

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, March 24

9/10:30/11:59 Worship
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
4:00 pm Vespers (Laurel Lake)
6:30 pm Handbells

TUESDAY, March 26

12:30 pm ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:00 pm OPEN M Cooking (FH Kitchen)

WEDNESDAY, March 27

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

THURSDAY, March 28

7:00 pm NAMI (102)

SATURDAY, March 30

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

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.

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.*

Today's Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 24, 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 is in full swing! 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. We will **not meet** this coming week because of spring break, but please join us for our next sessions during the weeks of **March 31, April 7** and **April 14**. For more information or to register, see the Project Live Well table after services in Fellowship Hall, or contact Steve Hockstra at shockstra@hudsonucc.org.

Drivers Wanted – Called to Care Looking for a way to make an impact in the life of a fellow FCCCH 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.

Women's Ministry

LIFT Annual Luncheon at Noble House - Save the Date! Thursday, May 2 at 12:00 noon. All women of the church are invited. There will not be a special program - **just conversation and fellowship!** The cost of the luncheon is \$16.00 and includes gratuity. (Your check will confirm your reservation.) Please RSVP by **Monday, April 29** by calling or stopping by the Church Office (330) 650-4048.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Emily Updegraff in honor of her father, John Donaldson's 70th birthday.

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

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 7**, 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, making them "warmer, safer and drier". Our children will learn about why ASP is important and what happens during the mission week. We will make gift bags for the volunteers with snacks, small gifts for their host families, prayer letters, and more. The bags will be delivered to the team mid-week when they need a little pick-me-up.

Who: Children, 2 years old - 5th grade

When: **April 7** from **10:00 am - 10:45 am** (9:00 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

What to bring: a monetary donation toward the project, should you choose.

A Fun and Easy Sewing Project!! - We need a few 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.

Ten-foot tailgate tents needed for VBS! If you have one, please contact Katie.

Youth Ministry

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

We hope you are enjoying your **Spring Break!** There is **no** Youth Programming from **March 24 - March 31**. We will see you again on **April 3** for D&D and **April 7** for The Nine, Breakfast Club, Confirmation and SALT.

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

Adult Ministry

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

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) luncheon and program will take place on **Monday, April 15** at **noon** in Fellowship Hall. Details to follow!

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.

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!

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 _____