

September 27, 2026

Welcome!

To Give:



Next Week:

Sunday, October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday
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

Sunday School Is Back!

Sunday School has resumed for children and youth in **Kindergarten through 8th grade!** Children will begin the morning in worship with their families and will be dismissed to Sunday School following **Children's Time**. We're looking forward to a year filled with **spiritual growth, meaningful lessons, friendship, and plenty of fun!** As always, childcare is also available for anyone who needs it. **All are welcome!**

Confirmation 2026-2027: The Way

Is your student ready to take the next step in their faith journey?

Confirmation: The Way invites students entering **grades 8-10** to explore the Christian faith through Scripture, worship, conversation, service, mentorship, and meaningful relationships. Students will grow in Scripture, build community, and discover ways to live out their faith.

Parent & Student Orientation is TODAY, September 27, 2026 ; 12:00-1:00 PM in Room G30. Students who have not yet been baptized are warmly welcome and may choose to be baptized during the confirmation journey.

Federated Peace Pole

A six foot high peace pole has been handsomely decorated by our own Abigail Goodman with universal symbols of peace to be installed in front of 76 Bell St and dedicated on World Communion **Sunday, October 4th**.

At the base, we hope to place a collection of uniquely painted river stones, with creative paintings by our congregation. Please come to the Fellowship Hall after the service to paint a stone from your family. We are encouraging all to participate after church in the coming weeks. That's rock painting, Fellowship Hall, after church, to help share a message of world peace.

Special Collection for Haitian Community in Springfield

Through **October 4**, Federated is partnering with **St. Vincent de Paul of Springfield, Ohio** to collect urgently needed items for the Haitian community, including toilet paper, 1-gallon zip bags, diapers, baby wipes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, feminine products, shaving cream, razors, and other toiletries. Donations may be left in the **lobby off the church parking lot**.

Financial gifts for food purchases may also be made to Federated by check or through Realm; designate your gift **"Haitian Hunger Fund."**

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St. Paul's Help

The Mission and Service Commission is looking for your help! St. Paul's Community Outreach Center, which operates out of our long time mission partner, St. Paul's Community Church is in need of help sorting and organizing donations to its Thrift Shop. They have currently been doing this with only two staff. We will go to St. Paul's in October. Joy Wyatt from Mission and Service will accompany those volunteering. If interested in joining in this volunteer opportunity, please sign up on Realm or at the sign up sheet at the Angel Desk.

Verona String Quartet– Performing Arts Series Season Opener

Federated's **2026–2027 Performing Arts Series** opens with the acclaimed **Verona String Quartet**, Oberlin Conservatory's quartet-in-residence, on **Saturday, October 3 at 7:30 PM**. Enjoy an extraordinary evening of chamber music featuring works by Glass, Barber, Peter Myers, and Dvořák, followed by a reception with light bites. **Tickets are \$25–\$45; students \$10**. Learn more and purchase tickets at fedchurch.org/pas.

Installation of Rev. Michael Anthony Howard

Join us during worship on **Sunday, October 11 at 10:00 AM** for the official installation of **Rev. Michael Anthony Howard as Senior Pastor of Federated Church**. This special service will include guests **David Long-Higgins, Will Fenton Jones, and others**. Come celebrate this important moment in the life of our congregation and show your support for Pastor Michael.

Data Centers– What Do We Need To Know?

Join us **Sunday, October 4 immediately following worship** for three short videos introducing the growing issue of data centers and their environmental, economic, and social justice impacts. We'll gather at **11:15 AM in the Ground Level Meeting Room**. Popcorn and drinks will be served. All are welcome!

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.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Please include in your prayers this week...

Alex Taylor who is in rehab after a hip replacement- 7095 Wick Ln Apt 105
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

This week, please pray for staff members—
Joshua Konow & Judy Bagley-Bonner

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

Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers this week:
Peggie Jo Shinagawa and Nicki Adams

USHERS/GREETERS

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given by Karen and Lee Johns in loving memory of their brothers, John Hurst and Pete Johns.

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 **L and M** 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 **N, O, P, Q, and R** are Invited to bring treats next week for Fellowship Hour. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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