

## Congregational Calendar

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### SUNDAY, April 7

9/10:30/11:59	Worship
9:00 am	The Nine (Youth)
9:45 am	Friends Class (102)
10:00 am	Children's Ministries Mission (AR)
10:30 am	Breakfast Club (Youth)
10:30 am	PLW Lenten Study (301)
11:30 am	Confirmation Meeting (AR)
11:30 am	PLW Lenten Study (304)
1:00 pm	PLW Lenten Study (301)
5:00 pm	PLW Lenten Study (FH)
6:00 pm	SALT (off site)
6:30 pm	Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Teen Band (Sanctuary)

### MONDAY, April 8

7:00 pm	PLW Lenten Study (Alcove)
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### TUESDAY, April 9

12:30 pm	ROMEOS (Lager & Vine)
1:30 pm	PLW Lenten Study (LL)
7:00 pm	PLW Lenten Study (301)
7:00 pm	PLW Lenten Study (Libby's House)
7:00 pm	Membership Board (304)

**Coffee Hour** during the month of April is provided through the generosity of the members of Church Council.

### WEDNESDAY, April 10

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 11

9:30 am	PLW Lenten Study (Taylor's House)
11:00 am	Bible Study (Danbury Senior Living)
7:00 pm	NAMI (102)
7:00 pm	PLW Lenten Study (301)

### SATURDAY, April 13

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

### ROMEOS, Retired Older Men Eating Out

Will meet on **Tuesday, April 9 at 12:30 pm** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. For more information, contact Henry Vigor:

[hkvigor@windstream.net](mailto:hkvigor@windstream.net).

### Today's Scripture: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, April 7, 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](mailto:shockstra@hudsonucc.org).

### Newcomers and Membership Informational Gathering - May 1 and May 5

Are you interested in learning more about First Congregational Church and how to become a member? Or do you know someone who might be interested in learning more about membership and our congregation? Then, join us for these *two sessions*:

#### PART I

*Wednesday, May 1*

**7:00 - 8:30 pm; Youth Room**

*(child care available)*

#### PART II

*Sunday, May 5*

**5:00 - 7:00 pm; Activity Room & Room 102**

*(meal provided & child care available)*

Come learn about First Congregational Church, its ministries, and the many ways to engage your faith wherever you are on life's journey. Those who choose to become members will do so in worship on **Sunday, May 19**. To sign up, check the back of the Connection Card or call (330) 650-4048. For more information, contact Rev. Jeanette Brodersen at (330) 650-4048, [jbroderson@hudsonucc.org](mailto:jbroderson@hudsonucc.org).

### Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Michele Zelko and Mary Enlow in loving memory of Helen, Paul and Elizabeth Enlow.

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

**Vacation Bible School 2019 - June 3-6, 5:30-8:00 pm** (dinner included). Online registration is now open at [www.hudsonucc.org](http://www.hudsonucc.org). Questions? Contact Katie.

### 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, April 15 at noon** will feature an educational presentation by **Bayada Home Health Care** of Cuyahoga Falls, "**Laughter is the Best Medicine**". Laughter benefits our physical and mental health and has the power to strengthen our relationships. Join us for an experiential dose of laughter! You will learn, laugh and benefit from all the powerful ways laughter can affect us. Sign up on the Connection Card or call the church office. Questions? Email Kathy.

**Walking and Hiking Groups** will begin on **April 23** and **April 25** respectively.

Walking Group will meet on **Tuesdays at 1:00 pm** at Barlow Community Center. The walk around the two lakes is .75 miles. Normally, the group does two laps, but it is not required! Hiking Group will meet on **Thursdays at 1:00 pm**. This group will meet in Cuyahoga, Summit and Brecksville parks. Hikes vary in length and difficulty. Join us whenever you are able!

### 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).*

**Breakfast Club** and **The Nine** meet every Sunday **during the 9:00 and 10:30 am services**.

All middle school and high school students are invited to the Youth Room for donuts and discussions.

**Confirmation** is meeting today immediately following the 10:30 service. Please head directly to the Activity Room after worship for lunch and our final meeting of the year.

**SALT** serves at Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority this evening. Please meet us here at church by **5:30 pm**. We will transport all students to Summit Lake for a service project. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and if you have them, please bring work gloves. We will return to church no later than 8:00 pm.

**D&D** resumes this **Wednesday**. Join us immediately after school from **3:00-5:00 pm** for snacks, games and great discussions.

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**Music Notes** - *Laudate Dominum* is excerpted from a larger work entitled *Vesperae solennes de confessore (Solemn Vespers for a Confessor)*. It was originally scored for a small orchestra and written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in 1780. It was first performed at the Salzburg Cathedral as part of a vespers service.

*Lord, Jesus Christ* is also excerpted from a larger work. Samuel Barber wrote Prayers of Kierkegaard, a sacred cantata, over a period of 12 years. It was premiered on December 3, 1954 by the Boston Symphony, the Cecilia Society Chorus and Leontyne Price singing the soprano role.