

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, September 29

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am The 9 (Youth Room)
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
6:00 pm SALT (Youth & FH)
6:00 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, September 30

7:00 pm Mat Yoga (FH)

TUESDAY, October 1

1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
6:30 pm Prayer Quilting (102)
7:00 pm Bible Study (Youth Room)
7:00 pm Bridge Club (Otani Restaurant)

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

WEDNESDAY, October 2

9:00 am WOW (FH)
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, October 3

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

FRIDAY, October 4

6:30 am JourneyMen (Yours Truly)
11:00 am Medicare 2020 Update (FH)

SATURDAY, October 5

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

Today's Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, September 29, 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.

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 Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Kathleen Leigh Lewarchick in memory of Duane G. Leigh, father of Kathleen and grandfather of Charlotte Hooker.

Youth Ministry

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

Breakfast Club and The 9 - Join us in the Youth Room to talk about Communion and how it helps us connect with God.

SALT tonight is No Big Deal. Actually, that's our topic. SALT is always a big deal and we hope you can be part of it! Join us tonight, 6:00-7:30 pm. And, plan to be here on **October 6** for our big ASP kickoff. We will be celebrating a few of the many awesome things that make ASP so amazing. Be here to secure your spot on the first day of registration.

D&D meets this Wednesday **3:00-5:00 pm** to celebrate National Taco Day! Wear your comfy shoes and plan to have some fun. And some tacos!

Confirmation - Next Sunday, **October 6** is our first meeting of the year and includes our afternoon of team building at Kent State University. Confirmands and mentors check your email for details about this meeting. Can't wait to start this faith journey together.

World Communion Sunday - Youth will join the rest of the congregation to celebrate World Communion Sunday on **October 6**. You are welcome to meet us in Fellowship Hall directly before the service so that we can sit together. Or you can sit with your family - whatever is best for you. Either way, it will be a great day of community and celebration. See you there!

Gennesaret - we will be helping at the Gennesaret soup kitchen on **Saturday, October 5**. Meet at church at **9:00 am, returning at 1:30 pm**. Contact Jeff Wells to sign up: jeffreylwells@gmail.com.

ASP - Appalachia Service Project is our annual high school mission trip. Save the dates: **June 7 - 13, 2020**. We launch this October!

TPP - The Pittsburgh Project is our annual middle school mission trip. Save the dates: **July 6 - 10, 2020**. We launch this October! For more information, contact Callie.

Adult Ministry

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

Medicare 2020 Update! Beginning in October, Medicare recipients are able to change or update their current plans. **Doug McDowell**, a licensed agent, will be presenting in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, October 4** from **11:00 am - 1:00 pm**. He will provide updated information about Medicare in 2020 and answer any questions you may have. Sign up on the Connection Card today or call the church office.

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.

Happy Hikers will be hiking the *O'Neill Woods Metro Park, Deer Run Trail*, 2550 Martin Road, Akron, on **Thursday, October 3** at **1:00 pm**. This is a 1.8 mile difficult trail. **Walking Warriors** walks behind **Barlow Community Center Tuesdays at 1:00 pm**.

Mat Yoga returns! Starting tomorrow, **Monday, September 30**, Yoga with Cynthia Field will take place **Monday evenings 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.

Chair Yoga, a gentle movement class, will be offered every **Wednesday**, through **October 9** from **10:00-10:30 am** with Kristin Keller in Fellowship Hall.

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!

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!

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 **10/6 - 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.

Candy donations are graciously accepted until **Wednesday, October 30. Please bring your donation to the Church office. 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.

Journeyman Breakfast - All men are invited to breakfast and fellowship, **Friday, October 4** at Yours Truly restaurant. Come join us, as well, for spontaneous "Thirsty Thursdays" and service opportunities. Contact Trip Kern: Trip.Kern@gmail.com.

Pathfinders meets on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month. Join us **Sunday, October 13 at 9:00 am** in the 3rd floor chapel as we study *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.

Trinity Household/Clothing Ministry - Looking for a place to donate clothing or household items? Our Outreach Information Station has a list of needed items and drop off information!

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 three months to make the organ sing beautifully again. This project has been completely funded by generous donations from church members. 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.**

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.

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.

ShE Social - ShE, our fellowship group for Mom's with children in elementary school and younger, will be meeting at the **Rosewood Grill** in Hudson at **7:00 pm on Monday, October 7** for a night of fun and fellowship. Childcare will be available at the church. RSVP to JBarden@hudsonucc.org.

ShE Rejuvenates - Save the Date! ShE will be meeting at the Gavin Scott Salon, **Monday, November 4 at 6:00 pm** for a night of relaxation. More details to follow! Any questions-email Jen at JBarden@hudsonucc.org.

ACME Cash Register Receipts - It is that time of year, again! Look for the words **Community Cashback** at the bottom of your receipts along with a dollar value. Bring the entire receipt to the church and drop it in the marked box in the hallway. Register receipts must be current and have the **Community Cashback** notation on them dated **August 8 to December 28, 2019**. Thank you for helping us with this very easy fundraiser for the continued support of the **Women's Ministries of First Congregational Church**.

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.**