

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, November 4

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)
11:30 am Confirmation Meeting (Act. Room)
6:00 pm Impact (Youth Room & FH)
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir

MONDAY, November 5

9:00 am Deaconess Board (304 & Chapel)
7:00 pm Mission Board (304)
7:00 pm iMom Reunion (Youth Room)

TUESDAY, November 6

1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
5:00 pm Yoga (Youth Room)
6:00 pm Adult Ed Board (304)
6:30 pm Prayer Quilting (102)
7:00 pm Book Study (Youth Room)

NEW 2019 FLOWER CHART The 2019 Flower Chart is now hanging on the hallway bulletin board. If you would like to dedicate sanctuary flowers in loving memory or in honor of a loved one, sign up today!

Today's Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

WEDNESDAY, November 7

9:00 am WOW (FH)
10:00 am Knitting (Alcove)
3:00 pm D&D (Youth Room & FH)
5:00 pm revoice (Choir Room)
5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday (FH)
7:00 pm Love & Logic (Youth Room)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, November 8

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Nature Realm)
7:00 pm NAMI (102)

SATURDAY, November 10

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

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 4, 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?
Join us today in celebration and remembrance of your loved one,
one of the beloved saints who have gone before us.**

All Saints' Sunday

We invite and encourage you to come forward to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died, whether in the last year or several years ago. Place your candle near the center of the bowl to make room for later candles that will be lit.

For all the saints ... O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia! W. How 1864

Please remember the following people who have died during the past year:

Rhea Bowen	Joseph Paterniti	Thomas Cerjak
Bruce Lapierre	Jack Spelman	Lee Stafford
Lawrence Holmer	Todd Buchanan	Dorothy Van Buskirk
Beverly Wimer	Bruce Davis	Perry Noe
Richard Piersol	Sean Donaldson	Caroline "Corky" Smith-Buhler
Katherine Wolfe	Betty Brucker	Nancy Christensen
Joan Buchanan	Richard Rundell	Patricia Daum
Grace Lewis	Jennifer Batton	Thomas "Tim" Sauer, Jr.

See inside for Gifts and Memorials received by the church.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Pat Myers
in remembrance and celebration of her son, David.

Please join us for the iMom Reunion TOMORROW 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).

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.*

Wonderful Wednesday - All Kindergarten - 5th 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:

9:00 am	Toddler-K Teacher and Toddler-K Shepherd	
10:30 am	Tabernacle Teacher	Garden of Eatin' Teacher
	Thou Art Teacher	Fun & Godly Stuff Teacher
	1 st Grade Shepherd	3 rd and 4 th Grade Shepherd
	5 th Grade 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 - 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!**

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

GIFTS and MEMORIALS

During the past year, monetary gifts have been received in memory of:

Tom Cerjak	Dick Piersol	Guy Hannah	Al Norman
Lou Diehl	Pat Daum	Larry Holmer	Corky Buhler
Grace Lewis	Todd Buchanan	Joan Buchanan	Dick Rundell
Sean Donaldson	Bruce Lapierre		

- Shirley Taussig memorial funds helped to purchase our new kitchen dishwasher.
- Larry Holmer memorial funds were given to Pathfinders and to Parson's Purse.
- Lou Diehl memorial funds were used to purchase flowers for the Easter Cross.
- Larry Lighthiser memorial funds provided acolyte candle lighters.
- Kay Piersol memorial funds purchased new tubing for the candelabra.
- General Memorial Fund gave seminary book funds for Mary Kate Buchanan.
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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!

Coffee Hour during the month of November is provided through the generosity of the members of the Youth Board.

Youth Ministry

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

Confirmation - We meet today! Confirmands and mentors should join us in the Activity Room right after the 10:30 am service. We will finish at 1:00 pm.

Impact - Tonight at **6:00 pm** we meet in the Youth Room for fun games and snacks. And, we'll chat about what to do when we feel like we have failed.

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

D&D - This Wednesday is the big TPP kickoff! Be there to learn how middle schoolers can be a part of our awesome mission trip to Pittsburgh and how we can all serve close to home all year long. Trip dates are **July 8-12**. **revoice** follows D&D, **Wednesdays** from **5:00-5:30 pm**, in the Music Room.

Breakfast Club/The Nine - Sunday morning conversations in the Youth Room during the 9:00 and 10:30 services. This week we will look at the book of Ruth and see how God's love is big enough for everyone!

Findley Harvest Dinner - Join us on **Thursday, November 15** for a Thanksgiving celebration with the families of Findley. In addition to a dinner, there are fun games and crafts for us to help with. We will meet at church at **4:15 pm** and return at approximately **7:30 pm**. RSVP to Jeff Wells (jeffreylwells@gmail.com).

Gennesaret - We had an awesome day at Gennesaret yesterday. Be sure to join us the first Saturday of each month at our favorite soup kitchen in Akron. Our next visit is **Saturday, December 1**. Contact Jeff Wells to sign up.

Every year Gennesaret hosts a 4-mile run on **Thanksgiving morning** called "**Homerun for the Homeless**." Our church will be staffing a water stop along the way. Come cheer on all the runners and support a great cause. We'll meet at church at **8:00 am** and return about **10:30 am**. What a great way to start Thanksgiving Day! RSVP to Jeff Wells at jeffreylwells@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 6 - 11:30 am

200 Laurel Lake Drive, Hudson

Cost: \$16.00

Please bring an unwrapped children's toy or gift for the children of OPEN M.

Reservations and money are due by Monday, December 3.

Your check for \$16.00 made out to FCCH will secure your reservation.

ACME Cash Register Receipts - Look for the words **Community Cashback** at the bottom of your receipts along with a dollar value. Drop it in the marked box in the church hallway. Register receipts must be dated **August 9 to December 29, 2018**. Thank you!

Adult Ministry

For questions, contact Kathy Yeakley, (330) 650-4048, or kyeakley@hudsonucc.org.

Happy Hikers will hike on **Thursday, November 8 at 1:00 pm** at the *Nature Realm, Cherry Lane and Fernwood Loop Trails*, 1828 Smith Road. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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.

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.

Pathfinders - Join us today, **October 28, 9:00-10:15 am** or any week in the 3rd floor Chapel.

We are exploring "Near Death Experiences and the Brain", based on Dr. Andrew Newberg's video series, *The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience*. Contact Marie Libby for more information: mclibby64@aol.com.

Book Study - Rev. Dick Clewell continues his study based on *The Cross and The Lynching Tree* by James Cone, **Tuesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm** in the Youth Room. The book is 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.

ROMEOS (Retired Older Men Eating Out) will meet at **12:30 pm, Tuesday, November 13** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. Contact Henry Vigor for more information (hkvigor@windstream.net).

"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.

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"Lunch-On-Us" Request - Help is needed for our next Lunch-On-Us! If you can bake a batch of cookies, cupcakes or a sheet cake and deliver it to the church kitchen by **12:00 noon on Friday, November 16**, it would be greatly appreciated! Please mark with "MILLER AVENUE" and your name. Contact Meg Searle (330-655-7813) with questions. Thank you!

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

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

Special Request! The Findley Family Harvest Dinner needs you on **Thursday, November 15** to help set up, starting at **2:45 pm** OR come help out during the dinner from **4:30-7:30 pm** (simple things like pouring water, clearing plates, serving rolls). We are planning for 600 students and their families. Email janempenny@gmail.com. Thank you!

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!

Trinity Clothing and Household Mission - Please place your donations in the blue bin by the coat rack or the wooden cabinet in the stairwell. Thank you!

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

Questions? Please contact Sandy Miller at sandyxd91@gmail.com.