

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, October 6

World and Family Communion Sunday

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
11:30 am Confirmation (Act. Rm./Off site)
6:00 pm SALT (Youth & FH)
6:00 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, October 7

9:00 am Deaconess Board (304 & Chapel)
7:00 pm Outreach Board (301)
7:00 pm ShE (Off site)
7:00 pm Mat Yoga (FH)

TUESDAY, October 8

11:15 am Deaconess Luncheon (FH)
12:30 am ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
6:30 pm Children's Ministries Board (102)
7:00 pm Bible Study (Chapel)
7:00 pm Trustees (304)
7:30 pm Youth Board (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, October 9

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 revoice (Choir Room)
5:00 pm Camp Wednesday (FH)
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (301)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Newcomer's Class I (Youth Room)
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble

THURSDAY, October 10

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

SATURDAY, October 12

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

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.

Today's Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 6, 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.



Welcome! This morning we welcome two visitors from **CARE for AIDS**, Cornel Onyango and Jessica Jetton. Cornel is Co-Founder and Country Director based in Kenya. Jessica is Donor Engagement Director based in the United States. CARE for AIDS partners with local churches to operate over 60 centers across East Africa to empower men and women to live a life beyond AIDS. To date more than 15,000 HIV+ clients have graduated and over 51,000 children are no longer at risk of being orphaned. During worship Cornel will introduce the CARE for AIDS mission and outlook. Joel and Janet Ross visited Kenya this summer with CFA and found it transforming. Cornel and Jessica are in Cleveland for the launch of the new book "Beyond Blood", the story of the three founders of CARE for AIDS. Please visit their table during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

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)

Youth Ministry

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

World Communion Sunday is today! Youth will join the rest of the congregation to celebrate World Communion Sunday. 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! (If service has started, check for us in the balcony).

D&D meets this Wednesday **3:00-5:00 pm**. Bring a friend, especially if that friend is someone who encourages you to **Be the Smash, Boom, Best!** That's our topic. Hope you'll join us!

SALT tonight is a huge deal! Be here from **6:00-7:30 pm** for our big ASP kickoff. We will celebrate a few of the many awesome things that make ASP so amazing. Be here to secure your spot on the first day of registration! One lucky person who attends and registers tonight will win a **huge prize** - we'll refund your deposit! But you have to be here, with your deposit, to enter the drawing. May the odds be ever in your favor!

Confirmation - Today is our first meeting of the year and includes our afternoon of team building at Kent State University. Right after the 10:30 service, please head to the Activity Room. We will have lunch together before we head to KSU. Please feel free to change into comfortable clothes and shoes. Remember this **Friday, October 11** is our mosque visit. Check your email for details.

Findley Reading Night - Please join us on **Thursday, October 17, 5:00-7:00 pm** for a night of games, crafts, and face painting as we celebrate literacy with our friends at Findley Learning Center. Volunteers are needed to help run games and crafts, paint faces, and have fun with the kids and their parents. Contact Mr. Wells for more information or to sign up: jeffreylwells@gmail.com.

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/Health Ministry

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

Blood Pressure Clinic is today following the 9:00 and 10:30 am church services in 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 *Furnace Run Metro Park, Old Mill Trail*, 4995 Townsend Road, Richfield, on **Thursday, October 10 at 1:00 pm**. This is a 1.4 mile easy trail.

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

Mat Yoga is here, Mondays at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall with Cynthia Field. 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 continuing every **Wednesday, from 10:00-10:30 am** with Kristin Keller in Fellowship Hall. Donations are accepted but not required.

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 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.**

Children's Ministry

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

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 **10/13 - 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!

Do you know any two year olds who are ready for their first time away at preschool? Yes? We have the perfect place to start! **Time for Tots**. We only have a couple spots left on **Monday or Thursday, 9:15-11:45 am**. It is a 2.5 hour class with a 2:8 teacher to child ratio. Contact the Children's Center for more information: 330-342-3977.

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.

ROMEOS, "Retired Older Men Eating Out," will meet at **12:30 pm, Tuesday, October 8** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. For more information, contact Henry Vigor: hkvigor@windstream.net.

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.

Centering Prayer Group Session - As a follow-up to our Introductory Workshop, we are meeting to "practice" Centering Prayer and discuss how we can continue practicing together. Join us on **Saturday, October 12** and **Saturday, October 26** at **9:30 am**, location to be determined. If you were unable to participate in the workshop but would like to learn about Centering Prayer, please consider joining us this October. Contact Kelly Berger KACBerger@aol.com for more information.

Music Ministry

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 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.

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).

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).

Coffee Hour in October is provided through the generosity of members of the Membership Board.

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 TOMORROW, Monday, October 7** for a night of fun and fellowship. Childcare will be available at the church. RSVP to JBarden@hudsonucc.org.

ShE Asks for Help - ShE, our fellowship group for Mom's with children in elementary school and younger, will be meeting in the Youth Room at **7:00 pm, Monday, October 21.** The topic of the evening will be "asking for help". Childcare will be available at the church. RSVP to JBarden@hudsonucc.org.

ShE Rejuvenates - ShE will be meeting at the Gavin Scott Salon, **Monday, November 4** at **6:00 pm** for a night of relaxation. No childcare will be available. Contact Jen Barden for more information at JBarden@hudsonucc.org.

Dopplebockers (our fellowship group for Dads of elementary children and younger) is meeting at the **Thirsty Dog** in Akron for a night out. Join us on **Tuesday, October 15** at **7:00 pm!** Please RSVP to Jen Barden at (jbarden@hudsonucc.org).

A Connections Ministry FREE event - Have you visited the Akron Art Museum lately? Join other art lovers from our church to attend **Free Thursday at the Akron Art Museum** on **Thursday, October 17.** Meet at church at **6:00 pm** and we'll carpool to the museum. The Art Museum is open until 9:00 pm on Thursday evenings. Open to all! Contact Missy Kisthardt (Mkisthardt@hudsonucc.org) for more information and to RSVP.

Tour WRA Wang Innovation Center - **Monday, October 28** at **3:30 pm.** Western Reserve Academy's Wang Innovation Center, a 6,000 sq. ft. collaborative learning space, is the next step in experiential learning where WRA students can take ideas from concept to completion with state-of-the-art design and production equipment. We'll meet at church at **3:30 pm** and walk to WRA for a **4:00 pm** tour. This is a Connections Ministry FREE event. For more information or to RSVP, contact Missy Kisthardt (mkisthardt@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.**