

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, August 26

9:00 am Outdoor Worship (Courtyard)
10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
4:00 pm Vespers (Laurel Lake)
6:00 pm Impact (Youth Room & FH)

MONDAY, August 27

7:00 pm Mission Board (304)

TUESDAY, August 28

12:30 pm ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
7:00 pm Endowment Meeting (304)

WEDNESDAY, August 29

9:00 am WOW (FH)
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 First Connect (304)

THURSDAY, August 30

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Boston Run Trail)

SATURDAY, September 1

9:00 am Gennesaret (off site)
10:00 am AlAnon-Newcomers (120)
11:00 am AlAnon (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)

First Music Rehearsals

- 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.

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

Today's Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, August 26, 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.

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.

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!

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Michele Zelko
in memory of Frank Zelko.

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.

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 - It's not too late to join the **Wonderful Wednesday** gang! We meet and have fun every **Wednesday** from **5:00 - 6:30 pm**. Please contact Katie for more information. 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!

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!

Youth Ministry

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

Impact is on TONIGHT! - Bring \$5 and your appetite to Impact tonight. We are ordering Chipotle so be sure to let Amy know what kind of burrito you would like. Friends are always welcome (send us their order too)! Join us for a family style dinner and a lively discussion about fitting in.

D&D and revoice on August 29 - We can't wait to see you here again after our amazing first week of D&D! Come over right after school on **Wednesdays**. We meet from **3:00 - 5:00 pm** in the Youth Room. **revoice** meets immediately afterward, from **5:00 - 5:30 pm**. Friends are always welcome!

First Serve, Sunday, September 9 - Join us in our church-wide day of service as we partner with area churches and community groups to love and serve our neighbors in Akron. Check out www.joinfirstserve.org to read about all the projects and to register. Each project description will tell you the appropriate age group for that project. The Silent Disco Dustup is a great project for our middle schoolers. Jeff Wells and Callie Baylor will be leading the groups in the North Hill neighborhood (Projects #20 and #21). "Landscaping City Lot" (Project #10) is a great project for our high schoolers. Matt Villeneuve will be leading this group, also in the North Hill neighborhood. Parents and students are encouraged to join this fun group or find a project that suits your family. Sign up ASAP!

Confirmation Begins on September 16 - Eighth graders officially embark on a year of learning and growing as church members on **Sunday, September 16**. We will meet in the Activity Room immediately following the 10:30 am church service. If you haven't already, register your eighth grader at <http://www.hudsonucc.org/#/youth/confirmation>.

"The Nine" launches on September 16 - If you ever come to the 9:00 am worship service, this program is for you! Join us for the launch of a new Youth Program that will take place every Sunday in the Youth Room from 9:00 - 10:00 am. We will learn, discuss, and of course, have donuts,. It is similar in nature to Breakfast Club, but with its own unique spin. All students, grades 7 - 12 are invited to attend. Parents: contact Callie if you are interested in leading a session. All lessons are planned in advance and materials will be ready and waiting for you when you arrive. Thank you so much for your support!



Needs for Findley School

- Boxes of tissues
- Disinfecting wipes for desks
- Hand sanitizer - large and small
- Prayers for a safe and learning-filled school year

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 30 at 1:00 pm** at *CVNP, Boston Run Trail* in Peninsula. This is a 3.1 moderate trail. Park at *Happy Days* parking area on Rt. 303. Everyone is welcome on any hike or walk!

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

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.

"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 Hotel**, 26300 Harvard Road, Warrensville Heights. The presenter will be Dr. Brian Appleby, a neuropsychiatrist at University Hospitals in Cleveland. To register: sfeiock@maplewoodsl.com or call Stacie at (330) 840-7404.

Falls Risk Screening/Assessment and Prevention will be here at FCCH on **September 20** from **10:00 am - 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Physical therapists from **Hudson NovaCare** will identify those at risk for falls and/or balance issues. They will do a "risk for falls" screening checklist and if there is a person at risk, an evaluation for gait, balance and strength will be done. Recommendations for falls prevention, further diagnostics, or treatment for balance and gait issues can then be addressed.

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.**

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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Family Scouting at First Congregational Church of Hudson is for GIRLS AND BOYS, grades K-5. Is your family interested in a fun, character development and values based leadership program at FCCH? A Parent Information Night will take place on **Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Contact Brian Ford (bford@rotek-inc.com) for more information.

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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 and drop it 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.

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**.

JourneyMen Sunrise Breakfast - All men are invited to join in fellowship for a sunrise breakfast meeting at **6:30 am** on **Friday, September 7** at Yours Truly restaurant. Contact Trip Kern: Trip.Kern@gmail.com.

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.

Small Home Study Groups - Connecting ... Equipping ... Transforming

- Are you interested in joining or forming a small home study group?
- Do you want to explore the possibility of growing in your faith while connecting with others?
- Are you simply curious about what a small home group might be able to offer?

Small home study groups offer social connections, trust, faith, fun and fellowship and are now forming. Interested in learning more? Contact Bob Carleton: bobcarleton@adjob.com.

Outreach Ministries

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

—Rabindranath Tagore

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!**

AM Van Driver: **September 9**

Evening Hosts: **September 8**

Overnight Hosts: **September 2 and 3**

Day Leader (5:30-7:30 pm): **September 8**

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

Family Promise accepts donations of household items. Please check the lists below:

Donate to Family Promise

Cookware
Gently used linens
Gently used towels
Bed comforter
Dinnerware
Utensils

Donate to Another Charity

Lamps
Glassware
Toys
Clothing
Outdoor accessories
Food

Trinity Clothing and Household Mission, located in the North Hill area of Akron, provides support to the families of Findley CLC students. **Please place your donations in the blue bin by the coat rack or the wooden cabinet in the stairwell. NO FOOD, please!**

Greatest Needs:

- Sheet sets - Queen, King
- Blankets, comforters - all sizes
- Towels, washcloths, sleeping pillows (new or very good condition)
- Baby crib sheets and blankets
- Preschool and Toddler clothing, sizes 2T - 5 (we never have enough!)
- Shoes - men, women, children
- Men's fall and winter coats

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