

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, August 12

9:00 am Outdoor Worship (Courtyard)
10/11:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic (Office)
10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)

MONDAY, August 13

7:00 pm Stew Crew (304)
7:00 pm Freshman Ice Cream Social (Baldwin's)

TUESDAY, August 14

12:30 pm ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
3:00 pm Chalk the Walk (Middle School)
7:00 pm Trustees (304)
7:00 pm Adult Ed Board (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, August 15

9:00 am WOW (FH)
10:30 am Tai Chi (FH)
11:00 am Gables VIP Worship (The Gables)

THURSDAY, August 16

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)

SATURDAY, August 18

10:00 am AlAnon-Newcomers (120)
11:00 am AlAnon (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)

Today's Scripture: John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Grace Blower
in loving memory of family members who are dearly missed.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, August 12, 2018

Wherever you are on your journey... you are welcome here.

Guests are invited to participate in any of the church's varied activities.

Contact the Church Office (330) 650-4048 for more information
or check off your interests on the back of the Connection Card.

Volunteer Opportunities in Friends' Class! Our church has supported **Friends** since 1976 and we need your help to keep it going! This is a fun group that meets **Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am** during the school calendar year. We have three teams; each with four teachers and rotate during the year. It is a small amount of time that is needed. We have music therapy once a month (on the first Sunday) and Rev. Hockstra will provide communion once a month on the third Sunday. We generally follow the school calendar, with no classes on major holidays. Please contact Sandy Miller at sandyxd91@gmail.com or 216-310-1489 for more information. Thank you!

Outreach Ministries

Trinity Clothing and Household - Thank you for your continued support of the Trinity household/clothing mission! Trinity UCC provides support to the families of Findley Community Learning Center students.

Greatest Needs:

- Sheet sets - Queen, King
- Summer blankets, quilts, light comforters - Queen, King
- Towels, sleeping pillows (new or very good condition)
- Baby crib sheets and blankets
- Capri pants for women and girls
- Shorts and short-sleeved tops/shirts for men, women, children
- Preschool and Toddler clothing, sizes 2T - 5 (we never have enough!)
- Swim suits - all sizes for men, women, children
- Tennis shoes and sandals - men, women, children

Please place your donations in the blue bin by the coat rack or the wooden cabinet in the stairwell. NO FOOD PLEASE!

Thank you! Questions? Please contact Sandy Miller at sandyxd91@gmail.com.

Children's Ministry

For opportunities in Children's Ministry, contact Dee Buchanan or Katie Morgan:
(330) 650-4048, ext. 301 or email dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org; kmorgan@hudsonucc.org.

The Children's Center is expanding for the 2018-2019 school year! As a result, we will be adding some new teachers to our amazing team. We are currently in search of an **Afternoon Preschool Assistant**, 5 days/week from 12:45-6:00 pm. If you know anyone who might be interested, have them contact Dee Buchanan, 330-342-3977.

Will you join us? We need teachers and shepherds for all our young learners just beginning their journeys! **For 9/16-10/21:**

<u>Toddler-K</u>	<u>1st-5th</u>		
9:00 am	Storyteller	9/16 only	Pray-Per-View Teacher
	Crafts/Activities Teacher	10:30 am	Fun & Godly Stuff Teacher
	Crafts/Activities Shepherd		Thou Art Teacher
10:30 am	Storyteller Teacher		Our Acts Teacher
	Crafts & Activities Teacher		The Tabernacle Teacher
	Toddler-PS Shepherd		1 st grade Shepherd
	PreK-K Shepherd		2 nd grade Shepherd
			5 th grade Shepherd

Wonderful Wednesday - All children KG - 5th grade (2018-2019 school year): *you're invited* ... to be a part of the gang! Join us for **Wonderful Wednesday** (Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:30 pm) and be a part of all the great things we are going to do (including the Christmas Pageant) and all the amazing fun we are going to have! Join us on **August 19 after the 10:30 am service** in Fellowship Hall for our **Wonderful Wednesday Rally**. We can answer all your questions and introduce you to the rest of the gang. Hope to see you there!

Help Needed! - Do you love children and enjoy cooking chicken nuggets? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Wonderful Wednesday and D&D are looking for someone to purchase the weekly meals and cook for all our wonderful children. If you are interested, please contact Katie Morgan for more information.

Parents of our Rising Third Graders! An exciting Sunday is coming! Each child entering 3rd grade will be presented with a Bible on **September 16** during the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services. The Bibles will be inscribed with your son or daughter's name, the date presented and the church's name. Your child will learn how to use his/her Bible as part of the Sunday School rotation curriculum. Please contact Dee or Katie for more information or to sign up your rising third grader!

Youth Ministry

For Youth opportunities, contact Callie Baylor cbaylor@hudsonucc.org or Amy Baldwin abaldwin@hudsonucc.org.

We are really looking forward to all the excitement back-to-school brings!

We hope you can join in all the fun! Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar:

Freshman Ice Cream Social Tomorrow, August 13 - All ninth graders are invited to an evening of ice cream and fun to celebrate the last days of summer before heading off to your first days of high school. We'll meet at **7:00 pm** at Anna Baldwin's house (19 Warrensburg Circle, Hudson). Let's start the school year right!

Chalk the Walks - All middle school students (rising 6th, 7th and 8th graders) are invited to meet at the middle school this **Tuesday, August 14** to "chalk the walks" to welcome everyone back for a new school year in the form of fun and inspirational chalk drawings and messages. You don't have to be an artist to join! If you can write with chalk, you can do this. Meet in the middle school parking lot at **2:30 - 3:30 pm**. Chalk will be provided. See you there!

Sixth Grade Welcome to Breakfast Club - NEW SIXTH GRADERS! We are so excited for you to join the fun! We officially welcome our newest friends to Breakfast Club at **10:30 am** on **Sunday, August 19** (the weekend after school starts). Head right to the Youth Room for interesting discussions, fun games and donuts! Today, our rising 7th - 12th graders will meet in the Youth Room at 10:30. Join us with your friends during the 10:30 am service!

Impact is Back on Sunday, August 19 - Impact kicks off another great year at 6:00-7:30 pm in the Youth Room. We are so excited for you and your friends to start your week with us! Be there!

D&D resumes on Wednesday, August 22 - Your favorite Wednesday afternoon snack shack and hang out is back in business! Callie will meet you outside the cafeteria right after school and we'll walk to church together. From 3:00-5:00 pm, we'll have a snack, play some games, talk about things and have dinner. Friends are always welcome!

Coming in September:

September 9 - First Serve: watch for more information about how you can get involved in our church wide day of service.

September 16 - The Nine: a new Youth Program during the 9:00 service. Check it out!

September 16 - Confirmation Meeting: 8th graders - please sign up if you haven't already!

Adult Ministry

For questions, contact Kathy Yeakley, (330) 650-4048, or kyeakley@hudsonucc.org.

Walking Warriors will continue to walk behind the *Barlow Community Center* on **Tuesday at 1:00 pm**. This is a paved walking path and a gentle walk.

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) luncheon on **August 20 at 12:00 pm** will feature Emily Lopick, our Director of First Connect. She is excited to come and share what's been happening with this new and up-and-coming ministry. Sign up on the Connection Card or call the Church Office (330) 650-4048.

First Connect: A New Perspective on Outreach - Imagine a church where people could come together - no matter their location - and worship. That's a reality here at FCCH, thanks to **First Connect**, our digital ministry that provides worship to those who can't make it to our physical church. Through the livestreaming of our services, as well as providing other digital content, we are forming a virtual community and extending our reach far beyond these walls.

Walk to End Alzheimer's takes place on **Saturday, September 15** in **Akron at Canal Park Stadium**. If you would be interested in starting a team or participating in the walk, please contact Kathy Yeakley at kyeakley@hudsonucc.org.

Yoga will return to FCCH on **Tuesdays at 5:00 pm** beginning **September 4**.

Blood Pressure Clinic - Stop by **TODAY** after the 9:00 and 10:30 services.

Weekly health tips can be found on the Health Ministry bulletin board in the hallway.

Need a ride to an appointment? Called to Care is here for you. Just let us know!

Called to Care transportation volunteers seek to help people in times of need, like an illness or injury. They provide church members and friends with transportation for occasional needs, like a medical appointment or treatment. **Coordinator Tom Hudson will connect you with a driver (330) 650-1199 or tghudson@juno.com.**

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CAKES FOR OPEN M - Please bring your donation of baked goods in a disposable container on **Wednesday, August 22, no later than 9:30 AM** to the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Contact Nancy Martinez at martclan@outlook.com with any questions.

Children's Ministry

For opportunities in Children's Ministry, contact Dee Buchanan or Katie Morgan: (330) 650-4048, ext. 301 or email dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org; kmorgan@hudsonucc.org.

- Are you ready to be an ACOLYTE?** All 4th and 5th graders who are interested in bringing in the Light of Christ during our worship services are invited to be an Acolyte.
- Acolyte training will begin **PROMPTLY at 9:45-10:15 am on Sunday, September 23** in the Alcove. **We are trying to squeeze training into a very slim time period between the 1st and 2nd services!** PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.
 - **Acolyte training is mandatory for all acolytes, even if the child was an acolyte last year.**
 - Acolytes will begin serving at both services on **September 23** and continue through **May 19**. Please email Dee or Katie with the acolyte's name, grade, mailing address and best email address (dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org or kmorgan@hudsonucc.org).
 - **Parents are asked to attend the training, as well!** Questions? Call or email Dee Buchanan or Katie Morgan: (330) 650-4048, ext. 301.

Crib Room Assistant Needed Would you or someone you know like to become part of our Crib Room staff? **Availability: Sunday Mornings and Weekday Evenings** for church sponsored events. Applicants must be college age or older. Contact Dee Buchanan: dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org or 330-342-3977 for more information or to apply.

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Music Note - On **Sunday, August 19**, we will have selections from Sacred Broadway repertoire for our music. It will feature Jay Hill singing "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat" from *Guys and Dolls* and a young ingenue named Molly Carroll singing "Christmas Lullaby" from *Songs for a New World*. If you are a fan of Broadway, you will want to be here on **August 19!**

Family Scouting at First Congregational Church - for GIRLS AND BOYS grades K-5 Is your family interested in a fun, character development and values-based leadership program here at First Congregational Church? FCCH is forming a Family Scouting Cub Scout Pack and we need parents and volunteers to help make this successful! Interested? Contact Brian Ford: fordtwin2@gmail.com or (216) 375-5010.

Coffee Hour during the month of August is provided through the generosity of the members of the Adult Faith Formation Board.

Adult Faith Formation

For opportunities in Adult Faith Formation, contact Steve Hockstra, (330) 650-4048 or shockstra@hudsonucc.org.

ROMEOS, "Retired Older Men Eating Out", will meet at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship at **12:30 pm** on **Tuesday, August 14** and **August 28**. Contact Henry Vigor for more information (hkvigor@windstream.net).

JULIETS will meet at the Gables for lunch and fellowship at **12:30 pm** on Tuesday, **August 14** and **August 28**.

Women's Short Term Bible Study - *Numbers: Learning Contentment in a Culture of More*, by Melissa Spoelstra. ALL women are invited to join us as we dive into God's word and strengthen our faith together! This 7-week study is good for first-timers or Bible Study "veterans"!

- Wednesdays, **September 12 - October 24**
- Daytime: 12:30-2:00 pm OR Evening: 6:45 pm-8:15 pm (*pick the one that works best for you!*)
- Workbooks provided for all participants
- Childcare available upon request for evening session
- **Sign up TODAY** on the Connection Card or call the Church Office (330) 650-4048.
- Questions? Contact Tracy Zappone (pzappone@yahoo.com)

"Genesis Flipped" Steve Hockstra will be offering a fresh, broad-range, church-wide study looking at some oldies, but goodies from Genesis on **Thursdays, September 13 – October 25**, from **10:30 a.m. - noon OR 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** Childcare available upon request for the evening session.

Pathfinders Resumes September 16 - Pathfinders will resume on Sunday, September 16 at 9:00 am in The Chapel. They will be watching and discussing the Dr. Andrew Newberg series, *The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience*. If you have any questions about Pathfinders please contact Marie Libby at mclibby64@aol.com.

The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience: award-winning scholar and practicing neuroscientist Dr. Andrew Newberg, Director of Research at the Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, offers you 24 riveting lectures that explore the new and exciting field of neurotheology, a discipline aimed at understanding the connections between our brains and different kinds of religious phenomena. Using an academic, experimental approach into what he calls "objective measures of spirituality," Dr. Newberg attempts to explain what others have previously only guessed at: the neuroscientific basis for why religion and spirituality have played such a prominent role in human life.

Outreach Ministries

Family Promise is a multi-faith mission that provides overnight housing in a congregation's facilities for homeless families, one week at a time, on a rotating basis. FCCH supports its program solely through volunteerism. Please consider volunteering 1-2 hours of your time in providing hospitality to our guests. The following spots are still in need of volunteers for our **up-coming Host Week: September 2 - 9!**

Evening Hosts: **September 2 and 8**

Overnight Hosts: **September 2, 3, 7 and 8**

Day Leader: **September 8**

AM Van Driver: **September 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9**

PM Van Driver: **September 3, 5, 7, and 8**

Individuals as well as families are welcome to volunteer. Please contact Beth Sosinski (bethsosinski@gmail.com or 330-283-6843). Thank you!

Special One Day Used Toy Drive on August 19 - The Interfaith Group is sponsoring a special **one-day** toy drive to benefit the Watlao Siriwantharam Buddhist Monastery of South Akron, and the children of the indigenous local Mons community. Practicing Theravada Buddhism, this Monastery trains novice Monks and serves the needs of the Mons people, who immigrated from Burma (now Myanmar). More than 50% of the Monks and local Mons immigrants have been granted political asylum arising from persecution in Burma. The Monks are 100% dependent upon donations for their food, clothing, etc. The Mons community consists of moderately educated, lower income people, most of whom occupy minimum wage jobs.

The goal is to provide the children with toys. The Mons people do not celebrate Christmas; their parents do not have significant disposable income. Requested toys include playground equipment and toys, bicycles, wagons, tricycles, Little Tyke and Playskool items, Legos, building blocks and other items that can be enjoyed inside or outside. Please **do not donate** stuffed animals or other "plush" toys, dolls, clothing or food.

This is for one day only: Sunday, August 19! The Monastery will have a truck in the rear parking lot of the Church from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. Please consider donating. If you don't have a used toy, donations of "white goods" (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.) are also welcome, as is cash. The Monastery is an IRS certified 501c3 non-profit and receipts will be available. If helpful, we can come to you. For additional information about the Monastery, the Mons people, the need for this drive or to arrange for a pick-up, email Van Carter c/o the following address: interfaith.ucc@gmail.com. Thank you!