

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, May 5

9/10:30/11:59 Worship
9:00 am The Nine (Youth)
9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth)
5:00 pm Newcomer Class II (Act. Room)
6:00 pm SALT (Youth Room & FH)
6:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm ASP Paperwork (FH)
7:30 pm Teen Band (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, May 6

9:00 am Deaconess Board (304 & Chapel)

TUESDAY, May 7

1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
6:00 pm Membership Board (off site)
6:30 pm Prayer Quilting (102)
7:00 pm Trustees (304)

WEDNESDAY, May 8

3:00 pm D&D (Youth & FH)
5:00 pm revoice (Choir)
5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday Cast Party (FH)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble

THURSDAY, May 9

7:00 pm NAMI (102)

SATURDAY, May 11

10:00 am AI-Anon Newcomers (120)
11:00 am AI-Anon Meeting (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)
4:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Coffee Hour during the month of May is provided through the

generosity of the members of the Trustees Board and the Finance Committee.

Today's Scripture: Luke 24:28-35

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by John Laird in memory of Nancy, mother-in-law Janet Mossbarger and his parents, Bert and Hallie Laird.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 5, 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.

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.*

Vacation Bible School 2019 - Apprentice 29AD is coming! Are you signed up?

Dates: **June 3-6, 5:30-8:00 pm** (Dinner included).

Registration is \$20 until May 13 and \$30 after May 13.

Preschool - outgoing 5th graders (3 years old by 9/30/18 and potty-trained)

Sign up at www.hudsonucc.org.

The children will be taking a step back in time. They will create treats in a 1st century bakery, grind spices in the spice shop and make instruments in the instrument maker tent. On Thursday, we will have a festival in the marketplace with a magician, live animals and, rumor has it that Jesus will be there!

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! Thanks 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.

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.

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.

Adult Faith Formation

For opportunities in Adult Faith Formation, contact Steve Hockstra, (330) 650-4048 or shockstra@hudsonucc.org.

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) for more information.

ROMEOS, "Retired Older Men Eating Out," will meet on **Tuesday, May 14 and May 28 at 12:30 pm** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. For more information, contact Henry Vigor: hkvigor@windstream.net.

The Interfaith Group will NOT be meeting in May. The course earlier planned for May has been postponed until further notice.

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.

Confirmation - Next weekend is the big event. Rehearsal and dinner are on Saturday evening. Confirmation is Sunday morning. See your email for more details.

D&D meets just two more times this year! Don't miss your last opportunities of the school year to meet with this great group! This week we talk about Standing Up for What's Right. Next week, we celebrate the end of the year. Hope to see you there!

SALT meets in the Youth Room **tonight.** Join us from **6:00-7:30 pm** for our final book talk. Steve will be joining us!

ASP Paperwork meeting tonight, immediately following SALT. Meet us in Fellowship Hall with your paper work completed. Remember to bring a photocopy of your insurance cards (and driver's license for adults)!

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.

Blossom? FYI (Feeling Young Inside) would like to sponsor a Cleveland Orchestra Blossom event for anyone interested. On **August 11 at 8:00 pm**, Brian Wilson, co-founder of the **Beach Boys**, accompanied by bandmates Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin, 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.

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.

Happy Hikers will meet at *Furnace Run Metro Park*, 4955 Townsend Road, Richfield, on **Thursday, May 9 at 1:00 pm**. The hike will be easy, 1.4 miles. If anyone would like to do the second trail, it is 1.3 miles and easy as well. **Walking Warriors** will meet every **Tuesday at 1:00 pm at Barlow Community Center**. Everyone is welcome to join one or both groups!

Need a ride to an appointment? Called to Care is here for you. Just let us know! Called to Care transportation volunteers seek to help people in times of need, like an illness or injury. They provide church members and friends with transportation for occasional needs, like a medical appointment or treatment. **Coordinator Tom Hudson will connect you with a driver (330) 650-1199 or tghudson@juno.com.**

Family Promise Host Week - May 26– June 2 Please consider joining our volunteer team here at FCCH as we host homeless families in our building during the week of May 26. There are many opportunities to help: Dinner Hosts, Evening Hosts, Van Driver, Set-up Crew, Take-down Crew, Overnight Hosts, Breakfast Hosts, Grocery Shopper. Please stop by the Outreach Info Station in the church's main hallway for more information and to view the week's calendar of volunteer opportunities. Questions? Contact Beth Sosinski at bethsosinski@gmail.com.