

## Congregational Calendar

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### SUNDAY, October 28

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)  
9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)  
9:45 am Friends Class (102)  
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)  
4:00 pm Vespers (Laurel Lake)  
6:00 pm Impact (Youth Room & FH)  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir

### TUESDAY, October 30

1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)  
5:00 pm Yoga (Youth Room)  
7:00 pm Book Study (Youth Room)

### WEDNESDAY, October 31

9:00 am WOW (FH)  
3:00 pm D&D (Youth Room & FH)  
6:00 pm Pipe Screams (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)  
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY, November 1

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (TBD)

### FRIDAY, November 2

6:30 am JourneyMen (Yours Truly)

### SATURDAY, November 3

9:00 am Gennesaret (off site)  
10:00 am AlAnon-Newcomers (120)  
11:00 am AlAnon (102)  
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)

## NEXT Sunday, November 4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends!

### *Today's Scripture: Mark 9:38-50*

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."<sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. <sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*SUNDAY, October 28, 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.

## **Has someone you cherished returned to God's embrace?**

*Come join in celebration and remembrance of your loved one,  
one of the beloved saints who have gone before us.*

### **All Saints Sunday, November 4**

**9 and 10:30 am Services:** Come to worship early that day. *In the ten minutes prior to the start of worship, we invite and encourage you to come to the front of the sanctuary and **light a candle** in memory of your loved one who has died, whether in the last year or 101 years ago.*

**11:59 am Service:** You'll be invited to **light candles** for your loved one during the prayer time.

**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](mailto:elopick@hudsonucc.org)) by **Monday, October 29**. 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.

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**Please join us for the iMom Reunion on Monday, November 5 at 7:00 pm** in the Youth Room. (iMom is fellowship for moms of young children... in case you forgot, or didn't know!) Yummy snacks and childcare will be provided. Please let Dee Buchanan know if you will need childcare ([dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org)).

### *Today's Flowers*

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Marcia Boote  
with grateful thanks for the lives of parents, grandparents, and aunts and uncles.

## 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).*

**Wonderful Wednesday** - All Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the Wonderful Wednesday gang starting **November 7** from **5:00-6:30 pm** as we start preparing for the Christmas Pageant! Please contact Katie Morgan for more information.

**Can you help us** teach the greatest story ever told? We are looking for some incredible people to help teach and spend time with some amazing children this Christmas season! The rotation starts on 12/1 and ends on 12/30. The open slots are listed below:

<b>9:00 am</b>	Toddler-K Teacher and Toddler-K Shepherd	
<b>10:30 am</b>	Tabernacle Teacher	Garden of Eatin' Teacher
	Thou Art Teacher	Fun & Godly Stuff Teacher
	1 <sup>st</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)).**

**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](mailto:dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org)) or Katie Morgan ([kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org)) or Katie Morgan ([kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kmorgan@hudsonucc.org)). **Please let us know if you can stay to help!**

**Save the Date!** Our Live Nativity is on **Sunday, December 2** from **12:00-5:00 pm**. Look for the Live Nativity recruitment table in Fellowship Hall starting in November to be part of this amazing tradition!

**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 [cplank@hudsonucc.org](mailto:cplank@hudsonucc.org) or call the Church Office (330-650-4048) if you have questions.*

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## Adult Ministry

*For questions, contact Kathy Yeakley, (330) 650-4048, or [kyeakley@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kyeakley@hudsonucc.org).*

**Happy Hikers** will hike on **Thursday, November 1** at **1:00 pm** at **Wood Hollow, Downy Loop Trail**, 2121 Barlow Road, Hudson. Everyone is welcome!

**Yoga** with Cynthia Field is available every **Tuesday** evening, **5:00-6:00 pm** in the Youth Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 on **Monday, November 19** at **noon** will feature Ray Hoffman. Ray will share a video about the World War II women pilots' program, WASP. Women Airforce Service Pilots, all civilian volunteers, flew almost every type of military aircraft, including the B-26 and B-29 bombers, as part of this program. Ray is involved in the National WASP WWII Museum located in Sweetwater, Texas. Sign up on the Connection Card, call the church office (330-650-4048) or email Kathy.

**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).**

*Weekly health tips can be found on the Health Ministry bulletin board in the hallway.*

## 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).

### Upcoming Youth Events:

**ASP Registration** - DEPOSITS ARE DUE TODAY! 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**.

**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.

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

**Confirmation** - Meeting **November 4**, plus individual meetings with your mentor. Please check your email for more details.

**Gennesaret** - The **first Saturday** of each month from **9:00-1:30**, including **November 3**. Contact Jeff Wells ([jeffreylwells@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreylwells@gmail.com)) for more information or to sign up.

**Findley Harvest Dinner** - Join us on **Thursday, November 15** to serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the families of Findley. We will meet at church at **4:15 pm** and return at approximately 7:30 pm. RSVP to Jeff Wells ([jeffreylwells@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreylwells@gmail.com)).

**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!

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**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.

## **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!**

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## **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](mailto:shockstra@hudsonucc.org).

**Pathfinders** - Join us today, **October 28, 9:00-10:15 am** or any week in the 3rd floor Chapel. Today we will explore "Transmitters to God" from Dr. Andrew Newberg's video series, *The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience*. Contact Marie Libby for more information: [mclibby64@aol.com](mailto:mclibby64@aol.com).

**Book Study** - Rev. Dick Clewell will offer a study based on *The Cross and The Lynching Tree* by James Cone, **Tuesdays, October 30 - November 6 at 7:00 pm** in the Youth Room. 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.

**JourneyMen Sunrise Breakfast** - All men are invited to join in fellowship for a sunrise breakfast meeting at **6:30 am** on **Friday, November 2** at Yours Truly restaurant. Contact Trip Kern: [Trip.Kern@gmail.com](mailto:Trip.Kern@gmail.com).

**"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](mailto:bobcarleton@adjob.com).

**Coffee Hour** during the month of October has been provided through the generosity of the members of the Membership Board.

## Outreach Ministries

### **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](mailto:janempenny@gmail.com)).

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

**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):**

- Flannel or percale sheet sets - Twin, Full, Queen, King
- Blankets, comforters - Twin, Full, Queen, King
- Towels, washcloths, sleeping pillows (new or very good condition)
- Throw rugs
- Pots and pans, kitchen items (no knives)
- Boots, gloves, hats, scarves for all ages and sizes
- Preschool and Toddler clothing, sizes 2T - 5 (we never have enough!)
- Shoes - men, women, children (no sandals)
- Jeans for men (especially smaller waist sizes)
- Sweaters and sweatshirts for adults and children

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

**The OPEN M Bisquick collection** is back for another year! First Congregational Church is challenged to donate 210 single boxes of Bisquick (NOT large Costco boxes with two sleeves of mix) by Thanksgiving! When you are out grocery shopping for your Thanksgiving feast, please add an extra box or two of Bisquick to your cart. Drop off in the collection area in the main hallway and add your name to the Bisquick challenge wall! OR, drop a check in the offering plate with your donation (\$4.00/box) and write Bisquick in the memo line. Thank you!