

## Congregational Calendar

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### **SUNDAY, September 16**

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)  
9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)  
9:45 am Friends Class (102)  
10/11:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic (Office)  
10/11:30/12:30 Equal Exchange Sale (FH)  
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)  
11:30 am Confirmation Meeting (Act. Rm.)  
6:00 pm Impact (Hudson Springs Park)  
2:30-4:00 pm Handbell Choir NOTE TIME CHANGE!  
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir (Music Room)

### **MONDAY, September 17**

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

### **TUESDAY, September 18**

1:00 pm OPEN M Cooking (FH Kitchen)  
1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)  
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)  
5:00 pm Yoga (FH)  
7:00 pm Personnel Committee (304)  
7:00 pm Music Board (Alcove)  
7:00 pm Trustees (301)

### **WEDNESDAY, September 19**

9:00 am WOW (FH)  
9:30 am Cakes for OPEN M (FH Kitchen)  
11:00 am Gables VIP Worship (The Gables)  
12:30 pm Women's Bible Study (301)  
3:00 pm D&D (Youth Room & FH)  
5:00 pm revoice (Choir Room)  
5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday (FH)  
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (301)  
7:00 pm Council (304)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)  
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

### **THURSDAY, September 20**

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)  
10:00 am Fall/Balance Assessment (FH)  
10:30 am Genesis Bible Study (301)  
1:00 pm Happy Hikers (tbd)  
7:00 pm Genesis Bible Study (301)

### **SATURDAY, September 22**

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

**Coffee Hour** during the month of September is provided through the generosity of the members of the Deacon's Board.

**THESE DAYS Daily Devotions for Living by Faith** The latest copy (October - December) of this magazine can be found at the Information Station.

### ***Today's Scripture: Mark 1:9-11***

*<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**SUNDAY, September 16, 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.

### **Congratulations to the following families on the baptism of their children:**

Mitch and Meg (Cassidy) Barley, parents of Ellie James Barley

Adam and Abbey (Taussig) Jones, parents of Luca Ellis Jones

Aidan and Charlotte Plank, parents of Charles Ananda Plank

**First Serve is not over!** Due to the rains from Hurricane Gordon, most of our outdoor projects had to be postponed until **Sunday, September 30** starting at **1:00 pm**. If you were unable to join us on September 9 and would like to be part of a project crew, please see the list of projects at the Outreach Information Center today!

### **Newcomers and Membership Informational Gathering**

Are you interested in learning more about First Congregational Church and how to become a member? Or do you know someone who might be interested in learning more about membership and our congregation? Then, come join us for these *two sessions*:

#### ***PART I***

***Wednesday, October 3***

***7:00 - 8:30 pm; Youth Room***  
*(child care available)*

#### ***PART II***

***Sunday, October 7***

***5:00 - 7:00 pm; Fellowship Hall & Youth Rm.***  
*(meal provided & child care available)*

Come learn about First Congregational Church, its ministries, and the many ways to engage your faith wherever you are on life's journey. Those who choose to become members will do so in worship on **Sunday, October 21**. To sign up, check the back of the Connection Card or call (330) 650-4048. For more information, contact Rev. Jeanette Brodersen at (330) 650-4048, [jbroderson@hudsonucc.org](mailto:jbroderson@hudsonucc.org).

### ***Today's Flowers***

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Diana and Brian Taussig in honor of their grandson, Luca Ellis Jones, son of Abigail and Adam Jones.

## 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](mailto:dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org); [kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kmorgan@hudsonucc.org).

**Will you join us?** We still have some amazing opportunities to help with our wonderful children downstairs this fall! Our next Sunday School rotation starts on **October 28** and ends on **November 25**.

**Stop by our Children's Ministries Table in Fellowship Hall today to sign up or to find out more about all these incredible opportunities to serve our children!**

**9:00 am** Toddler-K Storyteller and Crafts Teacher  
Toddler-K Shepherd

**10:30 am** Toddler-K Storyteller Teacher  
Toddler-K Crafts/Activities Teacher  
PreK-K Shepherd  
Pray-per-View Teacher (10/28 only)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Shepherd  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Shepherd  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Shepherd

**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.

**Light Up the Night for Sean!** Please join the family and friends of Sean Donaldson on **Sunday, September 30 at 5:00 pm** as we walk in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's *Light the Night Walk*. The walk will take place at Lock 3 in Akron (200 South Main Street). All are welcome to join the team! Please contact Hayley Arnold ([fluencyslp@gmail.com](mailto:fluencyslp@gmail.com)) for more information.

**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 needed. Please contact Sandy Miller at [sandyxd91@gmail.com](mailto:sandyxd91@gmail.com) or 216-310-1489 for more information. Thank you!

## Youth Ministry

For Youth opportunities, contact Callie Baylor [cbaylor@hudsonucc.org](mailto:cbaylor@hudsonucc.org) or Amy Baldwin [abaldwin@hudsonucc.org](mailto: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.

**"The Nine"** - Similar to Breakfast Club, this program kicks off **today** and meets every **Sunday at 9:00 am** in the Youth Room! All students grades 6-12 are welcome. Contact Callie if you would like more information or can help lead a session.

**D&D and revoice** - Middle schoolers are invited to hang out with us every **Wednesday** from **3:00-5:00 pm**. 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 pm**. Friends are always welcome!

**Impact** - We are back **tonight** at our regular time, 6:00-7:30 pm, but a new location - meet us at Hudson Springs Park. We have a great evening planned - don't be late! And mark your calendars for **October 7**. We will head to Kent State for a challenge course designed just for us. We'll meet at church at **2:45 pm** and return at **6:00 pm**. The cost is \$10 and friends are welcome! Sign up with Amy.

**Confirmation Begins TODAY** - Eighth graders officially embark on a year of learning and growing as church members today. We will meet in the Activity Room immediately following the 10:30 am church service. See you there! Our next meeting will be **October 7, 10:30-3:00** and will include a trip to Kent State for a team building program for confirmands and mentors. Wear or bring comfortable clothes. Lunch will be provided.

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**Scout Me In** - Are you interested in a values-based, fun, vibrant program for your family at FCCH? Is the idea of "unplugging" and spending quality time together valuable to you? First Congregational Church of Hudson is forming a **Family Scouting Pack** for boys AND girls, grades K-5. This is a great opportunity for families and youth to try new things, provide service to others, build self-confidence, and reinforce ethical standards. Scouting also provides a "key to the outdoors" and leadership development opportunities for youth. Above all, a Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. Please join us in being a part of this! We are working to form our Pack and we need your help. Please contact Brian Ford for more information, [fordtwin2@gmail.com](mailto:fordtwin2@gmail.com) or (216) 375-5010.

**ACME Cash Register Receipts** - 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!

## Outreach Ministries

**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.

**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](mailto:sandyxd91@gmail.com).

### **Needs for Findley School**

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

**CAKES FOR OPEN M** - We are in need of bakers to provide desserts. Please bring your donation in a disposable container on **Wednesday, September 19, by 9:30 am** to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. **Contact Nancy Martinez at [martclan@outlook.com](mailto:martclan@outlook.com)** if you have 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.*

## Children's Ministry

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- Are you ready to be an ACOLYTE?** All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 NEXT SUNDAY, September 23** in the Alcove. **We are trying to squeeze training into a very slim time period between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> services!**
  - **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](mailto:dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org) or [kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org) or 330-342-3977 for more information or to apply.

## Music Ministry

**We are grateful** for the abundant musical talent in our midst and would like to thank the many singers who donated their time to provide special music this past summer: The Memorial Choir, David Curtiss, Heather Carlson, ASP, Bill Oldham, John McDonald, Women's Ensemble, Rick Mild, Em Updegraff (twice!), David Burr, Joel Ross, Karin Swedenborg, Ann Scott, Sigrid Reynolds, Hudson Community Chorus, Jay Hill, Molly Carroll and Charlotte Plant (twice!).

**Women's Ensemble** - Are you looking for a low-commitment, high-enjoyment musical and fellowship opportunity? Led by Charlotte Plank, the new Women's Ensemble will meet three times in October: **Thursdays, October 11, 18 and 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm** for a rehearsal and fellowship hour. It will not only be a place to come together to sing beautiful harmony, but also a safe and supportive community. We will perform in worship on **Sunday, October 28** at both the **9:00 and 10:30** services. Unable to make rehearsal but still interested in singing with this group? Email Charlotte at [cplank@hudsonucc.org](mailto:cplank@hudsonucc.org) to see how you can reconnect with your creative side, meet people or try something new!

## Adult Faith Formation

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

**Pathfinders Resumes TODAY, September 16, 9:00-10:15 am** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Chapel, continuing discussion of Dr. Andrew Newberg video series, *The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience*. Questions? Please contact Marie Libby: [mclibby64@aol.com](mailto:mclibby64@aol.com).

**Women's Bible Study - Numbers: Learning Contentment in a Culture of More**, by Melissa Spoelstra, Wednesdays, **September 19 - October 24, 12:30 - 2:00 pm OR 6:45 - 8:15 pm**. ALL women are invited to join us, even if you are unable to come in September, as we continue to explore God's word and strengthen our faith together. Childcare is available for the evening session upon request. Sign up on the Connection Card or call the Church Office (330) 650-4048. Questions? Contact Tracy Zappone ([pzappone@yahoo.com](mailto:pzappone@yahoo.com)).

**All-Church Bible Study - "Genesis Flipped", Thursdays, September 20 – October 25**, from **10:30 am - noon OR 7:00 - 8:30 pm**. Rev. Steve Hockstra continues his fresh, broad-range, study of stories from Genesis: Creation, The Flood, Abraham & Isaac, Sodom and Gomorrah, The Tower of Babel. Do come, even if you were unable to in September! Childcare is available for the evening session upon request. Contact Steve Hockstra or call the Church Office.

**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 Siriathanaram 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](mailto:interfaith.ucc@gmail.com).

**"Love and Logic" Parenting Strategies, Wednesdays, October 3 - November 14, 7:00-8:30 pm.**, facilitated by Joan Sauer, retired elementary school counselor and Kathy Sandberg, high school counselor and sponsored by a generous donation from the Hudson Kiwanis. The charge for this course is \$18 which covers the cost of the workbook. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. For more information or to register, contact Kathy at (330) 256-4842 or [ksandbe1@kent.edu](mailto:ksandbe1@kent.edu).

**Book Study** - Rev. Dick Clewell will offer a study based on *The Cross and The Lynching Tree* by James Cone, **Tuesdays, October 23 - November 6 at 7:00 pm** in Room 301. The book will be provided free for those who register. Childcare is available upon request. Please register by calling the church office (330) 650-4048 or sign up on the Connection Card.

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**"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*. Please register by calling the church office (330)650-4048 or signing the Connection Card. Questions? Contact Nikki Wingerson ([nikki1@uakron.edu](mailto:nikki1@uakron.edu)).

## Adult Ministry

For questions, contact Kathy Yeakley, (330) 650-4048, or [kyeakley@hudsonucc.org](mailto: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 20 at 1:00 pm** at **Cascade Valley, Shumaker Trail**. This is a moderate 1.6 mile hike. Everyone is welcome on any hike or walk!

**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.

**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.

**"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.