

## Congregational Calendar

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### **SUNDAY, September 30**

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)  
6:00 pm Impact (Youth Room & FH)  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir (Music Room)

### **MONDAY, October 1**

9:00 am Deaconess Board (304/Chapel)  
7:00 pm Mission Board (102)

### **TUESDAY, October 2**

1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)  
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)  
5:00 pm Yoga (FH)  
6:30 pm Prayer Quilting (102)  
7:00 pm LGBT Meeting (FH)

### **WEDNESDAY, October 3**

9:00 am WOW (FH)  
10:00 am Knitting (Alcove)  
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 Love & Logic (FH)  
7:00 pm Newcomer Class I (Youth Room)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)  
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

### **THURSDAY, October 4**

10:30 am Genesis Bible Study (301)  
1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Hampton Hills)  
7:00 pm Genesis Bible Study (301)

### **FRIDAY, October 5**

6:30 am JourneyMen (Yours Truly)

### **SATURDAY, October 6**

9:00 am Gennesaret (off site)  
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 needed. Please contact Sandy Miller at sandyxd91@gmail.com or 216-310-1489 for more information. Thank you!

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

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**SUNDAY, September 30, 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 Continues TODAY!** If you missed an opportunity to volunteer on a First Serve project, **today is your day!** Come paint a sidewalk mural, paint sidewalk games, clean up an alley, install a fence, paint a house, clean a park or paint a concession stand. There are over 30 projects happening this afternoon. Stop by the Outreach Information Table after worship for projects and locations. All are welcome!

### ***Today's Scripture: Mark 7:24-37***

<sup>24</sup>From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Dennis and Jane Plank in celebration of the 100th birthday of Dennis' mother, Mildred Sherman Plank who lives in West Chester, Ohio.

## 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).

**Light Up the Night for Sean TONIGHT!** Please join the family and friends of Sean Donaldson at **5:00 pm** this evening 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.

**Make-Up Acolyte Training - Sunday, October 14 at 9:45 am in the Alcove.**

**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)).

**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  
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.

## 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, 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).

## **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.

## 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"** - We are humming along with our newest Youth program. If you are here for the 9:00 am service, join us in the Youth Room. We'll have an interesting discussion accompanied by some delicious donuts. Parents, contact Callie to help lead. See you there!

**D&D and revoice** - Join us 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, singers and instrumentalists can meet with Dr. Scott every week from **5:00 - 5:30 pm** for **revoice**. Friends are always welcome!

**Impact** - Tonight's topic: Curfew. Do you have a curfew or other rules you live by? Do you ever get a say in those rules? Are they ever bent for special circumstances? Tonight at 6:00 pm, we'll talk about the rules we live by. And, remember to turn in your money and waiver for our event at Kent State. On **October 7**, we will leave from church at **2:45 pm** and return at about **6:00 pm**. Wear comfy clothes and shoes and be ready for a challenge!

**Confirmation** - Next **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. Please complete all forms in advance.

**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 ([mrscothooker@yahoo.com](mailto:mrscothooker@yahoo.com)) or Betsy Lockwood ([lockwood\\_betsy@yahoo.com](mailto:lockwood_betsy@yahoo.com)) for more information. Join us in a morning of service!

### **Findley Elementary School Annual Reading Carnival, Wednesday, October 17**

The fun-filled Findley Elementary Reading Carnival is fast approaching! What's involved? Adults and high school and middle school student volunteers will help set up the carnival, man the carnival game stations, prize table and face painting station, talk and hang out with the Findley Elementary students and help with cleanup/tear down after the carnival has ended. Students/adults will meet at First Congregational Church at 4:00 and return by 7:15 pm. Middle school students can come to church right after school gets out to have a snack, do homework or just hang out. To signup, please email Jeff Wells ([jeffreylwells@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreylwells@gmail.com)).

## Outreach Ministries

**Trinity Clothing and Household Mission** is now accepting fall and winter items.

Located in the North Hill area of Akron, Trinity provides support to the families of Findley Community Learning Center 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 (in good, re-usable condition):

- Sheet sets - Full, Queen, King
- Blankets, comforters - Full, Queen, King
- Towels, washcloths, sleeping pillows (new or very good condition)
- Throw rugs
- Pots and pans, kitchen items (no knives)
- Preschool and Toddler clothing, sizes 2T - 5 (we never have enough!)
- Shoes - men, women, children (no sandals)
- Fall and winter coats/jackets for adults and children
- Jeans for men (especially smaller waist sizes)
- Sweaters and sweatshirts for adults

*Thank you!* Questions? Please contact Sandy Miller at [sandyxd91@gmail.com](mailto:sandyxd91@gmail.com).

### **Shoebox Ministry - Saturday, November 17, 9:00 am; Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we fill shoeboxes for children, ages 2 to 14, all around the world. Come to Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, November 17** to help fill and sort boxes for shipping. Until then, you can shop and prepare for the day. Suggestions of what to buy include:

Musical Instrument	Stuffed Animals, small	Dolls
Toy Car	Jump Rope	Yo-Yos
Socks	Hats	Sunglasses
Hair Clips	Jewelry and Watches	Flashlights, with extra batteries
Toothbrushes	Bar Soap	Washcloths
Combs	Pens, Pencils, Sharpeners	Crayons and Markers
Notebooks and Paper	Coloring and Picture Books	Solar Calculator

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

If you are not able to shop or be involved with the day, you can make a monetary donation to the church to support the effort. Mark your memo line as Shoebox Ministry.

Thank you!

## Adult Faith Formation

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

**“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).

**“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)).

**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).

**“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.

## 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, October 4 at 1:00 pm** at *Hampton Hills, Adam Run*, 1220 County Road. Directions are on the Health Ministries bulletin board. This is a long, moderate 3.2 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 be joined by **Bob Rischitelli, Esq.**, from Rischitelli & Poulos, LLC in Hudson. His firm provides support for navigating through the Medicare/Medicaid system including VA benefits and Low-Income Subsidies (LIS). Doug and Bob will address questions like:

- Should I change my healthcare insurance plan during the Fall 2018 Annual Enrollment Period (AEP)?
  - Should I review Medigap/Medicare Advantage PD/Part D plans?
  - What are the changes for Medicare in 2019?
  - How can I use [mymedicare.gov](http://mymedicare.gov) to compare plans and prices?
  - It's time to sign up for Medicare. Where do I start?
  - 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.

**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](mailto:tghudson@juno.com).**

**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!