

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, July 21

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

TUESDAY, July 23

12:30 pm ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:00 pm OPEN M Cooking (FH Kitchen)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)

WEDNESDAY, July 24

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

THURSDAY, July 25

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (TBD)
7:00 pm Women's Ensemble (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, June 27

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

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.

Children's Ministry

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

The Children's Center is hiring! - We are in need of a part-time experienced preschool morning teacher and a part-time experienced afternoon lead teacher to join our team. Please contact Dee (dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org) if you are interested or if you know someone who might be interested in applying for these positions.

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.

Today's Flowers

Enjoy the beauty of today's flowers given by an anonymous donor.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, July 21, 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.

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.

Women's Ensemble - Looking for a low-commitment, high-enjoyment musical and fellowship opportunity? Led by Charlotte Plank, our Pop-Up **Women's Ensemble** will meet on the following **Thursdays: July 25, August 1 and August 8, 7:00-8:00 pm** for rehearsal and fellowship. We will perform in worship on **Sunday, August 11** for both the **9:00** and **10:30** services. If you're looking for a way to reconnect with your creative side, meet new people or try something new, please join us! Can't make rehearsal but interested in singing with this group? Email Charlotte at (cplank@hudsonucc.org).

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. 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 (cplank@hudsonucc.org).

Today's Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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, Tuesday, 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 24** at **9:30-10:30 am** in Room 301. Enjoy spending time in God's word and in fellowship with other women. In our last study this summer, we will discuss "The Syrophoenician Woman - Approaching God with Persistence & Boldness" and lessons for our lives today! * NO registration * NO homework * NO outside reading. 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.

Exploring Migration: a Faith Journey - Thursdays, September 12 - October 31, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm or 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Join others to explore the complex issue of global migration through the lens of our Christian faith. This *Just Faith* program includes immersion and action opportunities, as well as readings, and is co-sponsored by FCCH and St. Mary Church. Registration starts August 1. Please find more information on August Sundays in Fellowship Hall or contact Nikki Wingerson (nikki1@akron.edu).

Dinners for Eight - Meet new people and strengthen connections within our FCCH faith community during three adult dining opportunities **September - December!** More details to come in August or contact Joanna Menolasino (meno1@aol.com).

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.

TPP - Thanks to all of our middle schoolers and parents for a great week at TPP. Our group of 24 students and 10 adult volunteers had a great week serving some of the people of Pittsburgh while strengthening their own relationships with God.

Gennesaret - If you are interested in volunteering at the Gennesaret soup kitchen on **August 3**, please contact Jeff Wells, 330-958-4528 or jeffreylwells@gmail.com.

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 12, Tuesday, 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!

Happy Hikers will be hiking the *Tree Farm Trail, Oak Hill Area*, 2075 Major Road in Peninsula on **Thursday, July 25** at **1:00 pm**. **Walking Warriors** walks behind **Barlow Community Center** every **Tuesday** at **1:00 pm**.

Tai Chi, the ancient martial art of combining slow, deliberate movements that represent the art in self-defense, is offered every **Wednesday** at **10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall by Laurence Frese. This class can help to improve blood circulation, posture, and balance. Beginners are welcome!

Volunteers Needed! If you would like to help with the FYI (Feeling Young Inside) program for our 55 years of age and older population held on the third Monday of each month, please sign up on the Connection Card or contact Kathy. Enjoy a fun time helping to serve our seniors!

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.**

Coffee Hour in July is provided through the generosity of members of the Music Board.