

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, May 12

9/10:30/11:59 Worship
9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)
6:00 pm SALT (Youth Room & FH)
6:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Teen Band (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, May 13

7:00 pm Stew Crew (304)
7:00 pm Mission Board (301)
7:00 pm Youth Ed Board (Youth Room)

TUESDAY, May 14

12:30 pm ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
6:30 pm Children's Ministries Board (102)
7:00 pm Personnel Committee (304)
7:00 pm First Serve Committee (Youth Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, May 15

9:00 am WOW (FH)
11:00 am Hudson Grande Worship (off site)
3:00 pm D&D (Youth & FH)
5:00 pm revoice (Choir Room)
7:00 pm Council (304)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, May 16

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)

SATURDAY, May 18

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

We encourage you to **collect water** from a place this summer that has special meaning for you and to bring it to church on **Sunday, September 15**. On that day, we will pour all our water together and bless it as our holy water for the upcoming year. We'll use it in baptisms, confirmation, and other special blessings, adding it to water collected in the last two years. **Pick up your water bottle** from the baskets outside the sanctuary doors and at the Welcome Table by the 2nd floor elevator entrance.

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: Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 12, 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.

Youth Ministry

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

Congratulations to our Confirmands! - Seventh graders: a year from now you will be wearing the red robes. Be sure to check your email for information on how to register for Confirmation, 2020. Please do this before the end of the school year!

High Schoolers: SALT meets in the Youth Room **tonight** from **6:00-7:30 pm**. Hope you can join us! And be sure to attend Hudson High School's Baccalaureate on **May 21** at **7:00 pm** in the high school auditorium.

Middle Schoolers: Don't miss our end of the year party at **D&D!** We meet at our regular time, this **Wednesday** from **3:00-5:00 pm**. Can't wait to see you for our last meeting of the school year!

Family Promise Host Week - May 26- June 2 Please consider joining our volunteer team here at FCCH as we provide emergency shelter to homeless families in our building during the week of **May 26**. Hesitant to volunteer? Shadowing a volunteer in any of the opportunities is possible! Volunteers are needed for: breakfast hosts, AM van driving, dinner hosts, evening hosts, and overnight hosts. Stop by the Outreach Info Station after Sunday services for the latest opportunities. Please contact Beth Sosinski if you desire to volunteer or if you have questions: bethsosinski@gmail.com or 330-283-6843.

Donations needed! Thank you to everyone who has donated toiletries for this upcoming host week. We still need individually packaged toothbrushes, tissue packs, and travel size toothpastes. Donations may be left in the Family Promise bin across from the church office.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Deborah and John Hogg in honor of the Baldwin Family and in honor of today's Confirmands.

Adult Ministry

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

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) is going to Blossom! On **August 11 at 7:00 pm**, Brian Wilson, co-founder of the **Beach Boys**, accompanied by bandmates Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin and the Blossom Festival Orchestra will present *Pet Sounds*. Ticket price is \$28.50 and includes a lot B, C, or D parking pass with tram service to the entrance. If you require a close-in parking pass, there is an additional fee of \$25.00 for Lot A. A covered pod pavilion has been reserved for us to dine before the concert. Meal choices will be available soon. **Please turn in your money in the church office as soon as possible to hold your spot!** 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 *Cascade Valley Metro Park*, 354 Sackett Avenue, Akron on **Thursday, May 16 at 1:00 pm**. The hikes, *Oxbow and Overlook Trails*, are 1.7 miles combined. **Walking Warriors** meets every **Tuesday at 1:00 pm** at **Barlow Community Center**. Everyone is welcome to join one or both groups!

Adult Faith Formation

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

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 to the fall.

Women's Drop-in Bible Study - Plan ahead for an inspiring time of faith-filled fellowship this summer! All women are invited for continued discussion of "Women of the Bible" videos, **Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am on June 12, 19, 26, July 10 (no 3rd), 17 and 24.** Contact Tracy Zappone: pzappone@yahoo.com.

Pathfinders - We have adjourned for the summer but will resume on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month starting **September 22 at 9:00 am** in the 3rd floor chapel. Our new study will be *The Apocryphal Jesus* with Dr. David Brakke, history professor at The Ohio State University. We hope to gain new perspectives on early Christian life and history.

Adult Faith Formation

Tough Questions - The questions you always wanted to ask, but never thought you could. Join Rev. Steve Hockstra this summer for a three-week series where we explore questions like: Does Genesis 1 give us a scientific explanation of how the world began? Was Mary really a virgin? Did Jesus have to die on a cross to satisfy God's wrath and payment for our sins? We will meet **June 13, 20 and 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm** in Room 301. Email churchoffice@hudsonucc.org or fill out the Connection Card to sign up.

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.

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 - \$30 after May 13. Sign up at www.hudsonucc.org.

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

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!

Come see the tent on the first floor 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! 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.