

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, October 14

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)
9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)
9:45 am Acolyte Training (Alcove)
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
10/11:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic (Office)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
11:30 am CM Visitors Pizza Party (102)
6:00 pm Impact (Youth Room & FH)
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir

MONDAY, October 15

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

TUESDAY, October 16

1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
7:00 pm Personnel Committee (304)
7:00 pm Music Board (Alcove)

WEDNESDAY, October 17

9:00 am WOW (FH)
11:00 am VIP Worship (Hudson Grande SL)
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)
5:00 pm Findley Reading Carnival (FCLC)
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (301)
7:00 pm Love & Logic (FH)
7:00 pm Council (304)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, October 18

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)
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)

SATURDAY, October 20

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!

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

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given in memory of John Fish from his family.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 14, 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, especially in the last year. 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.

Today's Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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.

Get-To-Know-You Pizza Party - TODAY after the 10:30 am service!

Children's Ministries invites your family, all visitors and newer members, to a very informal pizza party today 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!

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 Teacher and Toddler-K Shepherd

10:30 am Toddler-K Storyteller Teacher (all dates except 11/4)

Toddler-K Crafts/Activities Teacher (all dates except 11/4 and 11/11)

PreK-K Shepherd

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

SWAG (Students With A Goal) Open House - You are invited to a community open house and SWAG's 5th birthday on **Tuesday, October 23** from **5:00-7:00 pm** at the Summit Lake Community Center (380 W. Crosier Road, Akron, OH 44311). Join us to hear more about SWAG and the great things taking place. Food and tours will be available. We look forward to seeing you! The SWAG Staff and SWAG Board

CAKES FOR OPEN M - We are in need of bakers to provide desserts. Please bring your donation in a disposable container on **Wednesday, October 24, by 9:30 am** to Fellowship Hall Kitchen. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Martinez at martclan@outlook.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).

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.

Youth Ministry

For Youth opportunities, contact Callie Baylor cbaylor@hudsonucc.org or Amy Baldwin abaldwin@hudsonucc.org.

Season's are definitely changing around here, and no matter how you feel about sweater weather and pumpkin spice, there's no denying it's exciting to know that for a lot of our students, the end of fall sports and activities means the beginning of a season of Youth activities. We hope you'll encourage your student to make D&D, Impact, Breakfast Club or The Nine a part of their new fall routine. Great snacks, games, discussions and friendships await you! Come back and see how much fun we are having this year!

Breakfast Club/The Nine– Sunday morning conversations in the Youth Room during the 9:00 and 10:30 services.

D&D - Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm in the Youth Room. We WILL meet on 10/31 at our regular time. Bring your costume and be ready for a Halloween party!

revoice - Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 pm in the Music Room.

Impact - Sundays, 6:00-7:30 pm in the Youth Room.

Teen Band - Sundays, 7:30-9:00 in the Sanctuary.

Confirmation - Meeting **November 4**, plus individual meetings with your mentor.

Gennesaret - The **first Saturday** of each month from **9:00-1:30**, including **November 3**.

Contact Jeff Wells (jeffreylwells@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.

ASP Registration - October 14 is the first day you can snag your spot for ASP 2019. Spaces are limited so be sure to get your registration and deposit in ASAP! Trip dates are **June 9 - 15**.

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).

Music Ministry

Women's Ensemble - Our new Women's Ensemble will continue to meet on **Thursdays, October 18 and 25, 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 for women. We will perform in worship on **Sunday, October 28** for both the **9:00 and 10:30** services. Please join us! Can't make every rehearsal, but interested in singing with this group? No problem! Email Charlotte at cplank@hudsonucc.org. We will provide childcare from 6:45-8:15 pm on these Thursday nights. Please email Charlotte or call the church office (330-650-4048) to register your child. Look for us on Facebook and join our group: **Women's Ensemble at First Congregational Church (Hudson)**.



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!

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 FCCH.

Adult Faith Formation

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

Pathfinders - Join us today, **October 14, 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 Brain Dysfunction." Contact Marie Libby for more information: mclibby64@aol.com.

Interfaith Group - The Interfaith Group will meet this Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 pm. in Room 304 (not October 25 as previously noted). We will discuss a course of action for the upcoming year, so do plan to attend this important meeting. New attendees are welcome! Contact Van Carter: interfaith.ucc@gmail.com.

All-Church Bible Study - "Genesis Flipped", **Thursdays, October 18 and 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 18, 1:00 pm** at *Silver Creek Metro Park, Pheasant Run Trail*, 5000 Hametown Road, Norton, 44203. This is an easy 1.2 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 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 is available every **Tuesday** evening, **5:00-6:00 pm** in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor. **Note: We will not meet on 10/16 but will resume on 10/23.** 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.

Miller Avenue "LUNCH ON US" - **Saturday, October 27** 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 prepare and/or serve a meal to families at the Miller Ave UCC:

Saturday October 27 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, October 26.** (Mark with "**MILLER AVENUE**" and your name.)

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