

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, June 16

9:00 am Outdoor Worship (Courtyard)
10:30/11:59 Worship
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)

MONDAY, June 17

12:00 pm FYI Luncheon (FH)
7:00 pm Deacons Board (301)
7:00 pm Personnel Committee (304)

TUESDAY, June 18

1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)

WEDNESDAY, June 19

9:00 am WOW (FH)
9:30 am Women's Bible Study (301)
11:00 am Hudson Grande VIP Worship
7:00 pm Ice-Cream & Tri-Folds (Youth Room)
7:00 pm Church Council (304)

THURSDAY, June 20

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)
1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Hemlock Trail, Brecks.)
7:00 pm *Tough Questions* Bible Study (301)

SATURDAY, June 22

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

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 our 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 2nd floor elevator entrance.

Coffee Hour in June is provided through the generosity of members of the Endowment Board, the Personnel Committee and the Nominations Committee.

Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, Cocoa Mix and Chocolate Bars - Show your support of Fair Trade by stopping at the Equal Exchange table in Fellowship Hall following all three services.

Fair Trade enables farmers to stay on their land, receive a fair price, send their children to school and care for the environment.

All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Summit County.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, June 16, 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.

Today's Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Mackenzie Hester in loving memory of her grandfather, Donald Durkovic and in honor of all Dads, Happy Father's Day!

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 - continues this Wednesday, June 19 9:30-10:30 am in Room 301. We will study "Rebekah: Breaking Free from Feminine Stereotypes" and discuss relevant lessons for our lives today. * NO registration * NO homework * NO outside reading. Come when you can! This is a great way to spend time each week in God's word and enjoy fellowship with other women. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Tracy Zappone: pzappone@yahoo.com.

Tough Questions –the questions you always wanted to ask, but never thought you could. Join Rev. Steve Hockstra on **Thursdays, June 20 and 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm** in Room 301 as we explore questions such as: 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? To sign up, please fill out the Connection Card or email churchoffice@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 (shockstra@hudsonucc.org) for more information.

ROMEOS, "Retired Older Men Eating Out," will meet on **June 25 at 12:30 pm** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. For more information, contact Henry Vigor: hkvigor@windstream.net.

Children's Ministry

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

SAVE THE DATES!

- **July 15-17** is Wacky Sports Week! (Cost - \$10.)
- **Friday, July 19** is the Bible Animal Race at the Cleveland Zoo. Details to follow. To RSVP or for more information, contact Caitlyn at cmenolasino@hudsonucc.org.

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.**

Adult Ministry

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

FYI Luncheon - Monday, June 17 will feature a presentation by Carol Stanley, a clinical counselor specializing in sand tray therapy, who has co-authored the book, "*The Oneness Circle*", a spiritual growth handbook. Carol will discuss the oneness circle small group environment of sharing and inspiration including opening to one another, listening with our whole being, and echoing back from our hearts, a life enhancing and happiness generating opportunity. Sign up on the Connection Card today!

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) on **August 11 at 7:00 pm** will be at **Blossom Music Center**. A boxed dinner provided by Blossom's caterer will take place in a covered pod prior to the performance for an additional **\$10**. (Option is available for **dinner only** for season ticket holders.) Please bring a check for **\$28.50** per ticket for the concert and **\$10** for dinner by **TOMORROW, June 17**. Menus are on the bulletin board, in the workroom and have been emailed to those who have signed up on the Connection Card. Send meal selection to kyeakley@hudsonucc.org or turn in at the church office.

Happy Hikers will hike at *Hemlock Trail* in the *Brecksville Reservation*, 9000 Chippewa Creek Drive, Brecksville, on **Thursday, June 20 at 1:00 pm**. We will meet at the Nature Center. The hike is 2.7 miles. It is easy to moderate. **Walking Warriors** meet on **Tuesdays at 1:00 pm** at **Barlow Community Center**. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Ministry

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

Congratulations to our **ASP** mission trip volunteers for a successful week in West Virginia. Thank you to everyone who went on the trip and to the many people who supported our volunteers in other ways. This life-changing week could not take place without your help!

ASP Crews will gather this **Wednesday, June 19 at 7:00 pm** in the Youth Room to make tri-fold memory boards and for a slide show peak. Bring your printed pictures!

College Bible Study - Do you have questions about the Bible? Are there passages that just don't make sense? Join us **TONIGHT, June 16** from **8:00-9:00 pm** at the home of Ashley and Taylor Reynolds (7385 Lacosta Drive, Hudson) as we explore these and other questions about the Bible.

Breakfast Club will meet this morning. Join us in the Youth Room during the **10:30** service for donuts and discussions.