

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, January 13

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)
 9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)
 9:45 am Friends Class (102)
 10:00/11:30 Blood Pressure Clinic (Office)
 10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
 11:30 am Children's Ministries Mtg. (102)
 11:30 am Finance Committee (304)
 6:00 pm High School Youth (Youth & FH)
 6:00 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
 7:30 pm Teen Band (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, January 14

12:00 pm FYI Luncheon (FH)
 7:00 pm Mission Board (304)
 7:00 pm Choral Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 7:00 pm Youth Ed Board (Youth Room)

TUESDAY, January 15

1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
 5:00 pm Yoga (Youth Room)
 7:00 pm Personnel Committee (304)
 7:00 pm Music Board (Alcove)

WEDNESDAY, January 16

9:00 am WOW (FH)
 11:00 am Hudson Grande VIP Worship
 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 Council (304)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
 8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, January 17

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)
 10:00 am Bible Study (301)
 6:30 pm Family to Family (102)
 7:00 pm Bible Study (301)

SATURDAY, January 19

10:00 am AlAnon-Newcomers (120)
 11:00 am AlAnon (102)
 11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)
 2:45 pm High School Youth (off site)

Today's Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by the Menolasino and Martin families
 in memory of Cara Nicole and Nicholas Luke.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 13, 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.

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 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.

Project Live Well Hoedown - Sunday, January 27, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

in Fellowship Hall. Swing your partner round and round at the Project Live Well Hoedown! Bring your whole family to this fun kickoff event for Project Live Well featuring square and line dancing, grub, and a barrel of fun. Get out your boots and cowboy hats and mosey on over for an afternoon you won't forget. Yee-haw!

Trinity Household/Clothing Ministry - Looking for a place to donate clothing or household items? Please visit the Outreach Info Station for a list of needed items and drop off information!

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

Adult Faith Formation

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

Pathfinders - Please join us **today, 9:00 - 10:30 am** as we explore Dr. Andrew Newberg's video series, *The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience*. Contact Marie Libby at mclibby64@aol.com.

Clergy-Led Bible Study - "Jesus Changed the World!" on **Thursdays from January 17 - February 28, 10:00-11:30 am OR 7:00 -8:30 pm**. The Reverend Steve Hockstra is offering this 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! Childcare available upon request. Contact Steve Hockstra: shockstra@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.

Bridge Club - Mothers of teens and young adults meet monthly for friendship and support as they transition to a new phase of life. We are planning another great winter retreat! Contact Katie Morgan: kmorgan@hudsonucc.org.

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. If you are interested in learning more or have questions, contact Bob Carleton: bobcarleton@adjob.com.

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.

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

Children's Ministry

Children's Center Open House - January 27, 11:45 - 1:00 pm The Children's Center is a loving and nurturing Christian preschool at First Congregational Church that encourages growing independence through play-based, hands-on experiences with developmentally appropriate programs. **Registration for church and Children's Center families begins January 28 at 8:00 am.** (General registration begins February 4 at 8:00 am.)

Youth Ministry

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

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

High Schoolers - Join us **tonight** in the Youth Room from **6:00-7:30** for Project Pillowcase, an awesome service project benefitting Akron Children's Hospital, and an amazing make-your-own waffle bar! Please remember to bring 2 yards of fabric - no special skills necessary! This will be easy and fun. Plus, it's for a great cause!

Middle Schoolers - Word on the street is that D&D meets this **Wednesday at 3:00 pm**. Join us to discuss what everyone is talking about: Gossip.

Confirmation - Be sure to let Callie know if you will be coming to the Interfaith Shabbat Service at Temple Israel on **Friday, January 25**. We meet at church at **5:00 pm** and return around **8:00 pm**. This is an awesome event for confirmands and their mentors.

Gennesaret - Our next service date is **Saturday, February 2**. Contact Jeff Wells to sign up. (jeffreylwells@gmail.com).

Newcomers and Membership Informational Gathering - February 6 and 10

Are you interested in learning more about First Congregational Church and how to become a member? Or do you know someone who might be interested in learning more about membership and our congregation? Then, join us for these *two sessions*:

PART I
Wednesday, February 6
7:00 - 8:30 pm; Youth Room
(child care available)

PART II
Sunday, February 10
5:00 - 7:00 pm; Activity Room & Room 102
(meal provided & child care available)

Come learn about First Congregational Church, its ministries, and the many ways to engage your faith wherever you are on life's journey. Those who choose to become members will do so in worship on **Sunday, February 24**. To sign up, check the back of the Connection Card or call (330) 650-4048. For more information, contact Rev. Jeanette Brodersen at (330) 650-4048, jbrodersen@hudsonucc.org.