

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, May 19

9/10:30/11:59 Worship
9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)
10:00/11:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic (Office)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
11:45 am TPP Paperwork (Youth Room)
6:00 pm SALT (Youth Room & FH)

MONDAY, May 20

12:00 pm FYI Luncheon (FH)
7:00 pm Deacons Board (304)

Coffee Hour in May is provided through the generosity of members of the Trustees Board and the Finance Committee.

Gennesaret Work Day! Sat., June 1, 1:00-4:00 pm - Volunteers needed to help deep clean Gennesaret, a soup kitchen located in west Akron. Please stop by the Outreach Info Station for details on how to sign up!

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.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Marjorie Priest and family in loving memory of Dave Terry.

Today's Scripture: John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 19, 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.

Welcome New Members!

We are so excited to welcome members joining today. Please extend a warm welcome to our newcomers or look for their photos in the July newsletter!

Chuck and Anjenette Fenske

3018 Spruce Lane, Hudson 44236

Chuck is Vice President for the Knoch Corporation and Anjenette is an attorney for United Health Care. They have two children: Reed, 5 and Grant, 3.

Cynthia Field

2700 Parkside Drive, Hudson 44236

Brent and Sarah Forrer

7401 Valerie Lane, Hudson 44236

Brent is the owner of All Around Cyclery and Sarah is in Marketing and Public Relations at Western Reserve Academy. They have three children: Tommy, 12, Hadley, 7 and William, 4.

Jon Hedges

8 Blackberry Drive, Hudson 44236

Jon is the owner of Hedges & Company, a digital marketing agency. He and his wife, Julie have two grown children, Steven and Jenny.

Josh and Kim Miner

1547 Callander Drive, Hudson 44236

Josh is a self-employed contractor and Kim is an account executive with Oracle NetSuite. They have two children: Stella, 4 and Lydia, 2.

Tim and Michelle Pinnow

1564 Plantation Drive, Hudson 44236

Tim is Regional Sales Manager at Marlite and Michelle is Senior Learning and Development Manager at PNC Bank. They have two children: Kelsi, 14 and Chase, 10.

College Bible Study - Do you have questions about the Bible? Are there passages that don't make sense? On **Sunday, June 2, 8:00-9:00 pm** at the home of Henry Tikkanen (1480 Groton Drive, Hudson), we will explore these and other questions about the Bible.

College (ROCK) Summer Kick-Off Party - Saturday, June 1, 7:00 pm at the McGlumphy's (1487 Jennifer Drive, Twinsburg). Wear your sneakers! There will be baseball, kickball, cornhole and s'mores at the firepit! Text Jennifer Rummell (330-541-3557) and let her know if you can make it. See you there!

Live Well, Do Good 5K (9:00 am) and One Mile (8:30 am) Race - Sunday, June 2

Runners, walkers, adults, children – everyone is invited to participate in our first ever race! Our route will take us through the historic Western Reserve Academy utilizing cross country trails. Very beginner friendly. Proceeds will be donated to The Children’s Center at Valley View in Akron that will provide a quality preschool education in an area where no other opportunities currently exist. Starting in 2020, this preschool will be located in an Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority neighborhood in Akron’s North Hill community. Visit www.hudsonucc.org to register or come to the Project Live Well table in Fellowship Hall. Unable to walk or run, but still want to participate? Contact Emily Lopick at elopick@hudsonucc.org for volunteer opportunities.

Project Live Well Wall - In John 10:10, Jesus promised abundant life - but what does it mean to you to live abundantly or live well? We invite you to stop by the front of the church and write your ideas on our new Live Well Wall. Share your hopes, dreams, desires ... whatever living well means to you. While there, take a picture and share on social media using #LiveWellWall.

Youth Ministry

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

D&D and **SALT** have both finished up. Thanks for another great school year!

And, best of luck to this year’s high school graduates!

Baccalaureate is this **Tuesday, May 21** at **7:00 pm** in the high school auditorium.

Breakfast Club and the **Nine** continue to meet in the Youth Room during worship.

Please join us!

TPP families will meet in the Youth Room **TODAY** at **11:45 pm**. Hope to see you there.

Children’s Ministry

For Children’s opportunities, contact Dee Buchanan dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org or Katie Morgan kmorgan@hudsonucc.org.

Vacation Bible School 2019 - Apprentice 29AD is coming! Dates: **June 3-6, 5:30-8:00 pm**

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

Registration is \$30 (Dinner included). **Sign up** at www.hudsonucc.org.

The children will step back in time, creating treats in a 1st century bakery, grinding spices in the spice shop and making 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, Jesus will be there! **Come to the tent in Fellowship Hall 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.

Family Promise Host Week is **May 26– June 2**— Volunteers and donations still needed!

Day Leader (5:00-7:15 pm): Saturday, June 1

PM Driver (4:15-6:00 pm): Sunday, May 26 and Friday, June 1

Dinner Hosts (5:30-7:30 pm): Sunday, May 26, Monday, May 27, Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1

Evening Hosts (7:00-9:00 pm) Monday, May 27, Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1

Overnight Host (9:15 pm—7:00 am): Saturday, June 1

Donations needed: individually packaged toothbrushes, tissue packs, travel size tooth-pastes. Please contact Beth Sosinski: bethsosinski@gmail.com or 330-283-6843.

Adult Faith Formation

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

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.

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.

Adult Ministry

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

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) luncheon and program is tomorrow, **May 20** at **noon**.

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) on **August 11** at **7:00 pm** will be at **Blossom Music Center**.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun with Brian Wilson, co-founder of the **Beach Boys!** A boxed dinner will take place in a covered pod prior to the concert, by Blossom’s caterer for a small fee. (Option is available for **dinner only** for season ticket holders.) 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. **Bring your check to the church office by June 9** to reserve your seat! Meal choices will be available when you pick up your ticket/s. Questions? Email Kathy.

Happy Hikers will hike at **Liberty Park**, 9999 Liberty Road, Twinsburg on **Thursday, May 23** at **1:00 pm**. The trails, *Ledges* (1.1 mi.) is moderately difficult and *Coyote* (1.2 mi.) is easy. We will add the *Maple Loop* (.25 mi.), time and weather permitting to stay on track with the walking spree for Summit County. **Walking Warriors** meets every **Tuesday** at **1:00 pm** at **Barlow Community Center**. Everyone is welcome!