

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, October 21

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
10/11:30/12:30 Equal Exchange Sale (FH)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
2:00 pm CM Fall Fellowship (Hudson Springs)
6:00 pm Impact (Youth Room & FH)
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir

MONDAY, October 22

7:00 pm Youth Board (Youth Room)

TUESDAY, October 23

12:30 pm ROMEOs (Hudson Grande)
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 (Youth Room)
7:00 pm Book Study (301)

WEDNESDAY, October 24

9:00 am WOW (FH)
9:30 am Cakes for OPEN M
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 First Connect (301)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, October 25

10:30 am Genesis Bible Study (301)
1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Furnace Run)
6:30 pm Stewardship Event (Level 1)
7:00 pm Women's Ensemble (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, October 27

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

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.

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.*

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 21, 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.

Welcome New Members!

We are so excited to welcome members joining today. Please extend a warm welcome to our newcomers or look for their photos in the December newsletter!

(See inside for the names of those joining First Congregational Church today.)

Today's Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Katie Gallagher in honor of the family and fellowship found at First Congregational with our move here three years ago.

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

Welcome New Members!

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Tim and Stephanie Dowling

2628 Pickerington Way, Hudson 44236
Tim is Chief Information Officer for Advanced Call Center Technologies. Stephanie is the Global Compensation Manager for Swagelok. They have three children: Kaylee, 13; Emma, 11; and Timmy, 10.

Jeff and Adrienne Hester

7969 Winterberry Drive, Hudson 44236
Jeff is a product manager for Progressive Insurance. Adrienne is a physician with Fairlawn Family Practice. They have one child: Lewis, 2.

Pete and Carolyn LeVan

4742 Danforth Reserve, Stow 44224
Pete is a retired president/owner of R. F. Cook, Mfg. and Carolyn is a retired exercise physiologist.

Charlotte Beers Plank

1722 West Idlewood Drive, Twinsburg 44087
Charlotte is the organist here at First Congregational Church. She and husband, Aiden, have one child: Charlie, 1.

Marc and Laura Poritsky

2096 East Streetsboro Road, Hudson 44236
Marc is on the adjunct faculty of Cuyahoga Community College. Laura is a sales representative for Tremblay Tool Steel. They have one child: Vanessa, 16.

Bill and Michele Schulte

73 Brandywine Drive, Hudson 44236
Bill is a product director for Anthem BC/BS. Michele is in sales with Anthem BC/BS. They have one child: Aubrey, 6.

Matt Waters and Mahtab Tehrani

Matt: 2347 Graham Road, Stow 44224
Mahtab: 1208 Norton Road, Stow 44224
Matt is an account manager with The Hartford. Mahtab is a post-doctoral research associate for NEOMED.



Halloween Pipe Screams! Trick-or-Treat at First Congregational Church, **Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 6-8 pm** in the Sanctuary. An entertaining evening of Halloween-themed Pipe Organ Music and plenty of sweet treats, too!

Donations of candy and other Halloween treats are graciously accepted until Tuesday, October 30. Please bring your donation to the Church office. Contact Charlotte Plank at cp plank@hudsonucc.org or call the Church Office (330-650-4048) if you have questions.

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.

It's Fall Fellowship Time! Join us **TODAY** 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! No RSVP is necessary - just come!

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

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

Advent Wreath Making - Join us for a fun day of candle dipping and wreath making!

- When: **Sunday, November 18, 2:00-4:00 pm**
- Who: 2nd - 5th graders
- Where: Activity Room
- Please wear old clothes and shoes. **RSVP by November 16** to Dee Buchanan (dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org) or Katie Morgan (kmorgan@hudsonucc.org).
- This takes a lot of hands! Please let us know if you can stay to help!**

Thanks and Giving - Join us for crafts, games, stories, fun - all while learning about being thankful!

- When: **Sunday, November 18, 2:00-4:00 pm**
- Who: Toddler3 - 1st graders
- Where: Fellowship Hall
- RSVP by November 16** to Dee Buchanan (dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org) or Katie Morgan (kmorgan@hudsonucc.org). **Please let us know if you can stay to help!**

Youth Ministry

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

As more fall sports and activities wrap up we are looking forward to more new faces at all the fun things happening here at church. 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 - High schoolers: have you signed up yet? Be sure to reserve your spot before they are all gone! Your \$75 deposit holds your place. Total trip cost is \$525 and final payments are due **February 2**. Trip dates are **June 9 - 15**.

TPP - Not to worry, information about the middle school mission project is coming soon. Sign-ups will begin November 7. Trip dates are **July 8-12**. We hope you can be there!

Music Ministry

Women's Ensemble - Our new Women's Ensemble will meet on **Thursday, October 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!



Poinsettia Orders

The Deaconesses are pleased to continue the tradition of offering poinsettia plants for purchase this Christmas season. The price we charge for each poinsettia includes the cost to purchase a mini poinsettia plant for our "Over 85 Ministry". Thank you for making this possible. Please complete the form below and send or bring to the Church Office with your check payable to "FCCH" and note Poinsettias in the memo line.

Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 18 . If you have any questions, call the Church Office (330) 650-4048.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Number of Poinsettias _____ x \$22.00 Total Payment \$ _____

Please indicate whether you intend to leave your plant or take it after the service

on Sunday, December 23: TAKE _____ LEAVE _____

Adult Faith Formation

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

ROMEOs (Retired Older Men Eating Out) will meet at **12:30 pm** on **Tuesday, October 23** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. Contact Henry Vigor for more information (hkvigor@windstream.net).

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.

All-Church Bible Study - "Genesis Flipped", **Thursday, October 25**, from **10:30 am - noon OR 7:00 - 8:30 pm**. Rev. Steve Hockstra will conclude 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. Interested? Email Steve Hockstra.

"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.

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 supporting our Women's Ministries.

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*

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 FCCCH with Findley Dinner on the memo line. Thank you so very much!

For more information, contact Jane Penny (janempenny@gmail.com).

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 the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Martinez at martclan@outlook.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** through **October 23**. This is a paved walking path and a gentle walk.

Happy Hikers will hike on **Thursday, October 25, 1:00 pm** at *Furnace Run, Rock Creek Trail*, 4955 Townsend Road, Richfield. Everyone is welcome on any hike or walk!

Yoga with Cynthia Field is available every **Tuesday** evening, **5:00-6:00 pm** in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor. 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.

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) luncheon and program will be on **Monday, November 19** at **noon**. Look for speaker program details next week.