

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, January 20

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 am Equal Exchange Sale (FH)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
6:00 pm High School Youth (Youth Room)
6:00 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Teen Band (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, January 21

MLK DAY – Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Deacons Board (304)
7:00 pm Choral Rehearsal (Choir Room)

TUESDAY, January 22

12:30 pm ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:00 pm OPEN M Cooking (FH Kitchen)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
5:00 pm Yoga (Youth Room)

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

Ladies In Fellowship Together (LIFT) - Thursday, February 14 at noon in Fellowship Hall. We will be serving tea, tea sandwiches, salad, scones and dessert prepared by our very own Pat Hoag. Bring your favorite tea cup and enter our tea cup contest! The tea will include the program, "Wellness Through the Senses" presented by Lynn Hermensky from the Hospice of the Western Reserve and will provide advice regarding the five senses and their impact on combating daily stressors through wellness methods. Cost is \$10 per person; make checks payable to FCCH with TEA in the memo line. Please sign up via the church office or the Connection Card. Reservation deadline is **Monday, February 11**.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Laurie and Bob Berendsen in memory of Laurie's parents, Jane and Gerald Sindelar and her brother, Geoff Sindelar.

WEDNESDAY, January 23

9:00 am WOW (FH)
9:30 am Cakes for OPEN M
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 Investment Meeting (304)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, January 24

10:00 am Bible Study (301)
10:00 am CUPS Worship (St. Mary's)
12:00 pm CUPS Luncheon (St. Mary's)
6:30 pm Family to Family (102)
7:00 pm Interfaith Group (301)
7:00 pm Bible Study (Youth Room)

FRIDAY, January 25

5:30 pm Confirmation Visit (Synagogue)

SATURDAY, January 26

9:30 am Soul Collage (Youth Room)
10:00 am AlAnon-Newcomers (120)
11:00 am AlAnon (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Activity Room)
1:00 pm Peterson Memorial Serv. (Sanctuary)

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 20, 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. 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 **after today's services in Fellowship Hall**. Please make checks payable to FCCH with CUPS in the memo line - the reservation deadline is **TODAY!** (The prayer service is free and open to all. It does not require a ticket to attend.)

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.

Today's Scripture, Luke 4:16-30, can be found in the pew Bible, page 53 NT.

Adult Faith Formation

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

ROMEOS (Retired Older Men Eating Out) will meet at **12:30 pm** on **Tuesday, January 22** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. Contact Henry Vigor for more information (hkvigor@windstream.net).

Clergy-Led Bible Study - "Jesus Changed the World!" on **Thursdays** from **January 24 - February 28, 10:00-11:30 am OR 7:00 -8:30 pm** - a 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, **March 1 - 3** for all women! Contact Katie Morgan: kmorgan@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.

We are looking for a 2nd Grade Shepherd to help teach Esther, **1/20 - 2/10 (10:30-11:30 am)**.

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 Children's Center and church families begins January 28 at 8:00 am.** (General registration begins February 4 at 8:00 am.)

Filling Buckets for Akron Children's Hospital - There will be change buckets in your children's Sunday school room until **February 10** for you and your child to deposit change. You may contribute as many times as you like! Checks can be made out to AKRON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. All monies raised will be used to purchase equipment, fund research and provide patient care programs for the little one's at Akron Children's. Our goal is to raise \$250.00! We encourage you to talk with your child about this mission and have them "earn" change, so they may contribute themselves. Thank you!

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 - Tonight: 6:00-7:30 pm. We'll be finishing Project Pillowcase!

Middle Schoolers - D&D meets this **Wednesday, 3:00-5:00 pm**. This week we'll chat about how friends influence our choices. Maybe you can influence a friend or two to join you?

Confirmation - RSVP to Callie if you are coming to the Interfaith Shabbat Service at Temple Israel this **Friday, January 25**. We meet at church at **5:00** and return about **8:00 pm**. This is an awesome event for confirmands and their mentors. Next meeting - **February 3**.

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

Drivers Wanted – Called to Care Looking for a way to make an impact in the life of one of your fellow FCCH members? Then consider joining the **Called to Care Drivers' Team**. Drivers provide rides to the occasional medical appointment or treatment our members may have. It's a great way to touch another person's life, get to know them, and meet an important need. Interested? Please check the back of the Connection Card or let Peter Wiley, Jeanette Brodersen, or Kathy Yeakley know.

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!

New Member Sponsors - Anyone interested in sponsoring a new member into our church - please contact Pat Hoag at (330) 472-2385. This is a small job with large benefits, entails a very short time getting to know our new members and will be very rewarding!

Pop-Up Women's Ensemble - Looking for a way to be creative, meet new people or try something new? Join us for an hour of singing and fellowship on three **Thursdays, February 7, 14, and 21, 7:00-8:00 pm** with a performance on **Sunday, February 24** at the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Childcare available upon request. Can't make all rehearsals? No problem! Email Charlotte Plank at cplank@hudsonucc.org to get involved.

A Free Luncheon! On **February 8** there will be an open meeting and lunch in Fellowship Hall for Hudson Seniors over 65 who would like to share their thoughts about senior citizen programs and services in Hudson. RSVP (24/7) to Cindy Murphy (EMS Hudson) at 330-342-1842. Questions: contact Kathy Yeakley at kyeakley@hudsonucc.org.