

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, April 14

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)
11:45 am New ASP Leaders Mtg. (Youth)
1:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (301)
5:00 pm PLW Lenten Study (FH)
6:00 pm SALT (Youth Room)
6:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Teen Band (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, April 15

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

TUESDAY, April 16

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

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

Today's Scripture: Luke 19:29-40

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

WEDNESDAY, April 17

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 18

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)
9:30 am PLW Lenten Study (Taylor's House)
11:00 am Bible Study (Danbury Senior Living)
6:30 pm Soup Supper (FH)
7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, April 19

Good Friday - Church Office Closes at Noon

SATURDAY, April 20

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

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, April 14, 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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES and ACTIVITIES

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.

Bridge Club - Moms of graduating seniors are invited to a gathering at **Brewster's** in Twinsburg on **Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 pm** to share experiences related to their children heading off to new adventures and their own potential empty nesting.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Mike and Brit Seifert in honor of Janet and Jerry Seifert and in memory of Finn and Helen Dietrichs and Mary and Paul McBride.

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, jbrodersen@hudsonucc.org.

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.

Do you know any two year olds? The Children's Center still has a few spots open for their **Time for Tots** Program for the 2019-2020 school year. The children must be 2 years old by **9/30/19** to attend this program and do **NOT** need to be potty-trained. This is an exciting one day a week program that is designed for children who are ready for their first preschool experience and their first time away from home! Please contact Dee Buchanan or the church website (www.hudsonucc.org) for more information.

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. Questions? Contact Katie.

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!

Adult Ministry

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

Happy Hikers will meet at **Hudson Springs Park** on **Thursday, April 25** at **1:00 pm** for our first hike of 2019! **Walking Warriors** will meet on **Tuesday, April 23** at **1:00 pm** at **Barlow Community Center** for the first walk of the year. Everyone is welcome to join either group as often as you want. Come and enjoy the Spring weather!

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) luncheon and program, **Monday, May 20** at **noon** will feature **Denny Reiser**. Denny is a photographer with a special interest in bee photography. He will share some fascinating photos he has taken over the years of some of the smallest insects that we share our environment with. Sign up on the Connection Card or call the church office.

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) Interested in going to **Blossom** this summer? On **August 11** at **8:00 pm**, Brian Wilson, co-founder of the **Beach Boys**, accompanied by his bandmates, Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin, will play summertime favorites from their groups 1966 album *Pet Sounds* including songs like "Wouldn't It Be Nice", "Sloop John B" and "God Only Knows". Eating at the covered pod pavilion may be an option as well. If you're interested in this fun and entertaining event, please sign the Connection card today for Blossom only **OR** Blossom and dinner. Questions? Email Kathy.

Youth Ministry

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

The Nine and **Breakfast Club** meet **today 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. We will not meet next week - hope to see you at Easter services!

SALT meets in the Youth Room **tonight**. Join us from **6:00-7:30 pm** for book talk. No worries if you haven't been with us before—jump in right now just as you are! We'll have a book waiting for you!

D&D this **Wednesday** is all about Standing Up for What's Right. Join us immediately after school from **3:00-5:00 pm** for snacks, games and great discussions.

Women's Ministry

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 will confirm your reservation.) Please RSVP by **Monday, April 29** on the Connection Card or by calling or stopping by the Church Office (330) 650-4048.