

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, September 2

- 9:00 am Outdoor Worship (Courtyard)
- 10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
- 5:00 pm Family Promise Dinner (FH)

MONDAY, September 3

LABOR DAY Church Office Closed

- 5:00 pm Family Promise Dinner (FH)

TUESDAY, September 4

- 1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
- 1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
- 5:00 pm Yoga (FH)
- 5:00 pm Family Promise Dinner (FH)
- 6:30 pm Prayer Quilting (102)

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

Today's Scripture: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

WEDNESDAY, September 5

- 9:00 am WOW (FH)
- 10:00 am Knitting (Alcove)
- 3:00 pm D&D (Youth Room & FH)
- 5:00 pm revoice (Choir Room)
- 5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday (FH)
- 5:00 pm Family Promise Dinner (Act. Rm.)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, September 6

- 1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Indian Springs Trail)
- 5:00 pm Family Promise Dinner (FH)

FRIDAY, September 7

- 6:30 am JourneyMen (Yours Truly)
- 5:00 pm Family Promise Dinner (FH)

SATURDAY, September 8

- 10:00 am AlAnon-Newcomers (120)
- 11:00 am AlAnon (102)
- 11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)
- 5:00 pm Family Promise Dinner (FH)

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, September 2, 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.



Sunday, September 9 Please remember that we will be out volunteering next Sunday, and will not be here at the church! Join us for our **Sending Service at the Akron Civic Theatre at 9:00 a.m.** You are welcome to attend even if you can't stay for the entire day of service! A few reminders:

- We are still accepting registrations! Visit www.joinfirstserve.org to sign up.
 - Please alert Sue Wimer (swimer@hudsonucc.org) if you have registered and have not yet been contacted by your project leader.
 - Sending Service parking: Please follow the driving/parking directions provided by your leader. They are also available on www.joinfirstserve.org.
 - Share your day on social media: #FirstServe2018.
- Questions? Please contact Sue Wimer or Trip Kern (Trip.Kern@hudsonucc.org).

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Miller Avenue "LUNCH ON US" - Saturday, September 29 Would you like the opportunity to prepare and/or serve a meal in a church that serves the needs of families in the Akron area? We are looking for **volunteers** to help the Mission Board serve local residents at the Miller Ave UCC:

Saturday September 29 from 11:00 to 1:30 pm.

- Serve lunch and provide light cleanup and/or
- Make a batch of cookies, cupcakes or sheet cake. Deliver to the church kitchen by **noon on Friday, September 28.** Please mark with "MILLER AVENUE" and your name.

Please contact Meg Searle at (330) 655-7813 if you are interested or have questions.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Andrea Bucey-Tikkanen in loving memory of the Bucey-Tikkanen family.

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.

You, too, can be a Hall Monitor! Hall Monitors serve as another set of eyes, ears and hands on the Sunday School level during worship hours. They also help greet our families, ensure that proper doors are locked, assist with the security check-in kiosk and, in case of emergency, assist in locking down the Sunday School wing or evacuating children. We are collecting a pool of people so that everyone only serves at 9:00 or 10:30 once a month or every couple months at your convenience and on your schedule. Contact Dee Buchanan or Katie Morgan if you are interested. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping be a part of the safety and security of our Sunday school.

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 this holiday season. We are collecting polar fleece fabric (2 yard pieces) to make blankets for the children at the hospital. Feel free to drop off the fabric in the marked bins at the end of the coat racks. We are also asking your children to help by collecting change that can be dropped off in the fun banks 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.

Breakfast Club - Join us every **Sunday at 10:30 am** in the Youth Room for learning, discussion, and donuts! All students, grades 6-12 are welcome.

D&D and revoice - This year got off to a great start with a high energy crew of 6th, 7th and 8th graders. We hope your student will join us this week (and every week) from 3:00 - 5:00 pm in the Youth Room. Students from Hudson can walk to church right after school. We'll have a snack, play some games, talk about things, and have dinner. Afterwards, all musicians are encouraged to stay and check out **revoice**, our middle school music program. Singers and instrumentalists meet with Dr. Scott every week from 5:00 - 5:30. Friends are always welcome!

*** Part of the fun of D&D is sharing a meal. We are looking for a person to lead this much-appreciated effort. This paid position would include shopping for the food, preparing it, and serving it. It is just a few hours each Wednesday but it is SO important to our program as well as Wonderful Wednesday. Please contact Katie Morgan if you are interested or pass this information along to someone who is. Thank you!*

Impact - There is NO Impact this weekend. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 pm** in the Youth Room (note the new day and time!) because this weekend is Labor Day and the following Sunday is First Serve. We hope you have a great holiday and also that you participate in **First Serve**, our church-wide day of service. We can't wait to hear all about it at our meeting on **September 11!**

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 (Projects #20 and #21) is a great project for our middle schoolers. Jeff Wells and Callie Baylor will be leading these groups. "Landscaping City Lot" (Project #10) led by Matt Villeneuve, is a great project for our high schoolers. Both groups will work 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!

First Music Rehearsals

- Men's Ensemble – **Wednesday, September 12, 8:30 - 9:30 pm**
- Handbell Choir – **Sunday, September 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**
- Teen Band – **Sunday, September 16, 7:30 - 9:00 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.

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, September 6 at 1:00 pm** at **Monroe Falls, Indian Springs Trail**. This is a moderate 2.2 mile hike, fairly hilly in places. Everyone is welcome on any hike or walk!

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

Walk to End Alzheimer's takes place on **Saturday, September 15** in **Akron at Canal Park Stadium**. If you are interested in starting a team or participating in the walk, please contact Kathy Yeakley or sign up on the Connection Card.

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) luncheon on **September 17 at 12:00 pm** will feature Dr. Thomas Scott with *"The Music and Lyrics of Rodgers and Hart"*. Come and hear the greatest music from the R&H Songbook, including *Blue Moon, My Funny Valentine, This Can't Be Love* and many more! Reserve your place today by signing up on the Connection Card, calling the church office, or emailing Kathy Yeakley.

"The Person Comes First", a dementia and caregiving symposium, will be on **Friday, September 28, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm**. at the **Marriott Hotel**, 26300 Harvard Road, Warrensville Heights. See Health Ministry bulletin board for details on registration.

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.

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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!

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.



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, September 11**. 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, September 11**.

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 - 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 am - noon** OR **7:00 - 8:30 pm**. 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.

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The Interfaith Group resumes on **Thursday, September 27, 7:00 pm** in Room 301. The group mission is to facilitate understanding of major world religions and issues confronting today's diversified religious society. The current focus is on Buddhism and collaborative ventures with the Watlao Siriwantharam Buddhist Monastery and Temple in Akron. The monastery serves the local Mons community, largely immigrants granted political asylum from persecution in Burma/Myanmar. New attendees are welcome! Contact Van Carter at interfaith.ucc@gmail.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 or signing up on the Connection Card.

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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.

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? Parent Information Night is **Thursday, September 6** at **6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Interested? Contact Brian Ford (bford@rotek-inc.com).