

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, December 30

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)
9:45 am Friends Class (102)

MONDAY, December 31

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 1

New Year's Day—Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, January 2

9:00 am WOW (FH)
10:00 am Knitting (Alcove)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, January 3

6:30 pm Family to Family (102)

FRIDAY, January 4

6:30 am JourneyMen (Yours Truly)

SATURDAY, January 5

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

Coffee Hour during the month of December is provided through the generosity of the members of the Missions Board.

NEW 2019 FLOWER CHART The 2019 Flower Chart is 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!

Offering Envelopes - If you would like to receive 2019 offering envelopes, please sign up at the table in the hallway outside the Church Office. Questions? Contact Diana Finkes at dfinkes@hudsonucc.org or 330-650-4048.

ACME Cash Register Receipts - Register receipts must be current and have the **Community Cashback** notation on them dated **August 9 to December 29, 2018**. Bring the entire receipt to the church and drop it in the marked box in the hallway. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE - The annual, interdenominational **Christian Unity Prayer Service and Luncheon** is on **Thursday, January 24 at 10:00 am**. St. Mary Catholic Church in Hudson (340 N. Main Street), will host this year's event which will focus on the theme, "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20). Reverend Jon Dodson of Laurel Lake, Hudson, will give the sermon. Ticket holders will enjoy a luncheon catered by Hudson's Restaurant, following the service. Our featured speaker after the luncheon is Sr. Anne Victory representing the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking. The tickets are \$15 per person for the luncheon and speaker portion of the event and will be available soon. The prayer service is free and open to all.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, December 30, 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.

Today's Scriptures:

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THESE DAYS ~ Daily Devotions for Living by Faith The latest copy (January—March) of this magazine can be found at the information station. **A wonderful way to start the day!** (Provided FREE by the Adult Ed Board.)

Adult Faith Formation

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

JourneyMen Sunrise Breakfast - All men are invited to join in fellowship for a sunrise breakfast meeting at **6:30 am** on **Friday, January 4** at Yours Truly restaurant. Contact Trip Kern: Trip.Kern@gmail.com.

Women's Short Term Bible Study, Wednesdays, January 9 - February 27, 12:30-2:00 pm OR 6:45-8:15 pm. Women of FCCH, we've got the perfect New Year's resolution for you! Resolve now to try an organized Bible Study for the first time, or to get back into regular Bible Study, or to participate in a new Bible Study in 2019! Join us as we dive into God's word together using Kelly Minter's "No Other Gods: Confronting our Modern Day Idols / The Unrivaled Pursuit of Christ." Idols are often obvious – money, power, or fame. Sometimes idols are subtler in the form of sweet loved ones, Instagramable interiors, or busy seasons of ministry. This study will challenge women to evaluate modern-day idols and embrace a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus. Through daily exercises and weekly videos we will explore God's word and strengthen our faith together. All are welcome! Invite a friend and **register now!**

- Workbooks provided for all participants
- Evening childcare available upon request
- Sign-ups via the Connection Card throughout December

Questions? Contact Tracy Zappone: pzappone@yahoo.com.

Clergy-Led Bible Study - "Jesus Changed the World!" on **Thursdays** from **January 10 - February 28, 10:00-11:30 am OR 7:00 -8:30 pm.** The Reverend Steve Hockstra will offer this eight-week study of the first book of the New Testament, Matthew, which covers the life, death and resurrection, and ministry of the person who changed the world! For more information, contact Steve: shockstra@hudsonucc.org.

SoulCollage® EXPERIENCE: Prayerfulness and Self-Discovery....

- Do you aspire to connect more closely to that which is holy within?
- Would you enjoy exploring your spirituality through the use of imagery, imagination and intuition?
- Are you open to experiencing your "self" and spirit in a playful way?

On **Saturday, January 26, 9:30-11:30 a.m., OR Sunday, January 27, 12:30-2:30 p.m.,** Kelly Berger will introduce us to the quiet, reflective, and illuminating process of SoulCollage®, where participants prayerfully create unique, personal and meaningful collaged cards. No artistic ability or fee is required! Light refreshments will be provided. Child care is available upon request. Please register via the church office or Connection Card. Questions? Kelly Berger: KACBerger@aol.com.

Youth Ministry

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

*We hope you are enjoying your Christmas Break. Impact, D&D, Breakfast Club and The Nine are all on holiday until **January 6.***

Confirmation - Our next meeting is **Sunday, January 6**, right after the 10:30 am service.

ASP - Make your calendars for **January 6**. Our first Impact meeting of the year is also our first ASP meeting - two amazing things at one time! If you are going to ASP this summer, *please* attend this very important meeting, **6:00 - 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

Adult Ministry

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

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) luncheon and program will be on **Monday, January 14** at **noon** in Fellowship Hall. Stacie Feiock and Lynn Hermensky from Maplewood at Twinsburg and Hospice of the Western Reserve will present "Legacy Letters: Sharing. The Story of You". Unlike legal wills that transfer material possessions, an ethical will bequeaths personal values, reflections, traditions, advice and memories to loved ones. Reserve your spot today on the Connection Card, call the church office (330-650-4048) or email Kathy. This program is open to anyone who is interested.

Yoga with Cynthia Field will continue at FCCH starting **January 8** and through February on **Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 pm** in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor. This is a gentle movement class. Everyone is welcome! Goodwill donations accepted.

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.

All children K-5th grade are invited to be a part of Wonderful Wednesday! We sing, make crafts, dance, learn about God, eat dinner together and have lots of fun doing it! Come join us starting **Wednesday, January 9** from **5:00-6:30 pm!**

We are looking for some friends to help teach Esther from **1/20 - 2/10 (10:30-11:30 am):**

- The Tabernacle Teacher: The children will be making a Megillah.
- Our Acts Teacher: The children experience the story through dramatic interpretation.
- Thou Art Teacher: The children will make groggers and masks ... does that sound fun?
- Garden of Eatin' Teacher: The children will be making hamantaschen!
- 1st Grade Shepherd 2nd Grade Shepherd 5th Grade Shepherd