

## Congregational Calendar

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### **SUNDAY, September 23**

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)
10:30 am	Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
4:00 pm	Vespers Service (Laurel Lake)
6:00 pm	Impact (Youth Room & FH)
6:00 pm	Handbell Choir
7:30 pm	Teen Band/Choir (Music Room)

### **MONDAY, September 24**

7:30 pm	Youth Board (Youth Room)
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### **TUESDAY, September 25**

12:30 pm	ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:00 pm	Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:30 pm	Congregational Conversations (LL)
5:00 pm	Yoga (FH)

### **WEDNESDAY, September 26**

9:00 am	WOW (FH)
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	First Connect (304)
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm	Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

### **THURSDAY, September 27**

9:00 am	Lunch-On -Us Cooking (FH Kitchen)
10:30 am	Genesis Bible Study (301)
1:00 pm	Happy Hikers (Springfield Bog)
7:00 pm	Genesis Bible Study (301)
7:00 pm	Interfaith Group (304)

### **SATURDAY, September 29**

10:00 am	AlAnon-Newcomers (120)
11:00 am	AlAnon (102)
11:00 am	Alateen (Youth Room)
11:00 am	Lunch-On-Us (off site)

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

### *Today's Flowers*

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Carol McDermott in loving memory of the September birthdays of parents Don and Janet Campbell.

### *Today's Scripture: Matthew 18:12-14*

<sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?<sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*SUNDAY, September 23, 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.

**First Serve** was intended to be one day - but it has morphed into a month-long labor of love after a storm rained out certain projects. Despite all this, we have been blown away by the outpouring of support and compassion we've seen since that day! Thank you, thank you, thank you for your dedication to make all this happen:

- More than 820 people signed up to participate.
- More than 800 people attended the Sending Service at the Akron Civic Theater.
- On September 9, 350 volunteers completed 46 projects.
  - ◊ Some projects were indoors
  - ◊ Some were completed in the pouring rain!
- There are currently 45 more projects scheduled for completion.

We are dedicated to completing the remaining projects, many of which will happen on **Sunday, September 30**. If you would like to be part of a crew on **September 30**, visit the Outreach Info Table today for the list of projects. Visit the **First Congregational Church of Hudson Facebook page** to see pictures from all our projects.

### 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, [jbrodersen@hudsonucc.org](mailto:jbrodersen@hudsonucc.org).

## 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 favorite children downstairs this fall! Our next Sunday School rotation starts on **October 28** and ends on **November 25**.

**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

**Please contact Katie Morgan if you can help ([kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kmorgan@hudsonucc.org)).**

**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!

**Congregation and Staff:** Eleanor and I wish to express our appreciation and thanks for the wonderful honor bestowed on us at the worship services on September 16. We are very moved by the effort to establish an on-going young children's library celebrating our tenure with you. We can not think of any better continuing outreach our church could use to impact the diverse community in North Hill.

We also want to thank this congregation for its kindness, support and sense of real community given us during this time of ministry. We feel fortunate to be in the position to continue as members with all of you. It is great to be part of a faith community where you feel at home. It's comforting not to say "Goodbye" but rather "See you in church!"

Sincerely in Christ, Eleanor and Dick

## **Music Ministry**

**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!

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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.

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

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

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**"An Update: LGBTQ in Our Community"** will be held on **Tuesday, October 2** at **7:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Presenters will include Hudson High School students and speakers from Kent State and other groups. For further information, contact Marie Libby at 330-650-0295.

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**It's Fall Fellowship Time!** Join us on **Sunday, October 21** from **2:00-4:30 pm** at Hudson Springs Park (Clark Pavilion). **FUN** activities include pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin Tic Tac Toe along with face-painting and a family photo spot! Bring your whole family for fellowship, games and hotdogs! RSVP by **October 14** to Katie Morgan ([kmorgan@hudsonsucc.org](mailto:kmorgan@hudsonsucc.org)).

**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.

## 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** - Every **Sunday at 10:30 am** we meet in the Youth Room to have some thoughtful, fun discussions and share a donut (or three). Please join us!

**"The Nine"** - Today is the day. If you are here for the 9:00 am service, join us in the Youth Room for interesting discussion and donuts! See you there for this fun, new program!

**D&D and revoice** - Join us this week and every week from **3:00-5:00 pm** in the Youth Room. Hudson students can walk to church right after school. If you are coming from another school, get here when you can - no worries if you are a little late. Afterwards, 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 6:00-7:30 pm** in the Youth Room. 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** - We're off to a great start and ready to have a blast getting to know one another. **Sunday, October 7**, is our next meeting. That morning, go to church at **10:30** with your mentor. Then, meet in the Activity Room for lunch before heading to Kent State for some fun, challenging team building. Remember to bring comfy clothes and shoes.

**Gennesaret** - Starting off the month right, we will visit Gennesaret soup kitchen on **Saturday, October 6**. Meet at church at **9:00 am, returning at 2:30 pm**. Contact Scott Hooker ([mrscotthooker@yahoo.com](mailto:mrscotthooker@yahoo.com)) or Betsy Lockwood ([lockwood\\_betsy@yahoo.com](mailto:lockwood_betsy@yahoo.com)) for more information. Join us in a morning of service.

## Adult Faith Formation

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

**Pathfinders** - Join us **Sunday, September 30, 9:00-10:00 am** or any week in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Chapel for our continuing discussion of Dr. Andrew Newberg video series, *The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience*. Recently we explored research on how rituals, both religious and personal, affect our body rhythms and sensory, physical, and cognitive functions. Questions? Please contact Marie Libby: [mclibby64@aol.com](mailto:mlibby64@aol.com).

**All-Church Bible Study** - "Genesis Flipped", **Thursdays, September 27 – 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. Do come, even if you were unable to earlier! Child-care is available for the evening session upon request. Contact Steve Hockstra.

**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.

**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 and connect 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? Contact Bob Carleton: [bobcarleton@adjob.com](mailto:bobcarleton@adjob.com).

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**ROMEOS** (Retired Older Men Eating Out) will meet at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship at **12:30 pm on Tuesday, September 25**. Contact Henry Vigor for more information ([hkvigor@windstream.net](mailto:hkvigor@windstream.net)).

**JULIETS** will meet at the Gables for lunch and fellowship at **12:30 pm on Tuesday, September 25**.

**JourneyMen Sunrise Breakfast** - All men are invited to join in fellowship for a sunrise breakfast meeting at **6:30 am on Friday, October 5** at Yours Truly restaurant. Contact Trip Kern: [Trip.Kern@gmail.com](mailto:Trip.Kern@gmail.com).

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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 27 at 1:00 pm** at **Springfield Bog**, 1400 Portage Line Road, Springfield. This is an easy 1.6 mile hike. Everyone is welcome on any hike or walk!

**FYI (Feeling Young Inside)** luncheon and program on **October 15 at 12:00 pm** will feature Doug McDowell's presentation "**Medicare 2019**". Doug will address questions like:

- It's time to sign up for Medicare. Where do I start?
  - What should I do concerning my healthcare insurance plans during the Fall 2018 Annual Enrollment Period (AEP)?
  - When is the last time I reviewed my Medigap/Medicare Advantage PD/Part D plan?
  - What are the changes for Medicare in 2019?
  - How can I use [mymedicare.gov](http://mymedicare.gov) to compare plans and prices?
  - I'm planning to go on Medicare in the next 6-12 months; what should I do now?
  - What is Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) and Initial Coverage Enrollment Period (ICEP)?
- For reservations, sign up on the Connection Card or call the church office.**

**Yoga with Cynthia Field** is available every **Tuesday** evening, **5:00-6:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. This is a gentle class. There is no pressure to do more than you are able to do! Everyone is welcome whenever you can attend. Goodwill donations accepted.