

## Congregational Calendar

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### **SUNDAY, July 28**

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

### **TUESDAY, July 30**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, July 31**

9:00 am WOW (FH)  
10:30 am Tai Chi (FH)

### **THURSDAY, August 1**

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Deep Lock Quarry)  
7:00 pm Women's Ensemble (Choir Room)

### **FRIDAY, August 2**

6:30 am JourneyMen (Yours Truly)

### **SATURDAY, August 3**

9:00 am Gennesaret (off site)  
10:30 am Al-Anon Newcomers (120)  
11:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (102)  
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)

## 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).

**Breakfast Club and The Nine**—July is almost over which means it's time to plan for back-to-school. The Nine returns on **August 4** for all you early risers. Breakfast Club will continue to meet at **10:30**. Both take place in the Youth Room during worship.

**Rising Sixth Graders**—Please mark your calendars for **August 11** for our big Sixth Grade Welcome to Breakfast Club and the Nine. Whether your family worships at 9:00 or 10:30, we have something for you. We cannot wait to welcome you!

**Eighth Graders**—Be sure to register for **Confirmation** ASAP if you haven't already. Our first meeting will be in September but it is never too soon to choose and connect with your mentor. Ask Callie if you need any help or information.

**Ninth Graders**—We have a "Welcome to SALT" event just for you on **Sunday, August 11**. Watch your email for more information!

**SALT** will resume for ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS on **Sunday, August 18** with lots of great new things in store for you!

**Middle Schoolers**—mark your calendar for **Wednesday, August 21**, our first official D&D meeting!

**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](mailto:jeffreylwells@gmail.com).

**ROCK** (Remember Our College Kids) adoption campaign will be starting on **Sunday, August 4**. Come see our table in Fellowship Hall to learn more about this amazing program! Email Jennifer Rummell ([zetarum@yahoo.com](mailto:zetarum@yahoo.com)) to sign up **your** college student.

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*SUNDAY, July 28, 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.

**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: 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](mailto:cplank@hudsonucc.org)).

### *Today's Scripture: Genesis 18:20-32*

*<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."*

### *Today's Flowers*

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Joanne Tortoriello and children, Beth, Amy, Emily, and Dylan in loving memory of Thomas Ross Tortoriello.

## Adult Faith Formation

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

**Journeyman Breakfast** - All men are invited to breakfast and fellowship, **Friday, August 2** at Yours Truly restaurant. Come join us, as well, for spontaneous "Thirsty Thursdays" and service opportunities. Contact Trip Kern: [Trip.Kern@gmail.com](mailto:Trip.Kern@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:nikki1@akron.edu)).

**Dinners for Eight** - Meet new people and strengthen connections within our FCCH faith community during three adult dining opportunities **September - December!** After the first "arranged date" each group picks their own time, location and host. Registration starts August 1. Please find more information on August Sundays in Fellowship Hall or contact Joanna Menolasino ([meno1@aol.com](mailto:meno1@aol.com)).

**River of Fire Book Review and Discussion** - The Hudson Library will host an author-talk by Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, at **7:00 - 8:00 pm on Thursday, September 19.** In her new book, available August 13, Prejean shares the development of her own spiritual journey. Nancy Gasparovic, FCCH Adult Board member, will facilitate FCCH discussion afterwards. Contact Nancy Gasparovic: [nkgasparovic@gmail.com](mailto:nkgasparovic@gmail.com).

**Centering Prayer** is a contemplative way to pray, offering a deeper relationship with God. Based on Thomas Keating's "Open Heart, Open Mind", Centering Prayer utilizes mindfulness teachings and scripture. Join Kelly Berger and Julie Alexander for a free, introductory session with a certified teacher from The Contemplative Outreach Center of Cleveland, on **Saturday, September 28, 10:00 am - noon**, in Conference Room 301. Registration starts August 1. Please find more information on August Sundays in Fellowship Hall or contact Kelly Berger: [KACBerger@aol.com](mailto:KACBerger@aol.com).

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**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.

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

## Adult Ministry

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

**Happy Hikers** will be hiking the *Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park, Quarry Trail*, 5779 River-view Road in Peninsula on **Thursday, August 1 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!

## 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).

**The Children's Center is hiring!** - We are in need of a part-time experienced preschool morning teacher and afternoon lead teacher to join our team. Please contact Dee Buchanan if you are interested or if you know someone who might be interested.

**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](http://www.hudsonucc.org)) for more information.

**All Kg-5th graders** are invited to join **Camp Wednesday!** Camp Wednesday meets every **Wednesday 5:00-6:30pm.** (Dinner is included.) We play games, sing songs and have an incredible time. Join us at the "campground" in Fellowship Hall after both services on August 11th and August 18th to learn more about Camp Wednesday! Contact Katie ([kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kmorgan@hudsonucc.org)) for more information.

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**Family Promise** is an inter-faith program that provides emergency shelter to families in crisis due to homelessness. For our upcoming Host Week, **August 11 - 18**, volunteers are needed for: move in/out, breakfast hosts, AM van driving, evening hosts, and overnight hosts. Shadowing a volunteer(s) in any of the opportunities during our host week is also possible! **Check the sign-up calendar next to the Outreach Table after Sunday services for the latest on opportunities.** Email Beth Sosinski ([bethsosinski@gmail.com](mailto:bethsosinski@gmail.com)) for more information or to sign up.

Thank you for all your donations! Donations that are still needed: Individually packaged Kleenex packs and "gently loved" hand towels and washcloths. Donations may be left in the Family Promise bin across from the office.