

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, February 3

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)
10:30 am	Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
11:30 am	Confirmation Class (Act. Rm.)
1:30 pm	Children's Ministries Mtg. (102)
4:00 pm	ASP/SALT (FH/Youth Room)
6:00 pm	Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Teen Band (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, February 4

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

TUESDAY, February 5

1:30 pm	Congregational Conversations (LL)
6:30 pm	Prayer Quilting (102)
7:00 pm	Adult Ed Board (301)
7:00 pm	Family Promise Mtg. (Youth Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, February 6

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

THURSDAY, February 7

10:00 am	Bible Study (301)
6:30 pm	Family to Family (102)
7:00 pm	NAMI (Activity Room)
7:00 pm	Bible Study (Youth Room)
7:00 pm	Women's Ensemble (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, February 9

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

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!

Findley Elementary School Needs - boxes of children's Valentine Cards, boys winter coats (7/8, 10/12), underwear and socks, tennis shoes (size 12-3 youth), women and men's winter coats. Limited space - only the items above, please. Thanks so much!

Coffee Hour during the month of February is provided through the generosity of the members of the Deaconess Board.

Today's Scripture: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, February 3, 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.

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.

Women's Valentine Tea Party - Thursday, February 14 at noon in Fellowship Hall.

Tea sandwiches, salad, scones and dessert will be prepared by our very own Pat Hoag. Bring your favorite tea cup and enter our tea cup contest! A program, "Wellness Through the Senses", presented by Lynn Hermensky from Hospice of the Western Reserve, will provide advice regarding the five senses and their impact on combating daily stressors through wellness methods. Cost is \$10; make checks payable to FCCH with TEA in the memo line. Sign up in the church office or the Connection Card by **Monday, February 11**.

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.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Judy and Jim Buxton in honor of their new great-grandson, Parker L. Buxton, born in December, 2018.

Youth Ministry

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

High School and Middle School - Join us in the Youth Room during the **9:00 and 10:30 am** services for donuts and discussions.

High Schoolers - Our second ASP meeting is today at a special time: **4:00-5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Afterwards, stay for some Super Bowl and pizza (Youth Room) until 7:30.

Middle Schoolers - D&D meets this **Wednesday, 3:00-5:00 pm** to discuss the good, the bad and the ugly of Super Bowl commercials. Watch tonight - then tell us your favorite!

Confirmation - Meeting **TODAY** begins at **10:30 am** in the Activity Room. After the meeting, we will attend the **11:59 service**.

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.

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!

Family Game Afternoon - Ready for a fun afternoon playing games with your family and friends? There will be plenty of snacks and games for all ages! Bring one or two of your favorite games to share and join us on **Sunday, February 24** from **2:00-4:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Please **RSVP** to Jen Barden (jbarden@hudsonucc.org) by **February 21**.

Are you ready to rumble? OK, by rumble, we mean to brace yourself for the inevitable toddler tackle-hug, close enough, right? But really, we are looking for a few new hall monitors and will host a Hall Monitor Training on **February 10** at the downstairs check-in kiosk at about **10:45 am** (right after the Children's Message) until 11:30. If you were previously trained and are looking for a refresher, we would be happy to have you, too. To sign up for Hall Monitor Training, please email Dee Buchanan.

Plastic Easter Eggs Wanted! Please drop them off in the workroom. Thanks!

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.

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** in the Chapel as we conclude our exploration of Dr. Andrew Newberg's video series, *The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience*. Contact Marie Libby at mclibby64@aol.com with any questions.

Clergy-Led Bible Study - "Jesus Changed the World!" on **Thursdays** from **February 7 - 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.

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.

Love and Logic Parenting Class - **Sunday evenings** at **7:00 pm** starting on **February 10** at the Hudson United Methodist Church. The cost is \$18 which covers the workbook. It is great for parents of toddlers through teens! If you are interested, please contact Kathy Sandberg at 330-256-4842 or sandberg@roversk12.org.

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

Adult Ministry

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

YOU are invited! As part of the Live Well project and the health ministry's preventative health initiative, come to FCCH and "**Walk the Hall**". Fellowship Hall can be used during this inclement weather for walking and some simple exercises. Twenty-four to twenty-five laps around FH is approximately one mile. In each of the four corners, there are activities to break up the monotony. Weights, bands, a foam roller, mat and balance and aerobic exercise suggestions are available. Grab a friend or plug in your music - the space is here to help you stay active!

Seniors, 65 years of age and older who would like to share thoughts on senior citizen programs and services needed in Hudson: a **free luncheon** will be held on **Friday, February 8** in Fellowship Hall from **12:00 - 2:00 pm**. EMS outreach and Danbury Senior Living will sponsor the luncheon. **RSVP** by **January 31** to Cindy Murphy, Hudson EMS at 330-342-1842. Mayor Basil will be in attendance at this open forum meeting.

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) will not take place in February.

Yoga will not be offered at FCCH until further notice. If you have an interest in seeing the program return, please contact Kathy Yeakley.