

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, November 11

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)
10:00/11:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic (Office)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
6:00 pm Impact (Youth Room & FH)
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir

MONDAY, November 12

7:00 pm Trustees Board (304)

TUESDAY, November 13

12:30 pm ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
5:00 pm Yoga (Youth Room)
6:30 pm Children's Ministries Board (102-B)
7:00 pm Personnel Committee (304)
7:00 pm Membership Board (301)

WEDNESDAY, November 14

9:00 am WOW (FH)
1:00 pm CUPS Meeting (304)
3:00 pm D&D (Youth Room & FH)
5:00 pm revoice (Choir Room)
5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday (FH)
7:00 pm Council (304)
7:00 pm Love & Logic (Youth Room)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, November 15

9:00 am LOU Cooking (FH Kitchen)
9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)
4:15 pm Findley Harvest Dinner (Findley)
7:00 pm Adult Ed Presentation (FH)

SATURDAY, November 17

9:00 am Shoebox Ministry (FH)
10:00 am AIAnon-Newcomers (120)
11:00 am AIAnon (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)
11:00 am Miller Avenue Lunch-On-Us

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

Today's Scripture: John 15:12-14; Mark 12:41-44

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 11, 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.

Honoring All Veterans

We thank you for your service.

We are forever grateful.

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, (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!

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Lora Eureka and Laurie Berendsen in remembrance and celebration of veterans, Ron Eureka and Bob Berendsen.

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.

Live Nativity - Help bring the real meaning of Christmas to the Hudson Merchant's Walk!

We are so blessed to be *the* church that creates the Live Nativity on our town green, so come be a part of it! We need Mary, Joseph, the Wise Guys, Shepherds, Angels...the whole gang. Don't miss this wonderful ministry we provide for our community.

When: **Sunday, December 2, 12:00-5:00 pm**

Where: Near the Clock Tower

Sign up TODAY in Fellowship Hall

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!**

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Need help getting started on REALM®? Questions about Recurring Giving? Visit the REALM® Information Table in Fellowship Hall after the 9:00 and 10:30 services.

Women's Ministry

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, 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 - 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.

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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!

Family Promise - Welcome to autumn! We are five weeks away from our next Family Promise host week, December 9-16. As we enter into the season of giving, realize the gift of time and hospitality is the best gift of all. Please consider providing your time and talents to our guests. We are most definitely in need of overnight hosts and AM Van Drivers, as well as filling all other slots for the week. Check out the Missions Table after services for additional information and/or contact Beth with any questions. Overnight Hosts Needed: **December 9, 10, 12, 14 and December 15**
AM Van Drivers Needed: **December 11-14 and December 16**
Individuals as well as families are welcome to volunteer. Please contact Beth Sosininski (bethsosinski@gmail.com or 330-283-6843). Thank you!

"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!

Youth Ministry

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

Impact - We meet tonight at **6:00 pm** in the Youth Room for fun games and snacks. Has someone ever said or done something that you just can't let go? Let's talk about Giving Up Grudges.

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

D&D - **Wednesday at 3:00 pm**, we will meet in the Youth Room for snacks, games, and a chat about Forgiveness. **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. Join us for a donut and discussion.

TPP - The Pittsburgh Project still has a few spaces available. Middle schoolers: be sure to sign up and save your spot for our annual summer mission trip taking place **July 8-12**. **Deposits are due November 28**.

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 - 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.

AmazonSmile - Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to First Congregational Church of Hudson when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0762813. SmileAmazon is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on smile.amazon.com, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate a percentage of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Adult Ministry

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

Happy Hikers will hike on **Thursday, November 15 at 1:00 pm** at the *Firestone*, 2620 Harington Road, *Redwing Trail*. This is an easy 1.1 mile trail. Everyone is welcome! This is the last hike scheduled for 2018!

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, **November 11, 9:00-10:15 am** or any week in the 3rd floor Chapel. We are exploring Lecture 16: *The Believing Brain*, Dr. Newberg explores placebos, illusions, emotions, memories and more. Contact Marie Libby for more information: mclibby64@aol.com.

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.

Watch: 2018 Advent Devotional is a unique collection of devotions that includes an insightful scripture verse and prayer for each day of Advent. It begins December 2 (first Sunday of Advent) and continues through Christmas Day. The Advent Devotions will be available beginning Sunday, November 25 in the workroom during the week and on the Adult Ed table after worship.



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.**

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.