

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, October 13

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)
9:00 am The 9 (Youth Room)
9:45 am Friends Class ((102)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
11:30 am ASP Meeting (Youth Room)
5:00 pm Newcomer Class II (Activity Rm.)
5:00 pm Intro to Vegan Cooking (FH)
6:00 pm SALT (Youth & FH)
6:00 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, October 14

7:00 pm Stew Crew (304)
7:00 pm Outreach Board (301)
7:00 pm Mat Yoga (Youth Room)

TUESDAY, October 15

1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
7:00 pm Bible Study (Youth Room)
7:00 pm Personnel Committee (304)
7:00 pm Music Board (Alcove)
7:00 pm Dopplebockers (off site)

WEDNESDAY, October 16

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)
11:00 am Hudson Grande VIP Worship
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 Council (304)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble

THURSDAY, October 17

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)
1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Firestone Metro Pk.)
5:00 pm Findley Reading Night (FCLC)
6:00 pm Akron Art Museum (off site)
7:00 pm Women's Ensemble (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, October 19

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

Today's Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Katie Gallagher in honor of all who work to make FCCH a welcoming place.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 13, 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.

All Saints Sunday – November 3, 2019 – 9, 10:30 & 11:59 am

Come remember your loved one in these services of remembrance and thanksgiving. There will be a time in worship to come forward and light a candle in memory of those who have died. At the 9 and 10:30 services, we'll toll the church bell for those in our church family who have died in the last year as we read their names.

Photos for All Saints Sunday - You're invited to submit a photo of your loved one who has died to be shown during the All Saints worship services on November 3. Email your photo and the person's name to Lora Eureka (leureka@hudsonucc.org) by **Monday, October 28**. If sending a cell phone image, please choose a large file size. This is not limited to deceased church members—share a photo of anyone important to you who has died.

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).

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

Youth Ministry

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

The 9 and Breakfast Club - All middle and high school students are invited to the Youth Room during the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services. Our topic today is "Created to Create." Let's look back at the first Bible story with fresh, creative eyes.

SALT - High school students, please join us for SALT **tonight** in the Youth Room, **6:00-7:30 pm**. We'll talk about what it's like being (or not being) the Smash.Boom.BEST. Friends are welcome to join us for an evening of games, snacks, and discussion.

ASP - Registration for the high school summer mission trip has officially kicked off. Be sure to register ASAP to secure your spot! Registration forms and a \$75 deposit can be turned in to the church office, or you can bring them to SALT. Trip dates are **June 7-13, 2020**.

D&D - Middle schoolers are invited to hang out every **Wednesday, 3:00-5:00 pm**. This week we are gearing up for Halloween as we start a two-week topic on Harry Potter. What can HP and his friends teach us? Be here to find out! Friends are welcome. Also, mark your calendar for our annual **Halloween Party, October 30, 3:00-5:00 pm**. Get those costumes ready!

TPP (The Pittsburgh Project) - Registration for the middle school summer mission trip kicks off October 16. Trip dates are **July 6 - 10, 2020**. Watch your emails for more details.

Confirmation - We have already had a busy October. What a great way to start our year! Our next meeting will be **November 3**.

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.

CAKES FOR OPEN M - We are in need of bakers to provide desserts. Please bring your donation in a disposable container on **Wednesday, October 23, by 9:30 am** to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Questions? Contact Nancy Martinez at martclan@outlook.com.

Adult/Health Ministry

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

Unused, unwanted or expired medications that you don't know what to do with? FCCH is partnering with the Summit County **Community Partnership** program to distribute *Deterra Bags*. These bags deactivate drugs so that you can safely throw them in your trash. A labeled bin of bags is located above the coat rack near the Health Ministries bulletin board. Help yourself - keep our community safe!

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 *Firestone Metro Park, Willow Trail*, 2620 Harrington Road, Akron, on **Thursday, October 17 at 1:00 pm**. This is a 1.8 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. Class will take place in Fellowship Hall for 6-weeks. 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!

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.

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 on **10/20** and would love to have **YOU!** If those dates do not work, **Rotation 2** is from **10/27 - 11/24**. We have several opportunities 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 next **Sunday, 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.

Mission: Thanks - Sunday, November 3, 9:45 am

#FCCHKidsonaMission is back with "Mission:Thanks." On **November 3**, all children 2 years old through 5th grade are welcome to join us in the Activity Room to complete some thanks-filled missions from **9:45-10:30**. Contact Jen Barden at JBarden@hudsonucc.org with questions.

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!

Adult Faith Formation

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

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.

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, October 22** at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. For more information, contact Henry Vigor: hkvigor@windstream.net.

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 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.

Pathfinders meets on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month. Join us **this morning**, or on **Sunday, October 27** 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.

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**.

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 this **Thursday, October 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.

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).

Halloween Pipe Screams! Thursday, October 31, 6:00-8:00 pm - Planning to be out trick-or-treating on Halloween? Adults and children alike are invited to stop by the sanctuary to hear an informal concert of the spookiest, scariest, silliest organ music to be heard today, performed by organist, Charlotte Beers Plank. Come to an entertaining evening of Halloween-themed organ music and pick up some candy while you're here! All trick-or-treaters and Halloween enthusiasts are welcome. Costumes are encouraged and treats will be available!

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 (330-650-4048) if you have questions.

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 **this Tuesday, October 15** at **7:00 pm!** Please RSVP to Jen Barden at (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.

Poinsettia Orders - The Deaconesses are pleased to continue the tradition of offering poinsettia plants for purchase this Christmas season. The price we charge for each poinsettia includes the cost to purchase a mini poinsettia plant for our "Over 85 Ministry". Thank you for making this possible. Please complete the form below and send or bring to the Church Office with your check payable to "FCCH" and note Poinsettias in the memo line. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 17**. If you have any questions, call the Church Office (330) 650-4048.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Poinsettias _____ x \$22.00 Total Payment \$_____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

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Please indicate whether you intend to take or leave your plant/s after service on Sunday, December 22:

TAKE _____ LEAVE _____