

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, March 31

9/10:30/11:59 Worship
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
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)

MONDAY, April 1

8:30 am Deaconess Board (304 & Chapel)
7:00 pm First Serve Committee (304)
7:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (Alcove)

TUESDAY, April 2

1:30 pm PLW Lenten Study (LL)
6:30 pm Prayer Quilting (102)
7:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (301)
7:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (Libby's House)

Trinity Household/Clothing Ministry

Looking for a place to donate spring clothing or household items? Please visit the Outreach Info Station for a list of needed items and drop off information!

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. A special offering envelope is included in your bulletin packet.

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Today's Scripture: Luke 15:1-7

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

WEDNESDAY, April 3

9:00 am WOW (FH)
10:00 am PLW Lenten Study (Bird's House)
10:30 am PLW Lenten Study (Alcove)
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, April 4

9:30 am PLW Lenten Study (Taylor's House)
11:00 am Bible Study (Danbury Senior Living)
6:00 pm SWAG (FH & Youth Rm)
7:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (301)

FRIDAY, April 5

6:30 am JourneyMen (Yours Truly)

SATURDAY, April 6

9:00 am Gennesaret (off site)
10:00 am AI-Anon Newcomers (120)
11:00 am AI-Anon Meeting (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 31, 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! Join us as we continue to 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. 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.

Come Be Part of the Fun! Today during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall, everyone's help is needed to fill 300 Easter baskets with goodies! All the basket items are here, but the baskets need to be filled! Following worship, stop by, grab a basket and have fun! For the second year in a row, our church will donate 300 Easter baskets to Summit County Children Services. These baskets will be delivered by social workers to children served by this agency.

Thank you, Patty Hahn for organizing this annual event!

JourneyMen Sunrise Breakfast - Friday, April 5, 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.

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 today. We will see you again on **April 3** for D&D and **April 7** for The Nine, Breakfast Club, Confirmation and SALT.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by David and Vishala Raj, dedicated to their parents, Samuel and Savithri Raj and Robert and Eunice Wilfred.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES and ACTIVITIES

PALM SUNDAY - April 14; 9/10:30/11:59 am

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES - Monday, April 15

Laurel Lake Breakfast and Worship - 9:30 am
Hudson Grande Worship - 11:30 am
Danbury Senior Living Worship - 1:00 pm
Maplewood, Twinsburg Worship - 2:00 pm
American House - 3:00 pm
Maplewood, Cuyahoga Falls Worship - 4:00 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 18; 6:30 pm Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall. Join us in this simple meal of soup and bread (prepared by Mary Enlow and crew) followed by **7:30 pm Worship** in the sanctuary. Childcare is available beginning at 7:15 pm. Contact Mary (marykenlow@gmail.com or 330-697-4075) with any dietary restrictions. RSVP on the back of the Connection Card or call the Church Office at 330-650-4048.

EASTER - April 21

Sunrise Service at Hudson Springs Park, 6:20 am
Service of the Resurrection, Sanctuary - 9/10:30/11:59 am

FLOWER CROSS - Easter Sunday, April 21

Help bring the message of the Good News of Easter morning alive with flowers! Before and after worship, we encourage you to place flowers on the cross, located just outside the sanctuary doors on Aurora Street. Bring your own flowers, or find one in the bucket near the cross. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate God's love that brings new life.

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.

Pathway to Fun Continues! We have been thrilled with the excitement about our new playground for the Children of First Congregational Church and the Children's Center! Thank you to everyone who has supported this project by buying a brick for our beautiful entryway. Our brick fundraising campaign is ongoing and is the perfect way to celebrate our church, your child's time at preschool, to honor a church member, to memorialize a loved one, to celebrate a preschool graduation, to raise up a beloved staff member or teacher and to celebrate alumni! Forms are available on the Information Table. Please contact Dee with questions or for more information.

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.

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

#FCCH KidsonaMission mini mission—mighty purpose **Children 2 years old-5th grade!**

Join us in the Pray-per-View room next **Sunday, April 7** from **10:00 - 10:45 am** for our first mini mission - creating Appalachian Service Project Thank You Bags for our volunteers filled with snacks, small gifts for host families and more. See you there!

Adult Ministry

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

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) luncheon and program, **Monday, April 15** at **noon** will feature a presentation by **Bayada Home Health Care** of Cuyahoga Falls. Details to follow. Sign up on the Connection Card or call the church office. Questions? Email Kathy.

Walking and Hiking Groups will begin the middle to end of April. 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. Interested? Sign up on the Connection Card, call the church office or email Kathy.

LIFT Annual Luncheon at Noble House -Thursday, May 2 at 12:00 noon. All women of the church are invited for **conversation and fellowship!** The cost is \$16.00 and includes gratuity. (Your check confirms your reservation.) **RSVP by Monday, April 29** on the Connection Card or call or stop by the Church Office (330-650-4048).

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 as soon as possible. The deadline to order is **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 _____