

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, March 17

9/10:30/11:59 Worship
9:00 am The Nine (Youth)
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth)
10:30 am PLW Lenten Study (301)
11:30 am PLW Lenten Study (304)
1:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (301)
5:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (FH/AR)
6:00 pm SALT (Off site)
6:30 pm Handbells
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir

MONDAY, March 18

12:00 pm FYI Luncheon (FH)
7:00 pm Deacons (304)
7:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (Alcove)

TUESDAY, March 19

1:30 pm PLW Lenten Study (LL)
7:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (301)
7:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (Libby's House)

WEDNESDAY, March 20

9:00 am WOW (FH)
10:00 am PLW Lenten Study (Bird's House)
10:30 am PLW Lenten Study (Alcove)
11:00 am VIP Worship (Hudson Grande)
12:30 pm PLW Lenten Study (Youth Room)
3:00 pm D&D (Youth & FH)
5:00 pm revoice (Choir)
5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday (FH/Act/Choir)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble

THURSDAY, March 21

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)
9:30 am PLW Lenten Study (Taylor's House)
4:15 pm Findley Math Carnival (Findley CLC)
7:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (301)

SATURDAY, March 23

10:00 am Al-Anon Newcomers (120)
11:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)

Trinity UCC is so very grateful for your faithful support of their Clothing Ministry.

During the month of **March**, we are sponsoring **The VAL Project***, with the objective of collecting coats for Clothing Room clientele. Requested in particular are spring coats for men, although we gladly accept all new or gently used coat donations in adult, teen, and children's sizes. Thank you!

**The Val Project was created in loving memory of Valerie Haynes Smith and her unborn son, by the leaders of the Trinity Youth Group that she was actively involved in. The letters from Valerie's name represent Volunteerism, Action and Love, which she demonstrated in so many ways during her time with us.*

Coffee Hour during the month of March is provided through the generosity of the members of Stewardship and Investments Boards.

Today's Scripture: Luke 17:11-16

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 17, 2019

Wherever you are on your journey... you are welcome here.

Guests are encouraged to participate in any of the church's varied activities or support groups. Contact the Church Office (330) 650-4048 for more information or check off your interests on the back of the Connection Card.

Project Live Well Lenten Study has begun! It's not too late to join us as we explore living well - serving with love, connecting in faith, and sharing our story. There are two 1.5 hour options to participate in:

- 1. Large Group: Sundays, 5-6:30 pm** - Clergy-led
Meal included. Children's program provided.
- 2. Small Group:** Different times/days available - Lay Leader
Childcare available for most groups.

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.

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. Green Tea and Mint Chocolate bars are available today to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! 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.*

CAKES FOR OPEN M - We are in need of bakers to provide desserts. Please bring your donation in a disposable container on **Wednesday, March 27, by 9:30 am** to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Questions? Contact Nancy Martinez at martclan@outlook.com.

Drivers Wanted - Called to Care Looking for a way to make an impact in the life of a fellow FCCH member? Consider joining the **Called to Care Drivers' Team**. Drivers provide rides to an 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. Contact Peter Wiley, Jeanette Brodersen, or Kathy Yeakley.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Lora Eureka in loving memory of her husband, Ron Eureka.

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.

#FCCH KidsonaMission - mini missions | mighty purpose Developing a sense of service is key for children of all ages. #FCCHKidsonaMission will give kids a sense of belonging to the church and pride that they were able to do good things and be helpful. On **April 9**, we will have our first mini mission - creating Appalachian Service Project (ASP) Thank You Bags. ASP is a mission trip in June that FCCH high school students participate in to work on homes of those living in poverty. Our children will learn about why ASP is important and what happens during the week. We will make gift bags for the volunteers with snacks, small gifts for their host families, prayer letters, and more. We will give the bags to the team mid-week when they need a little pick-me-up.

Who: All children, ages 2 - 5th grade

When: **April 9** from **10:00 am - 10:45 am** (9:30 Sunday School will wrap up early and 10:30 Sunday School will start a little late so we can all work together on the mission!)

Where: Pray-per-view room

* Monetary Donations toward the projects would be appreciated.

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!

Vacation Bible School 2019 - June 3-6, 5:30-8:00 pm (dinner included). Contact Katie Morgan. **10 foot tailgate tents needed for VBS! If you have one, please contact Katie.**

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. To sign up call the church office or email Kathy.

Walk the Hall! As part of **Project Live Well**, join us in Fellowship Hall during inclement weather for walking and some simple exercises. Twenty-four to twenty-five laps around FH is approximately one mile. In the corners of the room, there are weights, bands, a foam roller, a mat and balance and aerobic exercise suggestions. Grab a friend or plug in your music - the space is here to help you stay active!

Walking and Hiking Groups will begin the middle to end of April (after the last snow)! The Walking Group will meet on **Tuesdays** at **1:00 pm** at Barlow Community Center. Two walks around the lake equals .75 miles but it is not required to do two laps! The Hiking Group will meet on **Thursdays** at **1:00 pm** in Cuyahoga, Summit and Brecksville parks. Hikes vary in length and difficulty. Come once in a while or every week! Interested? Sign up on the Connection Card, call the church office or email Kathy.

Youth Ministry

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

Middle School - Breakfast Club and The Nine meet Sundays in the Youth Room during the **9:00** and **10:30 am** services. Our topics during Lent will follow along with the Project Live Well Lenten Study. Today's topic: **Serve with Love**. D&D meets **Wednesday** from **3:00-5:00 pm**.

High School - Tonight is the night - Escape Room, pizza and Mitchell's ice cream! The cost is \$15. **Please RSVP** if you haven't already. We leave at **5:15** - don't be late!

Confirmation - Our final regular meeting is **Sunday, April 7**. We'll attend the 10:30 service and then, meet afterwards for lunch and discussion in the Activity Room.

Spring Break is next week. There is NO Breakfast Club, The Nine, SALT or D&D from **March 24 - 31**. Have a great break!

Easter Flowers - The Deaconess Board is selling lilies and hydrangeas for our worship service on Easter Sunday. This project is entirely self-sustaining, funding the purchase of small daffodil plants which are delivered to our over 85 members. Again this year, we are offering a third option: to fund the purchase of cut flowers for our Easter cross outside the church on Aurora Street.

- This year's double stem lily or blue hydrangea plants will be \$22.00.
 - Monetary donations for the Easter Cross flowers are accepted in any amount.
- Please make your selection below and submit to the Church Office with your check by **Thursday, April 4**. Checks should be made payable to First Congregational Church with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

FROM: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

or

IN HONOR OF: _____

Check One: Lily Blue Hydrangea Easter Cross Flower Donation

I will take my plant I will leave my plant

Paid: Check # _____ Cash _____ Amt _____