

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, January 6

9/10:30/11:59	Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am	Pathfinders (Chapel)
9:45 am	Friends Class (102)
10:30 am	Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
11:30 am	Confirmation Class (Act. Room)
6:00 pm	ASP Meeting (FH)
6:00 pm	Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Teen Band (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, January 7

9:00 am	Deaconess Board (304/Chapel)
7:00 pm	Choral Rehearsal (Choir Room)

TUESDAY, January 8

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)
7:00 pm	Membership Board (304)
7:00 pm	Trustees (Alcove)
7:00 pm	Adult Ed Board (301)

WEDNESDAY, January 9

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

THURSDAY, January 10

10:00 am	Bible Study (301)
6:30 pm	Family to Family (102)
7:00 pm	NAMI (Activity Room)
7:00 pm	Bible Study (301)

SATURDAY, January 12

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

Annual, interdenominational Christian Unity Prayer Service and Luncheon -

Thursday, January 24 at 10:00 am. The week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been celebrated throughout the world since 1908 and has been celebrated in Hudson since 1968. The prayer service brings the churches from our community together through prayer and praise, reflecting the prayer of Jesus Christ, "That all might be one" (John 17:21). St. Mary Catholic Church in Hudson (340 N. Main Street) will host this year's event which focuses on the theme, "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20). The service begins at **10:00 am** with Reverend Jon Dodson of Laurel Lake, Hudson, giving the sermon. Ticket holders will enjoy a delicious 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 are available in the our church office (330-650-4048). Please make checks payable to FCCH with CUPS in the memo line - the reservation deadline is **January 20**. The prayer service is free and open to all. It does not require a ticket to attend.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 6, 2019

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 Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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!**

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!

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by George and Kate Bucur.
Best wishes to the FCCH community for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Adult Faith Formation

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

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." 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 or call the church office (330-650-4048).

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! Sign up on the Connection Card or email "churchoffice@hudsonucc.org".

SoulCollage® EXPERIENCE: 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.

ROMEOs (Retired Older Men Eating Out) will meet at **12:30 pm** on **Tuesday, January 8** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. Contact Henry Vigor for more information (hkvigor@windstream.net).

Thank you to all who took **Angel Tree** tags and provided gifts and joy for our SWAG and Findley school students. This is a wonderful and generous way to share love beyond our church walls. You have made many children very, very happy! If you would like to know more about either program, email Sue Wimer (swimer@hudsonucc.org).

Coffee Hour during the month of January is provided through the generosity of the members of the Children's Ministries Board.

Youth Ministry

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

Confirmation - Our meeting is **TODAY**, right after the 10:30 am service.

ASP and Impact - Tonight is our first Impact meeting of the year and is also our first ASP meeting. If you are going to ASP this summer, *please* attend this very important meeting, **6:00 - 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast Club/The Nine - Join us in the Youth Room during the 9:00 and 10:30 am service for donuts and discussions.

D&D - Our first meeting of 2019 is this **Wednesday, January 9 at 3:00 pm**. Come join us for snacks, games and discussions!

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