

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, September 22

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am The 9 (Youth Room)
9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)
9:45 am Friends Class ((102)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
12:00 pm Healing Arts Mission Talk (Act.)
2:30 pm SALT (Off Site)
4:00 pm Vespers (LL)
6:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, September 23

7:00 pm ShE (Youth Room)

TUESDAY, September 24

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)
7:00 pm Bible Study (301)

WEDNESDAY, September 25

9:00 am WOW (FH)
9:30 am Cakes for OPEN M (FH Kitchen)
9:30 am Women's Bible Study (301)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (FH)
10:45 am Tai Chi (FH)
3:00 pm D&D (Youth Room & FH)
5:00 pm Camp Wednesday (FH)
5:00 pm revoice (Choir Room)
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (301)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble

THURSDAY, September 26

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (TBD)

SATURDAY, September 27

10:00 am Centering Prayer (Youth/Chapel)
10:30 am Al-Anon Newcomers (120)
11:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Activity Room)

CAKES FOR OPEN M - We are in need of bakers to provide desserts. Please bring your donation in a disposable container on **Wednesday, September 25, by 9:30 am** to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. **Contact Nancy Martinez at martclan@outlook.com** if you have any questions.

THESE DAYS Daily Devotions for Living by Faith The latest copy (October - December) of this magazine can be found at the Information Station.

Today's Scripture: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. ¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") ²⁰"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." ²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. ²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, September 22, 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.

Newcomers and Membership Informational Gathering

Interested in First Congregational Church? Want to know how to become a member? Join us for this **two-part** gathering and learn more about our congregation, its ministries, and the many ways to engage your faith wherever you are on life's journey. New members will join in worship on **Sunday, October 27**. Sign up on the Connection Card. For more information, contact Rev. Jeanette Brodersen, (330-650-4048), (jbrodersen@hudsonucc.org).

PART I

Wednesday, October 9

7:00 - 8:30 pm; Youth Room

(child care available)

PART II

Sunday, October 13

5:00 - 7:00 pm; Activity Room & Room 102.

(meal provided & child care available)

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.

Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, Cocoa Mix and Chocolate Bars - Show your support of Fair Trade by stopping at the Equal Exchange table 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.*

Coffee Hour in September is provided through the generosity of members of the Deacons Board.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Don and Janet Campbell, born on September 17 and September 22 from their daughter, Carol Campbell McDermott.

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Adult Ministry

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

Happy Hikers will be hiking the *Gorge Metro Park, Glens Trail*, 1160 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, on **Thursday, September 26 at 1:00 pm**. This is a 1.8 mile moderate trail.

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

Mat Yoga returns! Starting **Monday, September 30**, Yoga with Cynthia Field will take place **Monday evening at 7:00 pm** for **six weeks** in Fellowship Hall. Bring a mat and foam block if you have one or a towel roll. Relax and breathe while moving through gentle yoga poses. Beginners are welcome! Good will donation accepted.

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!

Chair Yoga, a gentle movement class, will be offered every **Wednesday**, through **October 9** from **10:00-10:30 am**. Kristin Keller will be the instructor. This activity is open to everyone - all ages, body types and levels of flexibility are welcome! All equipment will be provided.

Veterans! On **Tuesday, November 12, 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 Yeakley 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) luncheon and program will be held **Monday, October 21 at noon** in Fellowship Hall. Lynn Poulton from "Wholly Organized" will offer advice on creating space and eliminating clutter. Want to downsize? Lynn can offer tips on how to start! Sign up today on the Connection Card or call the church office.

Children's Ministry

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

All Kg-5th graders are invited to join **Camp Wednesday!** Camp Wednesday meets every **Wednesday 5:00-6:30 pm**. (Dinner is included!) We play games, sing songs and have an incredible time. Contact Katie Morgan for more information.

Teachers and Shepherds needed! We would love to have you join the fun on the 1st floor! We are still looking for a Tabernacle Teacher from **9/22 - 10/20** and would love to have **YOU!** If those dates do not work, **Rotation 2** is from **10/27 - 11/24** and we would love to see your smiling face! Contact Katie if you can help. Thank you!

Hall Monitor Training - Would you be interested in being another set of eyes, ears and hands on the Sunday School level during worship hours? We are looking for a pool of people for hall monitor training on **October 20 at 10:45 am**. Please contact Dee or Katie if you can attend.

Fall Fellowship is coming! Mark your calendars - Trunk or Treat for kids of all ages will be on **October 20, 2:30-4:00 pm**. We will have snacks, crafts and some spooky trunks for trick or treating! **RSVP** to Katie (kmorgan@hudsonucc.org) by **October 16** or **sign up today** at the check-in kiosk located on the Sunday School level.

Trunks Needed - If you have a trunk that you can decorate for trick or treaters at our **Fall Fellowship** on **October 20**, please contact Katie!

Save the Date: Halloween Pipe Screams! Thursday, October 31, 6:00-8:00 pm

Adults and children alike are invited to stop by the sanctuary to enjoy Halloween-themed organ music, also known as "pipe screams." When playing Halloween music, it can sometimes sound like the organs pipes are screeching or screaming, hence the phrase "pipe screams." All trick-or-treaters are welcome to stay for a few minutes while they pick up treats or take a seat in the pews to enjoy the entire casual concert.

Questions? Contact Charlotte at cplank@hudsonucc.org or call the Church Office.

Adult Faith Formation

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

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. For more information or to register, contact Kelly Berger: KACBerger@aol.com.

Pathfinders will resume on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month starting today, **September 22 at 9:00 am** in the 3rd floor chapel. Our new study will be *The Apocryphal Jesus* with Dr. David Brakke, history professor at The Ohio State University. We hope to gain new perspectives on early Christian life and history.

James Bible Study - Join Rev. Steve Hockstra as we study one of his favorite books of the Bible, James. The study on **Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 pm** in Room 301 runs through **October 15**. Email (churchoffice@hudsonucc.org) or call the church office (330-650-4048) for more information.

Intro to Vegan Cooking - Curious about the health benefits of vegan cooking? Want to try your hand(s) at a cooking class or do you want inspiration for the next time you entertain vegan guests? Come join us! We are offering a **FREE** class for up to 15 people (or maybe more this fall if there is interest) on **Sunday, October 13, 5:00-6:00 pm**. The first 20 minutes cover the principles of veganism and the last 40 minutes will be spent making two vegan appetizers. This beginner's class taught by Charlotte Hooker and her mom, Kathleen Leigh Lewarchick is fun and easy for all. Sign up on the Connection Card or contact the church office. (330-650-4048; 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 Hockstra (shockstra@hudsonucc.org) for more information.

ROMEOS, "Retired Older Men Eating Out," will meet at **12:30 pm, Tuesday, September 24** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. For more information, contact Henry Vigor: hkvigor@windstream.net.

Music Ministry

Our Wilhelm Organ - This summer, we have been doing some very much needed maintenance on our Wilhelm Organ. The process began on July 1, and Hal Gober and Hannah Loeffler have been working tirelessly throughout the last two months to make the organ sing beautifully again. This project has been completely funded by generous donations from church members. We cannot wait to have our organ lead us in worship again! We are already planning some exciting events over the next program year to celebrate our fantastic organ. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte (cplank@hudsonucc.org).

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.**
- **revoice** (middle school) – **Wednesdays, after D&D at 5:00 pm.**
- **Chancel Choir** (adults) – **Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm.**
- **Men’s Ensemble** (adults) – **Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 pm.**
- **Handbell Choir** (families welcome!), **Sundays, 6:00-7:30 pm.**
- **Teen band & vocalists** (high school), **Sundays, 7:30-8:30 pm.**
- **Pop-up Women’s Ensemble** (high school & up), **Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm.** See below. For more information, please contact Dr. Tom Scott, Director of Music Ministries (tscott@hudsonucc.org), or Charlotte Beers Plank, Associate Director of Music Ministries & Organist (cplank@hudsonucc.org).

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 rehearse three times this fall: **Thursdays October 3, 10 & 17, 7:00-8:00 pm** for a rehearsal and fellowship hour. We will be performing in worship on **Sunday, October 20** for both the 9:00 and 10:30 services. It will not only be a place to come together to sing beautiful harmony, but also a safe and supportive community. 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? Please don’t let that be a barrier to your participation. Email Charlotte at cplank@hudsonucc.org to put your name down for the group in the future.

Youth Ministry

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

Breakfast Club and The 9 are back in action. Join us in the Youth Room during the 9:00 and 10:30 services for donuts and conversation.

KAYAKING IS TODAY! SALT will be meeting at church at **2:30 pm.** We will drive to Mantua for kayaking, followed by pizza and a bonfire. We’ll be back at church at 7:30 pm. We plan on boating, not swimming, but bring a towel and dry clothes...just in case! Can’t wait to see everyone!

D&D meets this Wednesday to talk about you! How can you find the confidence to just be yourself and find friends who will support you? All middle schoolers are welcome to join us: **3:00-5:00 pm on Wednesday.**

Eighth Graders - It was so great to see everyone at our first Confirmation meeting last week. Please try to meet with your mentor before our next meeting to do the “Get to Know You” module in your binder. Remember, we meet **Sunday, October 6** right after church for lunch and teambuilding at KSU.

Bridge Club Fall Kick-off Gathering - Moms of high school and college students will once again come together to support each other and share in the joys and challenges of parenting them! Please join us on **Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 pm** at Otani Japanese Restaurant for our fall kick-off gathering as we embark on another school year. Please RSVP to Connie Boyden at clboyden@gmail.com.

Parking Lot Hosts - Are you too busy to commit to a regular volunteer position, but would like to help out? This is your opportunity to volunteer just a few times a year for 25 minutes or less. Volunteers are needed to help direct traffic in the church parking lot, only on extra busy **Sunday mornings from 10:10 - 10:35 am.** Parking lot hosts guide churchgoers to open parking spots and direct people to additional parking when the lots are full. Interested? Contact Melissa Lawton on Membership Board at mlawton@avestacorp.com, or sign up on the back of the Connection Card.