

## Congregational Calendar

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### **SUNDAY, February 17**

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)  
9:45 am Friends Class (102)  
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)  
6:00 pm SALT (Off Site)  
6:00 pm Handbells (Choir Room)  
7:30 pm Teen Band (Sanctuary)

### **MONDAY, February 18**

#### **Church Office Closed - President's Day**

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

### **TUESDAY, February 19**

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

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

### **Today's Scripture: Luke 6:17-26**

<sup>17</sup>He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

### **WEDNESDAY, February 20**

9:00 am WOW (FH)  
11:00 am Hudson Grande VIP Worship (HG)  
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, February 21**

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)  
10:00 am Bible Study (301)  
6:00 pm SWAG (FH/Youth Room)  
6:30 pm Family to Family (102)  
7:00 pm Bible Study (Youth Room)  
7:00 pm Women's Ensemble (Choir Room)

### **SATURDAY, February 23**

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

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*SUNDAY, February 17, 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.

**Fat Tuesday - March 5, 6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a fabulous Fat Tuesday Potluck Dinner and Celebration! Bring your favorite decadent dish to serve 8-10 people to share. Live New Orleans jazz music provided! RSVP to the church office (330) 650-4048 or on Sunday mornings at the Project Live Well station during coffee hour.

**Last Year's Palm Fronds** - Do you still have your Palm Sunday palm frond from past years? If so, you are invited to bring it to church through Sunday, March 3, and place it in one of the marked baskets found in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor main hallways (by the elevator, near the sanctuary doors, etc.). We'll burn the palm fronds to make ashes for our Ash Wednesday service—Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 pm.

### **Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm.**

Come admit your need of God—repent. Sing, pray, reflect. Receive God's mercy and healing. *Child care available.*

**Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, Cocoa Mix and Chocolate Bars** - Show your support of Fair Trade by stopping at the Equal Exchange table following all three services. Fair Trade enables farmers to stay on their land, receive a fair price, send their children to school and care for the environment. *All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Summit County.*

**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 **Thursday, February 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](mailto:cplank@hudsonucc.org) to get involved.

### **Today's Flowers**

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Laura Query in loving memory of Dr. Maggie Query Prevette.

## Youth Ministry

For Youth opportunities, contact Callie Baylor [cbaylor@hudsonucc.org](mailto:cbaylor@hudsonucc.org) or Amy Baldwin [abaldwin@hudsonucc.org](mailto: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** - The "A" in SALT stands for "Activity." Tonight we are going bowling! Meet here at the church at 5:30. We will carpool to Sto-Kent Lanes for bowling and pizza and return to church by 7:30. Cost is \$10. Friends are welcome!

**Middle Schoolers** - D&D meets this **Wednesday, 3:00-5:00 pm** for games, snacks, and great with Steve Hockstra! Remember to bring for shoe donations for Findley!

## 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](mailto:dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org); [kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kmorgan@hudsonucc.org).

**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](mailto:jbarden@hudsonucc.org)) by **February 21**.

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

**Do You Like To Sew?** We are looking for some friends to help shorten graduation gowns for our upcoming graduates at The Children's Center! Please contact Katie ([kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kmorgan@hudsonucc.org)) if you can help!

## Adult Ministry

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

**FYI (Feeling Young Inside) Luncheon and Program - Monday, March 18 at noon in Fellowship Hall.** Join photographer Dave Longfellow as he explores themes of history, home and family through a series of three "mini portfolios" of images taken from his camera work over the past several years. Come and enjoy Dave's amazing photography! Reserve your spot on the Connection Card, call the church office or email Kathy at ([kyeakley@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kyeakley@hudsonucc.org)).

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**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!

## Adult Faith Formation

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

**Clergy-Led Bible Study - "Jesus Changed the World!"** on **Thursdays** from **February 21** and **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](mailto:shockstra@hudsonucc.org).

**ROMEOS**, "Retired Older Men Eating Out," will meet Tuesday, February 26, 12:30 pm at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. For more information, contact Henry Vigor at [hkvigor@windstream.net](mailto:hkvigor@windstream.net).

**Congregational Conversations**, led by Rev. Steve Hockstra for all who wish to participate, are Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30, Laurel Lake Mixing Place #1.

**Project Live Well Lenten Study** - On March 10—April 14, we'll take a deep dive into living well - serving with love, connecting in faith, and sharing our story - with two 1.5 hour options to participate:

- 1. Large Group:** Sundays, 5-6:30 pm  
Children's program provided  
Clergy-led  
Good for those not interested in a small group setting
- 2. Small Group:** Different times/days available  
Childcare available for most groups  
Lay Leader  
More intimate setting

This study will act as a springboard for the rest of the year - so please join us and register today! For more information see the Project Live Well table after services in Fellowship Hall, or contact Steve Hockstra at [shockstra@hudsonucc.org](mailto:shockstra@hudsonucc.org).

**Chautauqua United Church of Christ Society (CUCCS)** - Invites all church members and friends for the 2019 season of Chautauqua Institution! CUCCS Reform Church House and Mayflower have reasonably priced rental rooms, pleasant living rooms, and modern dining room and kitchen. The Mayflower has an elevator. Contact registrar Mrs. Grace Lipman early for preferred dates and space! Questions? Please talk with Bill or Marie Libby.

**SMALL HOME STUDY GROUPS** - Connecting... Equipping... Transforming

- Do you want to grow in your faith while connecting with others?
- Are you curious about what a small home study group offers?
- Are you interested in joining or forming a small home study group?

Small home study groups offer social connections, trust, faith, fun, and fellowship, and are now forming. Contact Bob Carleton at [bobcarleton@adjob.com](mailto:bobcarleton@adjob.com).