

## Congregational Calendar

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### **SUNDAY, May 26**

9/10:30/11:59 Worship  
9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)  
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)  
4:00 pm Vespers (Laurel Lake)

### **MONDAY, May 27**

**Memorial Day— Church Office Closed**

### **TUESDAY, May 28**

12:30 pm ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)  
1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)  
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)

### **WEDNESDAY, May 29**

9:00 am WOW (FH)  
7:00 pm Investment Committee (304)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

### **THURSDAY, May 30**

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Munroe Falls MP)  
7:00 pm Endowment Committee (304)

### **SATURDAY, June 1**

9:00 am Gennesaret (off site)  
10:00a-1:00p Race Packet Pick Up (FH)  
10:00 am Al-Anon Newcomers (120)  
11:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (102)  
11:00 am Alateen (Activity Room)

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

**Family Promise Host Week starts TODAY through June 2**— Volunteers are **URGENTLY** needed for the opportunities listed below.

- **Sunday, May 26 - PM Driver** (4:15-6:00 pm); **Dinner Hosts** (5:30-7:30 pm);
- **Monday, May 27 - Dinner Hosts** (5:30-7:30 pm); **Evening Hosts** (7:00-9:30 pm)
- **Friday, May 31 - Dinner Hosts** (5:30-7:30 pm); **PM Driver** (4:15-6:00 pm)
- **Saturday, June 1 - Day Leader** (5:00-7:15 pm); **Dinner Hosts** (5:30-7:30 pm); **Evening Hosts** (7:00-9:00 pm); **Overnight Host** (9:15 pm—7:00 am)
- **Donations still needed:** individually packaged toothbrushes, tissue packs, travel size toothpastes. Please contact Beth Sosinski: [bethsosinski@gmail.com](mailto:bethsosinski@gmail.com) or 330-283-6843.

### *Today's Scripture: John 15:12-17*

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*SUNDAY, May 26, 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.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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.

**Water!** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor elevator entrance.

**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!

### *Today's Flowers*

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Bob and Marty Hills in loving memory of Marty's brother, Lt. James McVay, and in honor of all who have given their full measure of devotion.

## 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).

**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!

**Breakfast Club** and **The Nine** continue to meet in the Youth Room during worship. Please join us!

**ASP Leaders:** Remember, we meet **Sunday, June 2 at 1:00 pm** in the Room 301 to organize tool kits and find out who is on your crew.

**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!

**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.

## Adult Faith Formation

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

**Women's Drop-in Bible Study - Wednesdays, June 12-24, 9:30-10:30 am** in Room 301.

\* NO registration \* NO homework \* NO outside reading \* NO pressure to be there every week! Grab a friend and come when you are in town and available. This is a great way to spend time each week in God's word and enjoy fellowship with other women. Each week we will examine different women of the Bible and the relevant lessons from their lives that apply to our lives today. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Tracy Zappone: [pzappone@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:churchoffice@hudsonucc.org) or fill out the Connection Card to sign up.

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

**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.

## Children's Ministry

For Children's opportunities, contact Dee Buchanan [dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org) or Katie Morgan: [kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kmorgan@hudsonucc.org).

**Vacation Bible School 2019** - It's not too late to sign up! Dates: **June 3-6, 5:30-8:00 pm**

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

**Registration is \$30** (Dinner included). **Sign up** at [www.hudsonucc.org](http://www.hudsonucc.org).

The children will step back in time, creating treats in a 1<sup>st</sup> 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! Call or email Katie 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! 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 and **deadline to order is May 31**. **Contact Dee** with questions or for more information.

## Adult Ministry

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

**FYI (Feeling Young Inside)** on **August 11 at 7:00 pm** will be at **Blossom Music Center**. Please bring or send a check for **\$28.50** per ticket by **June 9**. A boxed dinner provided by Blossom's caterer will take place in a covered pod prior to the concert for an additional **\$10**. (Option is available for **dinner only** for season ticket holders.) Meal choices are on the workroom table. Contact Kathy with your meal selection and any questions you may have.

**Happy Hikers** will hike at **Munroe Falls Metro Park**, 1088 North Avenue, Tallmadge, on **Thursday, May 30 at 1:00 pm**. The trails (2.35 mi.) are easy. **Walking Warriors** meets every **Tuesday at 1:00 pm** at **Barlow Community Center**. Everyone is welcome!

**FYI Luncheon - Monday, June 17** will feature a presentation by Carol Stanley who has co-authored the book, "*The Oneness Circle*", a spiritual growth handbook. Sign up on the Connection Card today!