solon
"Second chance" to hear
Mother Agapia
share her personal experiences
and stories of Christians in
Today's Holy Land.



**OCTOBER 17
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Bainbridge UCC

Emphasis on Voting.
They would love help with
parking and directing folks.
If you are able to volunteer,
please let Kathy Franz know.
kfranz17114@gmail.com



Anchored Through the U.S. Election Season: *Grounding Ourselves. Strengthening Community. Serving the Highest Good.*

The Labyrinth Activism Network and Legacy Labyrinth Project will be offering a free five week offering for anyone looking to mitigate the anxiety, uncertainty, and division many people are experiencing as we move toward the U.S. election and beyond. LAN's intention is not political or partisan. Instead, they hope to create opportunities for people to become more grounded, connected, and intentional about how they move through this season.



Five weekly online gatherings in 2026:

10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4 7:00 - 8:30 EDT (Note: 11/4 is ET)



Registration: www.legacylabyrinthproject.org/anchored



Looking for a labyrinth to walk?

- Find a location: <https://labyrinthlocator.org/>
- For indoor walking, go to room 330 upstairs at Federated - the Healing Room, where there is a labyrinth painted on the floor.

Braver Angels Film Showing at Chagrin Documentary Film Festival

Chagrin Documentary Film Festival will be
showing **A House United** at 7pm on
October 7th at Federated.

Bill Shaul will be leading a discussion
following the film.

Second showing/discussion option:

Saturday, October 10
6:30 PM
Methodist Church

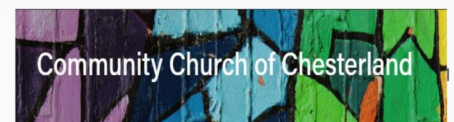
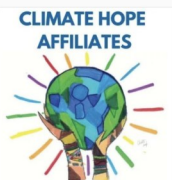
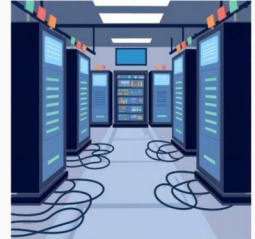
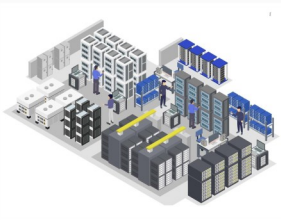


Data Centers - What Do We Need to Know?

A Panel Discussion with a Q + A

**Monday, October 19
7:00 PM**

**At the Federated Church,
76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, OH**



This Panel Discussion will bring together experts from various backgrounds to help educate and inform our community and bring a more complete picture of the impact on communities, the environment and financial implications of Data Centers. 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.*** You may be hearing about this issue in the news and are wondering what this is all about and how it affects us, our communities and the environment? And why is this a justice issue? Come join in this learning opportunity, listen, ask questions and be informed.

All are welcome. Bring your friends and family with you to learn about this important issue and how it affects all of us.

This event is hosted by the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry team of The Federated Church: Call - 440-247-6490, or email SJAM.fedchurch@gmail.com.

And co-sponsored by these organizations:

Meet our Moderator and Panelists:



Dr. Richard Stuebi is a recognized leader in the energy sector. Dr. Stuebi has accumulated nearly four decades of experience in the energy sector as a consultant, executive, entrepreneur, investor, educator, and advocate. For the past 25 years, he has primarily focused on helping clients capitalize on opportunities related to new technologies penetrating the energy markets. <https://fea.global/about>



Dr. Randi Pokladnik was born and raised in the Ohio Valley. She earned an associate degree in Environmental Engineering, a BA in Chemistry and an MA and Ph.D. in Environmental Studies. She is a retired research chemist and teacher. She is an active writer; she is a member of FaCT (Faith Communities Together for a Sustainable Future) and writes for their newsletter.

<https://ohiocapitaljournal.com/2025/10/29/ohios-data-centers-will-impact-many-ohioans/>



Maria Jukic grew up in Northeast Ohio, raised in a working-class neighborhood. She earned her law degree from Cleveland State, graduating with honors. She also earned a Master's in Theology and Religious Studies from John Carroll University in 2022. She is a Fulbright Fellow, former Euclid City Councilwoman, and was a healthcare administrator at Cleveland Clinic for 24 years. <https://www.mariajukicforcongress.com/about-maria/>



Matt Shilling is Director of Public Affairs - Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Ohio State University graduate with degrees in both economics and political science. Matt has 19 years of experience working on educating Ohioans about public utilities and commercial transportation matters.

Matt.Schilling@puco.ohio.gov



Jessica Winchell is from Conserve Ohio/Portage Residents for Responsible Development. She grew up on a dairy farm in Portage County and works from home in the banking compliance industry. She's not an attorney or a politician or a data center expert, but she cares about farmers, the environment, and corporate accountability and has personal experience with this issue in her own community. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jessicawinchell/>



David Joyce - invited - has not yet confirmed attendance. Congressman, 14th district.

Federated Church <https://fedchurch.org/events/>

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

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Voting Information & Souls to the Polls



Early voting begins October 6.

Ohio voters may vote early
in person at their county
Board of Elections (BOE).

Voting in the November 3rd
midterm election is your sacred
right and responsibility.

We encourage you to vote **EARLY**,
in person at your Board of Elections
(BOE), if possible.

Drive a group of your friends and
neighbors to your BOE and vote
together. Make a day of it!!

SJAM SOULS TO THE POLLS

CUYAHOGA & GEAUGA COUNTIES

If you live in Cuyahoga County or Geauga County,
and you don't want to drive to the BOE, join SJAM's
"Souls to the Polls" carpooling parties on one of
the following dates:

OCTOBER 8 • OCTOBER 12
OCTOBER 20 • NOVEMBER 1



Need a ride to early voting?
Able to give a ride?
Join an SJAM carpool.



**DRIVERS
NEEDED**

Scan to sign up to
get a ride or give a ride.



Election Day:
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Polls open
6:30 AM – 7:30 PM

October Tip of the Month

Dreaming of a *green* Christmas?

Try out the free
“Holiday Decor Swap ‘Til You Drop!”



DROP OFF

your unwanted, good/usable
holiday decor—any/all holidays!—
at the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste
District on one of the following days:

- **Saturday 10/17**, 9 am to 11 am
- **Thursday 11/5**, 3 pm to 6 pm
- **Saturday 11/7**, 9 am to noon



SHOP

Then, if you wish, see what new-to-you
treasures you can find on the designated
shopping day:

- **Saturday 11/14**, 9 am to 1 pm
(You don't need to have donated
decorations to shop!)



CCSWD is located at **4750 E. 131st St.** in Garfield Heights
(phone 216.443.3749.)



Please see website for donation guidelines and swap details:
<https://www.cuyahogarecycles.org/holiday-decor-swap/>

Thank you for adding a little joy to the holidays
and keeping usable items out of the landfill!





Special Thanks

TO OUR

SUMMER

Musicians

Once again we experienced a marvelous summer filled with rich musical blessings in our worship services. Grateful thanks to our special musicians who offered their time and talents so generously. It is always a joy to work with such gifted individuals and groups.

And once again, in addition to solos, duets, trios and quartets, the Federated Summer Choir (also known as the pick-up choir) performed early in August. So thank you, summer choir members and soloists...

Kiko Weinroth, Nancy Isham, Kate Breen, Carl Jenks, Amanda Osman Balzell, Rosie Horvath, Keith Mast, Ken Horner, Beth Rutkowski, and Donna Fagerhaug.

We are so grateful for your dedication and talents.

Thank you,
Joshua Konow and Marcia Snavelly

FEDERATED CHURCH

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

2026-2027 SEASON

SEASON OPENER

VERONA STRING QUARTET

*Oberlin Conservatory
quartet-in-residence*



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2026
7:30 PM**

Praised by *The New York Times* as an "outstanding ensemble," the Verona String Quartet is recognized as one of the premier ensembles of its generation.

The program includes works by **Glass, Barber, Peter Myers,** and **Dvořák.**



**TICKETS: \$25-\$45
STUDENTS: \$10**



RECEPTION
with light bites
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FEDERATED CHURCH PRESENTS...

2026-2027 PERFORMING ARTS *Series* SEASON



VERONA STRING QUARTET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$25-\$45 | Students: \$10

The Oberlin Conservatory quartet in residence performs works by Glass, Barber, Peter Myers & Dvořák.

Reception following the program.



NEW WINTER PRESENTS:

AULD LANG SYNE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$30-\$50 | Students: \$10

Celebrate the season with Scottish smallpipes, voices and Celtic music inspired by the winter solstice, Christmas and Hogmanay.

Reception following the program.



LEBOEUF BROTHERS PRESENTS:

OFF CENTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2027 | 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$25-\$45 | Students: \$10

Two-time GRAMMY® Award-winning brothers Pascal and Remy LeBoeuf bring their innovative jazz project *Off Center* to Federated.

Reception following the program.



A WEEKEND WITH COMPOSER

JAKE RUNESTAD

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 17-18, 2027

MASTERCLASS: Saturday at 3:00 PM | Free

CONCERT: Saturday at 7:00 PM | \$20-\$40 | Students: \$10

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Sunday at 10:00 AM | Free

Experience the music of acclaimed composer Jake Runestad with the Federated Church Choir, guest orchestra and community musicians.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 7, 2026

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**OCT 24, 2026
9:30AM-2:30P**

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**Hope to see you
this Sunday!**

10:00 AM
In person and Online