

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, August 19

9:00 am Outdoor Worship (Courtyard)
10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
6:00 pm Impact (Youth Room & FH)

MONDAY, August 20

12:00 pm FYI Luncheon (FH)
7:00 pm Deacons (304)
7:00 pm Youth Board (Youth Room)

TUESDAY, August 21

1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:00 pm OPEN M Cooking (FH Kitchen)
7:00 pm Personnel Committee (304)
7:00 pm Music Board (Alcove)
7:00 pm First Serve Leader Meeting (FH)

WEDNESDAY, August 22

9:00 am WOW (FH)
9:30 am Cakes for OPEN M
10:30 am Tai Chi (FH)
3:00 pm D&D (Youth Room & FH)
5:00 pm revoice (Choir Room)
5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday (FH)
7:00 pm Council (304)

THURSDAY, August 23

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Oak Hill Trail)
7:00 pm First Serve Leader Meeting (FH)

SATURDAY, August 25

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

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!

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

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Jane, Katie and Joan Sauer in loving memory of Thomas J. Sauer, Jr. and Thomas J. Sauer III.

The flowers in the Narthex are given by Scott and David Derr in memory of Richard and Marjorie Derr on their wedding anniversary (August 20).

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, August 19, 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.

Today's Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" ¹⁸When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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 a **Morning Preschool Assistant, 3 days/week.** If you know anyone who might be interested, have them contact Dee Buchanan at (330) 342-3977.

Will you join us? We need teachers and shepherds for all our young learners just beginning their journeys! **For Sundays, 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 **TODAY 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.

Whether you are starting school this week or next, we hope you are ready and excited for all the changes the back-to-school season brings. We have some exciting changes planned here at church, along with the return of a lot of your favorites!

The biggest change is that our high schoolers will be seeing a lot more of Callie Baylor, the new Director of Youth Ministries. She will be planning and implementing all of our high school **and** middle school programming (with a lot of guidance and support from Steve and Amy). Steve will still be overseeing Youth Ministry as he takes on new responsibilities in other areas of our church's ministry. Amy is still our Youth Assistant and will continue to be part of the fun at Impact and ASP. Callie and Amy are really looking forward to working together and have already started on some fun new ideas. Please feel free to contact them with questions or concerns. And be sure to join us for our upcoming events!

Middle School

Sixth Grade Welcome to Breakfast Club - NEW SIXTH GRADERS! **TODAY is the day!**

We are so excited for you to join the fun! We officially welcome our newest friends to Breakfast Club at **10:30 am**. Head right to the Youth Room for interesting discussions, fun games and donuts!

D&D resumes on Wednesday, August 22 - Your favorite Wednesday afternoon snack shack and hang out is back in business this week! 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!

High School

Impact is Back TONIGHT! - 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! We meet every Sunday. Be there!

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Water Sunday – September 16, 2018—We'll gather and bless the water you have collected from all over!

- **Bring your bottle of water to worship on Sunday, September 16**, and bring it forward when we indicate during the service.
- If possible, **drop off the blue card** that came with your bottle at the church office **before Thursday, September 13**. We'd like to see where you collected your water from and name that in worship.
- Have a **photo** of the place from which you collected water? Email it to Emily Lopick (elopick@hudsonucc.org) to be used on Water Sunday and through social media.

If you haven't yet collected your water, bottles are still available outside the sanctuary and on the Welcome Table by the 2nd floor elevator entrance. We hope you'll join us as we take a small part of our lives—water from a meaningful place—and bless it for use in our collective life as a church and God's people.

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.

Happy Hikers will hike on **Thursday, August 23 at 1:00 pm** at CVNP, *Oak Hill Trail* in Peninsula. This is a fairly easy 1.4 mile, loop trail. We may add a half mile on *Plateau Trail*. Follow Rt. 303 to Riverview Road in Peninsula and turn left. Take Riverview to Major Road (.6 mi.) and turn right. Follow Major Road (1.5 mi.) to Oak Hill Road and turn left. The parking lot is almost a mile down on the left. Everyone is welcome on any hike or walk!

"The Person Comes First", a dementia and caregiving symposium, will be presented by **Maplewood Senior Living** on **Friday, September 28, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm**. at the **Marriott** on Harvard Road. (See Health Ministries bulletin board for more details.) To register: sfeiock@maplewoodsl.com or call Stacie at (330) 840-7404.

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 or sign up on the Connection Card.

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

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

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- 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.

Children's Ministries Mission Please support Children's Ministries mission to help bring happiness and smiles to families at Akron Children's Hospital Oncology Ward over the upcoming holiday season. We are collecting polar fleece fabric (2 yard pieces) to make blankets for the children at the hospital. Please feel free to drop off the fabric in the marked mission bins at the end of the coat racks.

We are also asking for your children to help by collecting change that can be dropped off at some fun banks that are located in the Children's Library.

Thank you for all your love and support!

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ACME Cash Register Receipts - It is that time of year, again! Look for the words **Community Cashback** at the bottom of your receipts along with a dollar value. Bring the entire receipt to the church workroom or drop in the marked box in the hallway. Register receipts must be current and have the **Community Cashback** notation on them dated **August 9 to December 29, 2018**. Thank you for helping us with this very easy fundraiser for the continued support of the **Women's Ministries of First Congregational Church**.

Adult Faith Formation

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

Ladies of the church: mark your calendars and sign up now! Coming to FCCH this fall ...

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 a great way to kick off your fall whether it's your first Bible Study ever or you are a Bible Study "veteran"! Invite a friend and mark your calendars now. All are welcome!

- 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. Sign up on the Connection Card or call the Church Office.

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.

"Ethics in Our Lives - Alive and Well, or on Oxygen?" - a presentation by Bill O'Rourke, noted authority on ethical behavior worldwide, will be offered for individuals and families on **Thursday, November 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm.** in Fellowship Hall. Topics are made applicable to everyday life for all ages and include: *When to intervene; *Standing up to power; *Showing mercy; *Skirting the rules; *Conflicts of interest; *Loyalty; *Suspicion without evidence; and *Unfair advantage. Bill, former President of Alcoa-Russia, is co-author of *The Power of Ethics* and *The Business Ethics Field Guide*. This event is free, open to all and family-friendly. Please RSVP by calling the Church Office (330) 650-4048.

ROMEOs will meet at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship at **12:30 pm** on **Tuesday, 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 28**.

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 12-week rotating basis. FCCH supports its program solely through volunteerism. Please consider volunteering your time for one of the following available opportunities for our **up-coming Host Week: September 2 - 9!**

Move-In: **September 3**

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

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

Evening Hosts: **September 8**

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

Day Leader: **September 8**

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

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.



Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, Cocoa Mix and Chocolate Bars - Show your support of Fair Trade by stopping at the Equal Exchange table following all three services. Fair Trade enables farmers to stay on their land, receive a fair price, send their children to school and care for the environment. *All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Summit County.*

First Music Rehearsals

- Cherub Choir and Explorer Choir (K-gr. 5 - Wonderful Wednesday) – **Wednesday, August 22, 5:00 - 6:30 pm**
- revoice (middle school) – **Wednesday, August 22, 5:00 - 5:30 pm**
- Teen Band – **Sunday, September 16, 7:30 - 9:00 pm**
- The Chancel Choir – **Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 - 8:30**
- Men's Ensemble – **Wednesday, September 12, 8:30 - 9:30**
- Handbell Choir – **Sunday, September 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Coming Soon! Rehearsal Schedule for Women's Ensemble, directed by Charlotte Plank.