

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, February 24

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)
1:30 pm	Family Game Afternoon (FH)
4:00 pm	Vespers (Laurel Lake)
6:00 pm	SALT (Youth Room & FH)
6:00 pm	Handbell Choir
7:30 pm	Teen Band/Choir

MONDAY, February 25

7:00 pm	Choral Rehearsal (Choir/Chancel)
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TUESDAY, February 26

12:30 pm	ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:00 pm	OPEN M Cooking (FH Kitchen)
1:30 pm	Congregational Conversations (LL)
7:00 pm	Adult Ed Board (301)

WEDNESDAY, February 27

9:00 am	WOW (FH)
9:30 am	Cakes for OPEN M
11:00 am	Memorial Choir (Choir Room)
12:30 pm	Women's Bible Study (Youth)
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	First Connect (304)
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm	Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, February 28

10:00 am	Bible Study (301)
7:00 pm	Bible Study (Youth)
7:00 pm	Endowment (304)

SATURDAY, March 2

9:00 am	Gennesaret (Off Site)
10:00 am	AlAnon-Newcomers (120)
11:00 am	AlAnon (102)
11:00 am	Alateen (Youth Room)

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

Today's Scripture: Luke 6:27-36

²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, February 24, 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.

Welcome New Members!

We are so excited to welcome members joining today. Please extend a warm welcome to our newcomers or look for their photos in the April newsletter!

(See inside for the names of those joining First Congregational Church today.)

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 serves 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.

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 2nd 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.

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

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 (meal included)
Children's program provided
Clery-led
- 2. Small Group:** Different times/days available
Childcare available for most groups
Lay Leader

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.

Welcome New Members!

Gary Connelly

58 Brandywine Drive, Hudson 44236
Gary works for Vitamix as general counsel. He and his wife, Allison have four children: Mary, 15; Catherine, 13; Anne, 11; and Michael, 7.

Andrew and Katherine Guran

2900 Woodbridge Road, Hudson 44236
Andrew is an attorney for Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. Katie is a physician with Spine & Pain Institute. They have two children: Lucas, 3; and Isabella, 6 months.

Doug and Jennifer Kubinski

52 Trumbull Drive, Hudson 44236
Doug is an attorney at Kent State University and Jennifer is an occupational therapist with Star Therapy. They have two children: Skye, 15; and Raina, 12.

Corby and Wendy Mathisen

5984 Nicholson Drive, Hudson 44236
Corby works at Alpha Plastics in sales and business development, and Wendy is retired.

Tom and Sheryl Reynolds

7385 Lacosta Drive, Hudson 44236
Tom works in sales at Boehringer Ingelheim and Sheryl is the treasurer of Canal District of United Methodist Church. They have two children: Taylor, 20; and Ashley 20.

Patrick and Amy Wilson

10535 Belleau Drive, Twinsburg 44087
Patrick works in brand management at Smuckers, and Amy is a speech language pathologist at Solon Schools. They have four children: Lylah, 10; Graeme, 7; Adilyn, 6; and Deacon, 4.

Jeff and Chris Winters

152 Hudson Street, Hudson 44236
Jeff and Chris are both retired.

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Adult Ministry

For questions, contact Kathy Yeakley, (330) 650-4048, or 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. Reserve your spot on the Connection Card, call the church office or email Kathy at (kyeakley@hudsonucc.org).

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Michele Zelko in memory of Michele's mother, Connie Zelko

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 - SALT meets in the Youth Room tonight from 6:00-7:30 pm, walking a labyrinth.

Middle Schoolers - D&D meets this **Wednesday, 3:00-5:00 pm** for games, snacks, and about making tough decisions. See you there!

All Students - This Saturday we visit Gennesaret soup kitchen. Please contact Jeff Wells or Callie Baylor to sign up. Also, if you have any gently used shoes to donate to the Findley Footwear Challenge, please drop them off in the Youth Room.

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.

Family Game Afternoon - Today from 2:00-4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. 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.

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

A Fun and Easy Sewing Project!! - We need a couple people to shorten four to five graduation gowns! Please contact Katie (kmorgan@hudsonucc.org) if you can help!

Adult Faith Formation

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

Clergy-Led Bible Study - “Jesus Changed the World!” on **Thursday, February 28, 10:00 - 11:30 am OR 7:00 - 8:30 pm** - Final day of this study of Matthew, the first book of the New Testament, which covers the life, death and resurrection, and ministry of the person who changed the world! Child care is available upon request. Contact Steve Hockstra: shockstra@hudsonucc.org.

JourneyMen Sunrise Breakfast - Friday, March 1, 6:30 am at Yours Truly. All men are invited to join in fellowship for a Sunrise Breakfast Meeting. Contact Trip Kern: trip.kern@gmail.com.

Bridge Club - Mothers of teens and young adults meet monthly for friendship and support as they transition to a new phase of life. Ladies would you and your friends like to be pampered with spa treatments, essential oils, fellowship, yoga, and personal chef recipes? We invite all women to “Live Well” at our Winter Retreat, **March 1 - 3** at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls! Contact Katie Morgan: (kmorgan@hudsonucc.org).