

## Congregational Calendar

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### **SUNDAY, April 28**

9/10:30/11:59 Worship  
9:00 am The Nine (Youth)  
9:45 am Friends Class (102)  
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth)  
11:30 am Confirmation Stole Making (Act.)  
4:00 pm Vespers Service (Laurel Lake)  
6:00 pm SALT (Youth Room & FH)  
6:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)  
7:30 pm Teen Band (Sanctuary)

### **TUESDAY, April 30**

1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)  
7:00 pm First Serve Kick Off (FH)

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

### **WEDNESDAY, May 1**

9:00 am WOW (FH)  
3:00 pm D&D (Youth & FH)  
5:00 pm revoice (Choir)  
5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday (FH)  
7:00 pm Newcomer Class I (Youth Room)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble

### **THURSDAY, May 2**

12:00 pm LIFT Luncheon (Noble House)

### **FRIDAY, May 3**

6:30 am JourneyMen (Yours Truly)

### **SATURDAY, May 4**

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

### ***Today's Scripture: John 20:19-31***

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*SUNDAY, April 28, 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.

***You Are Invited To First Serve 2019 Kickoff Event - Tuesday, April 30 ~ 7:00pm***

### **First Congregational Church of Hudson**

A Celebration of our Day of Service

This special event will highlight **First Serve 2018** and announce plans for **First Serve 2019**.

- Reunite with your fellow crew members.
- Learn about North Hill, the Akron neighborhood where projects will be located this year.
- Preview the types of projects we are developing for this year.
- Enjoy food and music.

Bring along a friend or two who may want to join us this year!

### **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](mailto:jbrodersen@hudsonucc.org).

### ***Today's Flowers***

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Women on Wednesday (WOW) in loving memory of Mary Griffiths, her parents, Myron and Bea Griffiths and her sister, Joy Quilty.

## 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 **TOMORROW, Monday, April 29** on the Connection Card or by calling or stopping by the Church Office (330) 650-4048.

## 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).

**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.

**We are looking for Crib Room Assistants** - at least 18 years old and a high school graduate. Assistants must be able to work Sunday mornings and occasional weekday evenings. Please contact Dee Buchanan for more information.

**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](http://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.

## Adult Faith Formation

**Journeyman Breakfast** - All men are invited to breakfast and fellowship, **Friday, May 3** at Yours Truly restaurant. Come join us, as well, for spontaneous "Thirsty Thursdays" and service. Contact Trip Kern: [Trip.Kern@gmail.com](mailto:Trip.Kern@gmail.com).

**Congregational Conversations** - This weekly Bible study, led by Rev. Steve Hockstra meets **every Tuesday** from **1:30-2:30 pm** at Laurel Lake Mixing Place #1. Contact Steve Hockstra ([shockstra@hudsonucc.org](mailto:shockstra@hudsonucc.org)) for more information.

## Down by the Riverside

Words and Music: Af. Am. Traditional  
Arr. Amy Sens

Capo fret 3

(D) F

1. Gonna lay down my hea - vy load  
2. Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace down by\_\_\_ the ri-ver-side,  
3. Gonna lay down my sword and shield

(A) C (D) F

down by\_\_\_ the ri - ver - side down by\_\_\_ the ri - ver - side Gonna Gonna Gonna

(A) C

lay down my hea - vy load  
talk with the Prince of Peace down by\_\_\_ the ri-ver side. Gonna study\_\_\_ war no  
lay down my sword and shield

(D) F (G) Bb (D) F

more. I ain't gonna stu-dy war no more, ain't gonna stu-dy war no more ain't

1. (A) C (D) F 2. (A) C (D) F

gonna study\_\_\_ war no\_\_\_ more. I ain't gonna stu dy\_\_\_ war no\_\_\_ more.

Time: DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

# Amazing Grace

Words: John Newton, 1779, alt.

Music: Anonymous  
Arr. Amy Sens

Capo fret 2

Chords: (D) E, (G) A, (D) E, (A) B, (D) E

1. A - ma - zing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3. Through ma - ny dan - gers toils and snares I  
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

6  
 saved a wretch like me! I  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how  
 have al - read - y come; it's  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've

10  
 once was lost, but now am found, was  
 pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the  
 grace that's brought me safe this far, and  
 no less days to sing God's praise than

14  
 blind but now I see.  
 hour I first be - lieved.  
 grace will lead me home.  
 when we'd first be - gun.

Tune: NEW BRITAIN  
C.M.

## Adult Ministry

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

**Happy Hikers** will meet at *Freedom Trail*, 1765 N.E. Avenue, Tallmadge, on **Thursday, May 2 at 2:00 pm.** (Note time change!) **Walking Warriors** will meet every **Tuesday at 1:00 pm at Barlow Community Center.** Everyone is welcome to join one or both groups!

**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 the orchestra and his bandmates, will play summertime favorites from their 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](mailto:cbaylor@hudsonucc.org) or Amy Baldwin [abaldwin@hudsonucc.org](mailto: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.

**Confirmation** - Immediately following Breakfast Club, please go to the Activity Room for Stole Making, Faith Statements and Lunch. (Activities to conclude around 1:00 pm).

**SALT** meets in the Youth Room **tonight from 6:00-7:30 pm** to talk about taking Risks!

**D&D** - This **Wednesday** we are heading to Cold Stone Creamery! Bring \$5 and wear your walking shoes. As always, friends are welcome. See you for a fun outing!

**Gennesaret** soup kitchen is this **Saturday, May 4.** Contact Jeff Wells to sign up: [jeffreylwells@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreylwells@gmail.com).

**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!



# Down in the Valley to Pray

Words: Traditional,  
Amy Sens alt., 2012

Music: Traditional

1. As I went down in the val - ley to  
 2. As I went down in the val - ley to  
 3. As I went down in the val - ley to  
 4. As I went down in the val - ley to

4  
 pray, stu - dy - in' a - bout that good old  
 pray, walk - in' a - long that good old  
 pray, sing - in' a - bout that good old  
 pray, stu - dy - in' a - bout that good old

8  
 way and who shall wear the robe and  
 way I blessed the feet that walked a  
 way I blessed the hands that led me  
 way and who shall wear the star - ry

12  
 crown,  
 head, good Lord, show me the way!  
 on,  
 crown,

2

17 D G  
 Oh, chil - dren,\* let's go down!\_\_\_\_\_

21 G C G  
 Let's go down, don't you want to go down...

25 D G  
 Oh, chil - dren,\* let's go down!\_\_\_\_\_

29 G C G  
 Down in the val - ley to\_\_\_\_\_ pray.\_\_\_\_\_

Tune: DOWN IN THE VALLEY

\*alternate text: brothers, sisters