

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, October 7

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)
11:30 am Confirmation Class (Activity Room)
1:00 pm Confirmation Event (Kent State)
3:30 pm Impact (Kent State)
5:00 pm Newcomer Class II (FH/YR)
6:00 pm Handbell Choir

MONDAY, October 8

7:00 pm Stew Crew (304)

TUESDAY, October 9

11:30 pm Deaconess Luncheon (FH)
12:30 pm ROMEOS (Lager & Vine)
1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
5:00 pm Yoga (FH)
6:30 pm Children's Ministries Board (102-B)
7:00 pm Trustees (304)
7:00 pm Adult Ed Board (301)

WEDNESDAY, October 10

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 Love & Logic (FH)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, October 11

10:30 am Genesis Bible Study (301)
1:00 pm Happy Hikers (TBD)
7:00 pm Genesis Bible Study (301)
7:00 pm Women's Ensemble (Choir Room)
7:00 pm NAMI (102)

SATURDAY, October 13

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

Music Ministry

Women's Ensemble - 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** for both the **9:00 and 10:30** services. If you're looking for a way to reconnect with your creative side, meet people or try something new, please join us! Can't make rehearsal, but interested in singing with this group? Email Charlotte at cplank@hudsonucc.org. **Update: we will provide childcare from 6:45-8:15 pm on these Thursday nights. Please contact Charlotte or the church office (330-650-4048) to register your child.**

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 7, 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.

All Saints Sunday Call for Photos - In celebration of All Saints Sunday, we will be honoring people dear to you who have passed away. In our worship services on **Sunday, November 4**, we will show photos that you submit. Send your photo and the person's name to Emily Lopick (elopick@hudsonucc.org) by **Sunday, October 28**. If sending a cell phone image, please choose a large size file. This is not limited to church members—you are encouraged to share pictures of anyone important to you who has died.

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!

Today's Scripture: Mark 8:1-10

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, ²"I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. ³If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance."⁴His disciples replied, "How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?" ⁵He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." ⁶Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. ⁷They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. ⁸They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. ¹⁰And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

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.

Make-Up Acolyte Training - next **Sunday, October 14 - 9:45 am SHARP** in the Alcove for all 4th and 5th graders who were unable to attend last month. Please email Dee if you are able to attend.

Try Outs for our Christmas Pageant!

All 3rd - 5th Graders are invited to come try out for solo singing/speaking parts in this year's Christmas Pageant! Try outs will be **Wednesday, October 17** from **5:00 - 6:30 pm**.

All K-2nd Graders are invited to be part of our pageant, too (but not try out for solo singing/speaking parts).

Rehearsals will be **every Wednesday** between **October 24** and **December 19** (not on October 31 and November 21) from **5:00 - 6:30** and there will be a mandatory dress rehearsal on **Saturday, December 22** from **9:00 - 11:00 am**. The pageant will be performed on December 24 at our 3:00 pm Christmas Eve worship service.

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)
2nd Grade Shepherd
5th Grade Shepherd

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

It's Fall Fellowship Time! Join us on **Sunday, October 21** from **2:00-4:00 pm** at Hudson Springs Park (Clark Pavilion). Lots of **FUN** activities are planned including pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin Tic Tac Toe, face-painting and Halloween card making for residents of local nursing facilities. Bring your whole family for fellowship, games and hotdogs! And please bring your loose change to put in our fancy banks to help collect money for our upcoming blanket-making mission project for Akron Children's Hospital! RSVP by **October 14** to Katie Morgan(kmorgan@hudsonsucc.org).

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.

Findley Family Harvest Dinner ~ Family of 4 Sponsorship for \$25

Findley Community Learning Center, our adopted elementary school in North Hill Akron, LOVES this dinner for its students and families and we once again expect about 600 people to attend! The Buchtel High School culinary program will prepare and serve our feast and the Jennings Middle School orchestra will provide dinner music on **Thursday, November 15**. This is a wonderful way to bring cultures from all over the world together to share the gratitude of Thanksgiving.

To sponsor one (or perhaps several families) ... please make your check payable to FCCH with Findley Dinner on the memo line. Thank you so very much!

For more information, contact Jane Penny (janempenny@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

Youth Ministry

For Youth opportunities, contact Callie Baylor cbaylor@hudsonucc.org or Amy Baldwin 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” - 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. Hope to see all you 6th - 12th graders there!

D&D and revoice - Join us every week from **3:00-5:00 pm** in the Youth Room. Snacks, games, discussions and dinner are all part of the fun! Musicians are invited to stay for **revoice** with Dr. Scott from **5:00-5:30 pm**.

Confirmation - We meet today! Head to the Activity Room right after church for lunch and a chance to change into comfy clothes. We'll head to Kent State after lunch and be back at church about 3:30 pm. Remember your forms!

Impact - We are also headed to KSU this afternoon for our own custom designed challenge course. Meet at church at 2:30 pm - we'll return about 6:00 pm. Wear comfy clothes and shoes and be ready for a team challenge! If you haven't already, turn in your forms and \$10.

Gennesaret - We had a great day at Gennesaret yesterday! We'll be heading back **Saturday, November 3** (and the first Saturday of every month). Meet at church at **9:00 am, return about 1:30 pm**. Contact Jeff Wells (jeffreylwells@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up. Join us in a morning of service!

ASP - Sign-ups begin on **October 14** for our annual high school mission trip. The dates are June 8 - 15. Watch your email for more details!

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).

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Get-To-Know-You Pizza Party! Children's Ministries would like to invite your family to a pizza party. All visitors and newer members are invited to a very informal pizza party on **October 14** after the 10:30 am service downstairs in the Friends Room. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and the Children's Ministries leadership. No RSVP is required. We hope to see you there!



ACME Cash Register Receipts - Look for the words **Community Cashback** at the bottom of your receipts along with a dollar value. Bring the 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!

Coffee Hour during the month of October is provided through the generosity of the members of the Membership Board.

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 unable 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.

Pathfinders - Join us today, **October 7, 9:00 - 10:15 am** or any week in the 3rd floor Chapel, for discussion of Dr. Andrew Newberg's video series, *The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience*. Today we will explore "Religion and Mental Health." Contact Marie Libby for more information: mclibby64@aol.com.

ROMEOs (Retired Older Men Eating Out) will meet at **12:30 pm** on **Tuesday, October 9** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. Contact Henry Vigor for more information (hkvigor@windstream.net).

All-Church Bible Study - "Genesis Flipped", **Thursdays, October 11 – October 25**, from **10:30 am - noon OR 7:00 - 8:30 pm**. Rev. Steve Hockstra continues his fresh perspective on familiar stories from Genesis. Do come, even if you were unable to earlier! Childcare is available for the evening session upon request. To sign up, call the Church Office at (330) 650-4048.

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.

"Ethics in Our Lives - Alive and Well, or on Oxygen?" - a community presentation on ethics, honesty, and integrity at home, school, or work and in life: **Thursday, November 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Bill O'Rourke, noted authority on ethical behavior worldwide, will include ethical dilemmas made applicable to everyday life on such topics as skirting the rules; loyalty; standing up to power; and showing mercy. 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.

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.

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, October 11, 1:00 pm** at *Goodyear Heights, Parcours*, 2077 Newton Street, Akron 44305. Take 91 south through Tallmadge and turn right on Newton Street. Park will be on your right. Or, take Route 8 south to 76 East and get off at the Gilcrest exit. Turn left onto Gilchrist and turn left (about 1.5 miles) onto Newton Street. The park entrance is on the right. This is a challenging 1.8 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 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.

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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.**