

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, July 7

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

MONDAY, July 8

7:00 pm Stew Crew (304)

TUESDAY, July 9

12:30 pm ROMEOS (Lager & Vine)
1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
7:00 pm Membership Board (304)
7:00 pm Trustees Board (301)

WEDNESDAY, July 10

9:00 am WOW (FH)
9:30 am Women's Bible Study (301)
10:30 am Tai Chi (FH)

THURSDAY, July 11

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (TBD)
7:00 pm NAMI (102)

SATURDAY, June 13

10:30 am Al-Anon Newcomers (120)
11:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)

Coffee Hour in July is provided

through the generosity of members of the Music Board.

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.

Our Wilhelm Organ - This summer, we will be doing some very much needed maintenance on our Wilhelm Organ. The process began on July 1, and will last through the end of August, in the hopes of having the bulk of the work finished by Labor Day. This project has been completely funded by generous donations from church members. The organ will not be used during the months of July & August. We will still be worshipping in the sanctuary, but we will be using the piano and other additional instruments to lead our music in worship. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte (cp1ank@hudsonucc.org).

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Patti Hester in memory of her parents, Joan and Bob Czubek.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, July 7, 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: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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 at **12:30 pm, Tuesdays, July 9 and July 23** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. For more information, contact Henry Vigor: hkvigor@windstream.net.

Women's Drop-in Bible Study - will meet this **Wednesday, July 10 at 9:30-10:30 am** in Room 301. We will study "Gomer - Learning to Accept Unconditional Love" 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.

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.

Children's Ministry

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

Wacky Sports Week - July 15-17, 9:30 am-11:30 am. Join us for a week of fun, games, and fellowship! This event is available to children who have completed grades 1-5. Cost is \$10.

ZOO Trip - Friday, July 19, 9:30 am-2:00 pm. All ages (Kindergarten and under must be accompanied by an adult). Drop off and pick up is at the church - we will be taking a bus to the Cleveland Zoo!

*RSVP for both events to Caitlyn Menolasino at cmenolasino@hudsonucc.org or by text (234-380-3572).

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 designed for children who are ready for their first preschool experience and their first time away from home! Contact Dee Buchanan or the church website (www.hudsonucc.org) for more information.

Adult Ministry

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

Blossom Tickets are here! If you bought tickets for the Blossom concert on **August 11**, the tickets are in the church office ready to be picked up at your earliest convenience. Please check your name off on the checklist when you take your tickets. If you did not pay for Lot A, included with your tickets is a pass for Lot C-D-E with tram service.

Veterans! On **November 11, Veteran's Day, FYI (Feeling Young Inside)** luncheon and presentation will honor all veterans in our church. If you served in any branch of the service at any time, or have a child in the service, contact Kathy (kyeakley@hudsonucc.org) to provide information on the branch of service, tour of duty, years served and any other pertinent information that you would like to share. Pictures can be brought in (or emailed) and they will be copied - pictures will NOT be kept or damaged. I look forward to hearing from you!

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) on **Monday, July 15 at 12:00 noon** will feature Judy Brown, vocalist with "*Music for the Young at Heart*". Join us in Fellowship Hall for a relaxing lunch and sing along to favorites like, *I Got Rhythm*, *That's Amore*, and *Just In Time*. Sign up today on the Connection Card or call the church office (330-650-4048) to reserve your spot! Questions? Contact kyeakley@hudsonucc.org.

Happy Hikers will be hiking the *Towpath Trail* in Peninsula on **Thursday, July 11 at 12:00 noon**. Notice time change for this week only! We will meet at the *Winking Lizard*. **Walking Warriors** walks behind **Barlow Community Center** every **Tuesday at 1:00 pm**.

Youth Ministry

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

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

The Pittsburgh Project is happening this week! All volunteers should meet here at church **Monday, July 8 at 9:30 am** for the third annual Middle School Mission Trip. **Adult leaders**, please meet in the Youth Room today, immediately following the 10:30 am service for a brief meeting.

Trinity Household/Clothing Ministry - Looking for a place to donate summer clothing or household items? Please visit the Outreach Info Station for a list of needed items and drop off information!