

## Congregational Calendar

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### **SUNDAY, August 4**

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

### **MONDAY, August 5**

9:00 am Deaconess Board (304 & Chapel)

### **TUESDAY, August 6**

1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)  
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)  
6:30 pm Prayer Quilting (102)  
6:30 pm Children's Ministries (304)

### **WEDNESDAY, August 7**

9:00 am WOW (FH)  
10:30 am Tai Chi (FH)  
7:00 pm Investment Committee (304)

### **THURSDAY, August 8**

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (TBD)  
7:00 pm Women's Ensemble (Choir Room)  
7:00 pm NAMI (102)

### **SATURDAY, August 10**

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

### ***Today's Scripture: Colossians 3:1-11***

*So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices<sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! <sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.<sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love.*

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*SUNDAY, August 4, 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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Coffee Hour** in July is provided through the generosity of members of the Adult Faith Formation Board.

### ***Today's Flowers***

The Sanctuary flowers are given with loving and happy memories from Bess and the boys. Happy Birthday, Lawrence Lighthiser.

## Adult Faith Formation

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

### **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 ([nikkil@akron.edu](mailto:nikkil@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** - Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and advocate for the poor and marginalized, will discuss her new book "River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey". Please join our group for the author's presentation at the Hudson library on **Thursday, September 19** and then our own group discussion at Aladdin's Restaurant following the presentation. **You must personally register on the library's website** under Programs & Events/Adult Events in order to attend. Registration is on a "first-come" basis and is expected to fill up fast. Also RSVP to Nancy Gasparovic at [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).

**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.

**Acolyte Training** - All 4th and 5th graders who are interested in bringing in the Light of Christ during our worship services are invited to be an Acolyte.

- Acolyte training is on **Sunday, August 18**. It begins promptly at **9:45 am** and ends at **10:15 am**. Please be sure your acolyte is inside in the Alcove by **9:45!** We are trying to squeeze training into a very slim time period between the 1st & 2nd services!
- Acolyte training is mandatory for all acolytes, even if the child was an acolyte last year.
- Acolytes will start at both services on **September 15** and continue through **May 24**. Please email Dee or Katie & give acolyte's name, grade, mailing address & best email.

**Dopplebockers** is a casual discussion and fellowship group led by Reverend Jon Dodson for dads of elementary kids and younger and it is gearing up for a great Fall! Our next meeting is **August 22 at 7:00 pm** at Hop Tree Brewery (1297 Hudson Gate Drive, Hudson, Ohio 44236). Join us when you can, as you are! RSVP to [JBarden@hudsonucc.org](mailto:JBarden@hudsonucc.org).

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**Family Promise** is an inter-faith program that provides emergency shelter to families in crisis due to homelessness. Volunteers are needed for our upcoming **Host Week, August 11 - 18**. Consider joining this mission for the first time, rejoining this mission in a different role, or continuing to provide your wonderful skills. Hesitant to volunteer? Shadowing a volunteer(s) in any of the opportunities during our host week is also possible! The following opportunities are available:

- Move-in-crew: **Sunday, August 11** (4)
- Day Leader: **Friday, August 16**; additional dates available
- AM Drivers: Mornings, **Monday, August 12 - Sunday, August 18** (except Saturday, 8/17).
- Dinner Host: **Saturday, August 17** (1)
- Evening Hosts: **Sunday, August 11** (2); **Monday, August 12** (1); **Tuesday, August 13** (1); **Thursday, August 15** (2); **Friday, August 16** (2); **Saturday, August 17** (2)
- Overnight Hosts: **Thursday, August 15**
- Breakfast Hosts: **Thursday, August 15** and **Friday, August 16**

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.

Email Beth Sosinski ([bethsosinski@gmail.com](mailto:bethsosinski@gmail.com)) for more information or to sign up.

## 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).

**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! Our **Kick-Off Event** is on **Wednesday, August 21** at Cascade Park from **5:00 - 6:30 pm**. Contact Katie ([kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kmorgan@hudsonucc.org)) for more information.

**Will you join us?** We have some incredible opportunities to help with our 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders this Fall! Below are the open Teacher and Shepherd spots for the rotation starting on **September 15**.

### 10:30 am

- Pray-Per-View Teacher (9/15 only): Watching a movie about the Ten Commandments.
- Tabernacle Teacher: Playing Pictionary
- Thou Art Teacher: Making the Ten Commandments
- Psalm of Music Teacher: Singing and playing rhythm instruments
- Our Acts Teacher: Playing the 20 questions game
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade Shepherd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Shepherd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Shepherd
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Shepherd

### **Blessing of the Backpacks - Sunday, August 11, 9:00 & 10:30 Worship Services**

Come to Church...bring your backpack and be ready for a fabulous 2019/2020 school year! \*All children (PK-???) may come to worship through the Children's Message to have their backpacks blessed (not just 1st-5th graders!) Adults from our local school districts and universities are invited to participate.

**Bible Presenter Training** - All 1st, 2nd & 3rd Graders are invited to Present the Word (the Worship Bible) to the ministers at both the 9:00 & 10:30 worship services. The Bible Presenter will follow the acolytes down the aisle, present the Bible, then come back to sit with family in the pews. Bible Presenters training will be **Sunday, August 11 at 9:45 am** in the Alcove (level 2R.) Please be prompt- we are squishing training between the services! Email Dee if your child is interested.

## 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 8 at 1:00 pm**. **Walking Warriors** walks behind **Barlow Community Center** every **Tuesday at 1:00 pm**.

**FYI (Feeling Young Inside)** on **Monday, September 16 at 12 noon** will feature Elaine Marsh, Watershed Specialist, Summit Metroparks. The Cuyahoga River and its recovery from infamy is a tale packed with drama and battles, with ignorance and science, with losses and victories. It features the civic leaders and citizens of watershed in the starring roles. Our burning river had its last fire 50 years ago. This presentation will explore the conditions that led to a century of fires, the consequence of those fires and the river's remarkable recover from them. It will outline the benefits of clean water to northeast Ohio and the river's role in the region's future.

**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!

**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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto:tghudson@juno.com).**

**Come sing with us!** Opportunities for every age... no auditions required!

- **Cherub & Explorer Choirs** (grades K-5) – Camp Wednesday program, **Wednesdays, 5:00-6:30 pm**, kick off is at Cascade park on **August 21!**
- **revoice** (middle school) – **Wednesdays**, after D&D at **5:00 pm**, starting **August 28**.
- **Chancel Choir** (adults) – **Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm**, starting **September 11**.
- **Men’s Ensemble** (adults) – **Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 pm**, starting **September 11**.
- **Handbell Choir** (families welcome!), **Sundays, 6:00-7:30 pm**, starting **September 15**.
- **Teen band & vocalists** (high school), **Sundays, 7:30-8:30 pm**, starting **September 15**.
- **Pop-up Women’s Ensemble** (high school & up), **Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm** as posted.

For more information, please contact Dr. Tom Scott, Director of Music Ministries ([tscott@hudsonucc.org](mailto:tscott@hudsonucc.org)), or Charlotte Beers Plank, Associate Director of Music Ministries & Organist ([cplank@hudsonucc.org](mailto:cplank@hudsonucc.org)).

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**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 **Thursday, 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)).

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**ShE is coming on August 26!** ShE, FCCH’s new group for moms with elementary-aged and younger children, is hosting its first meeting **August 26** at **7:00 pm** in the Youth Room. ShE is a place to grow and re-energize with both large and small group discussions and to share concerns and joys. ShE meets **every other Monday** from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Childcare will be available for those who need it. Please contact [JBarden@HudsonUCC.org](mailto:JBarden@HudsonUCC.org) with questions or to request childcare.

## 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** - The Nine is back! And Breakfast Club continues! These take place in the Youth Room during Sunday worship services. We hope you’ll join us - the donuts are waiting!

**Rising Sixth Graders** - Please mark your calendars. Next **Sunday, August 11** is 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. Head down to Sunday school as usual. After saying “see you later” to Children’s Ministry, we will be waiting to welcome you to Youth Ministry! We can’t wait!

**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** - “Welcome to SALT” happens next **Sunday, August 11**. Check your email for all the details or contact Callie or Amy.

**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, 3:00 - 5:00 pm** in the Youth Room for our first official **D&D** meeting! Callie will meet you outside the cafeteria (those of you who attend Hudson Middle School) and walk you over to church for snacks, games, discussions and dinner.

**ROCK** (Remember Our College Kids) adoption campaign has begun! Come see our table in Fellowship Hall to learn more about this amazing program and how you can be a part of it!

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**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!