

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, November 3

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 am The 9 (Youth Room)
 9:00 am Children's Ministries Mission (Act.)
 9:45 am Friends Class (102)
 10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
 11:30 am Confirmation Meeting (Act. Room)
 12:30 pm Children's Center Bowling (off site)
 4:00 pm Board Stewardship Event (WRA)
 6:00 pm SALT (Youth & FH)
 6:00 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
 7:00 pm Stewardship Event (WRA)
 7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, November 4

9:00 am Deaconess Board (304 & Chapel)
 6:00 pm ShE (Gavin Scott Salon)
 7:00 pm Mat Yoga (FH)

TUESDAY, November 5

1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
 1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
 6:30 pm Prayer Quilting (102)

WEDNESDAY, November 6

9:00 am WOW (FH)
 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)
 5:15 pm TPP Meeting (Youth Room)
 7:00 pm Endowment Meeting (304)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
 8:30 pm Men's Ensemble

THURSDAY, November 7

1:00 pm Happy Hikers (Deep Lock Quarry)
 7:00 pm NAMI (102)

SATURDAY, November 9

9:30 am Centering Prayer (Chapel)
 10:00 am Al-Anon Newcomers (120)
 11:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (102)
 11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)

The Findley Family Harvest Dinner is Thursday, November 21!

Findley School families *LOVE* coming together for this dinner! We plan on feeding 600 and hope you will sponsor a Family of 4 for \$25 (or, feel free to sponsor a few families!)

Cash accepted. Checks made payable to FCCH with Findley Dinner on the memo line.

Come to our table in Fellowship Hall to donate and to sign up to help. Many thanks for being that special church that adopted an underserved Akron Public School.

Contact Jane Penny with questions: janempenny@gmail.com

Today's Scripture: Luke 6:27-31

27"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31Do to others as you would have them do to you.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 3, 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.

**Has someone you cherished returned to God's embrace?
 Join us today in celebration and remembrance of your loved one,
 one of the beloved saints who have gone before us.**

All Saints' Sunday

We invite and encourage you to come forward to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died, whether in the last year or several years ago. Place your candle near the center of the bowl to make room for later candles that will be lit.

For all the saints ... O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia! W. How 1864

Please remember the following people who have died during the past year:

William Wood	Jean Wood	Merry Carr
Paul Peterson	Virginia Hendershott	David Jones
Mary Griffiths	Harry McEachern	Patricia Holmer
Ardel Henderson	Caroline Prevette	Ronald Handy
Carolyn Wright	Mary Lynn Reynolds	Kevin Knox
Kenneth Gresko		

See inside for Gifts and Memorials received by the church.

Coffee Hour in November is provided through the generosity of members of the Youth Board.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Bud and Marcia Boote with grateful thanks for the lives of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

ShE Worries - ShE, our fellowship group for moms with children in elementary school and younger, is meeting on **Monday, November 18** in the Youth Room at **7:00 pm**. Discussion will center around mom worries. Childcare will be available upon request. RSVP to JBarden@hudsonucc.org.

Dopplebockers (our group for Dads of elementary children and younger) will meet at Kepner's Tavern (88 North Main Street, Hudson) for a night out of fellowship. Join us **Tuesday, November 19** at **7:00 pm!** Please RSVP to Jen Barden at (jbarden@hudsonucc.org).

Adult/Health Ministry

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

Veterans! Thank you for your service! 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, please share that information by contacting Kathy Yeakley. **All church members** are invited to celebrate our veterans. Please be sure you have made a reservation by signing up on the Connection Card or calling the church office.

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!

Happy Hikers will be hiking at *Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park, Quarry Trail*, on **Thursday, November 7** at **1:00 pm**. This is a 1.4 mile moderate trail. **Walking Warriors** walks behind **Barlow Community Center** on **Tuesdays** at **1:00 pm**.

Mat Yoga is here **Mondays** at **7:00 pm** in **Fellowship Hall** with Cynthia Field. Class will take place through November 4. Yoga will resume for 6 weeks beginning Monday, December 2. 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, continues in Fellowship Hall every **Wednesday** through November from **10:00-10:30 am** with Kristin Keller. Chair Yoga will not meet in December. Donations are accepted but not required.

GIFTS and MEMORIALS

During the past year, monetary gifts have been received in memory of:

Virginia Hendershott
Pat Holmer
Harry McEachern

Caroline Prevette
Mary Lynn Reynolds
Carolyn Wright

Lou Diehl
Ronald Handy
Joan Buchanan

- Mary Ann Smith Memorial Fund given to the Deaconess Escrow Fund.
- Lowell Smith memorial funds were transferred to the Deaconess Escrow Fund.
- General Memorial funds were used to provide support for special events and memorial services.
- Lou Diehl memorial funds were used to purchase flowers for the Easter Flowering Cross.
- Virginia Hendershott memorial funds were transferred to Children's Ministries.
- Pat Holmer memorial funds were transferred to the Deaconess Board.

Courtyard Memorial Columbarium - Did you know the church has a Columbarium wall right here in our Courtyard? Members and their families have the opportunity to have their final resting place within the shadow of the church that has been a central part of their lives. This sacred site of beauty and dignity is a place where loved ones can visit and meditate any time. One of the most loving gifts you can leave your family is having already arranged for your memorial service and cremation. Niches are available for purchase and include engraving and continuous maintenance. To discuss purchasing a niche or to learn more about our Columbarium, please stop by our table in Fellowship Hall **this morning after all three services.**

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Annual Christmas Luncheon

All women are invited to the LIFT Christmas Luncheon on **Thursday, December 5** at **11:30 am** at Laurel Lake. The cost is \$16.00 - your check made out to FCCH is your reservation. Please bring an unwrapped child's Christmas gift for OPEN M. Contact Sue Conley for your luncheon choices (sccnly@aol.com).

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!

Children's Ministry

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

Mission: Thanks: TODAY at 9:45-10:30 am. Children, 2 yrs.—5th grade - join us in the Activity Room to complete some thanks-filled missions!

Teachers and Shepherds needed! We are looking for teachers and shepherds to teach the Christmas Story from **12/1 - 12/29**. Below are the spots that are still open:

Pray-per-View Teacher (12/1 only) Psalm of Music Teacher

The Garden of Eatin' Teacher 1st grade shepherd

2nd grade shepherd 3rd grade shepherd

Please contact Katie (kmorgan@hudsonucc.org) if you can help.

The Children's Center is about to **open our new preschool** in North Akron for children with no access to a preschool. We are looking for an assistant teacher to join our special school. Do you have preschool teaching experience or know someone who does? Our assistant teacher would work approximately **six hours** per day, **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays**. We are hoping to be open 5 days a week for the 2021 school year. Please contact Dee Buchanan (dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org) for more information.

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 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.

Camp Wednesday Christmas Pageant The children will perform *The Angel Band* on **December 24 at 3:00 pm**. We have about 70 children in our pageant this year! Camp Wednesday is for all children, Kindergarten-5th grade. We meet at the church from **5:00-6:30 pm Wednesdays** for dinner, games and singing! Contact Katie for more info.

Counting Down to Christmas - Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We are going to kick off the Advent season with a Counting Down to Christmas celebration. All children, 3 years old through First Grade are invited to join us for crafts, games, stories, and fun to begin the holiday season. Questions? Contact Jen Barden: jbarden@hudsonucc.org.

Live Nativity - We are so blessed to be the church that creates the Live Nativity on our town green, so please come visit our table in Fellowship Hall to sign up to be part of the magic! The Live Nativity will be on **Sunday, December 8, 12:00 - 5:00 pm**. Please contact Katie Morgan if you have any questions.

SWAG (Students With A Goal) - Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support SWAG. Come in to **Chipotle**, 5 Atterbury Blvd., Suite 1 in Hudson on **Saturday, November 16** between **4:00 pm** and **8:00 pm**. Tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that **33%** of the proceeds will be donated to SWAG!

Family Promise Host Week-November 10-17 Volunteers are **urgently** needed! Consider joining this mission for the first time, rejoining in a different role or continuing to provide your wonderful skills. We are still in need of the following volunteers:

- **Day Leader** (5:30-7:30 pm): Monday, 11/11; Tuesday 11/12; Friday, 11/15; Saturday, 11/16.
- **AM Driver** (7:00-9:00 am): Thursday, 11/14; Sunday, 11/17.
- **PM Driver** (4:15-6:00 pm): Friday, 11/15.
- **Evening Host** (7:30-9:30 pm): Sunday, 11/10.
- **Overnight Host** (9:15 pm-7:00 am): Wednesday, 11/13.
- **Breakfast Host** (6:00-7:00 am): Thursday, 11/14; Friday, 11/15.

Donations Needed: Thank you to those who donated toiletries. Our bins are full! We still need large boxes of plastic spoons and forks. If you are a Costco or Sam's Club member and willing to shop for these, please contact me. Purchases will be reimbursed. Contact Beth Sosinski (330-283-6843) or bethsosinski@gmail.com.

Shoebox Ministry - Operation Christmas Child, Saturday, November 23, 9:00 am

Join us as we fill shoeboxes for children around the world! Come to **Fellowship Hall** on **Saturday, November 23** to help fill and sort boxes for shipping. Until then, you can shop and prepare for the day. Suggestions of what to buy include:

Musical Instrument	Stuffed Animals, small	Dolls
Toy Cars/Balls	Jump Rope	Yo-Yos
Socks	Hats	Sunglasses
Hair Clips	Jewelry and Watches	Flashlights, with extra batteries
Toothbrushes	Bar Soap	Washcloths
Combs	Pencils, Sharpeners	Crayons and Markers
Notebooks and Paper	Coloring and Picture Books	Solar Calculator

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; seeds; fruit rolls or juice boxes; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers.

You can also make a monetary donation to the church to support the effort and aid in shipping costs, OR you can help by picking up an empty box now and bringing it back filled OR just drop off items to be included by **November 22**. Thank you!

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.

Cookie Exchange - Thursday, December 12 at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring 7 dozen of your favorite home-baked holiday cookies to share. We will offer beverages to go along with the “taste-sharing” before creating our take home plates of delicious goodies. Sign up with your type of cookie (to avoid multiples of the same cookie) and submit the recipe to mkisthardt@hudsonucc.org by **12/5/19**. Questions? Contact Debbie Borgos at dborgos@windstream.net. This is a **Connections Ministries FREE** event. All are welcome!

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: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

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

TAKE _____ LEAVE _____

Youth Ministry

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

The 9 and Breakfast Club - Let’s Make a Deal! All 6th and 7th graders are invited to the Youth Room during the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services. Today’s topic: God’s Covenant with Abraham. It’s Communion Sunday so all students, 8th grade and up, should attend worship with their mentors or families.

SALT - Have you ever been someplace and felt especially close to God? That’s called a “thin space” and we’ll be talking about them tonight. High school students, join us in the Youth Room, 6-7:30 pm. Friends are welcome for games, snacks, and discussion!

D&D - Middle schoolers are invited to hang out every **Wednesday, 3:00-5:00 pm**. This week we’ll start a series on truth with this question: Is it okay for parents to lie to their kids? Come share your thoughts.

TPP - Registration for The Pittsburgh Project, our middle school summer mission trip, is underway! The informational meeting for first-time families is this **Wednesday, November 6 at 5:15 pm** in the Youth Room (**right after D&D**). Trip dates are **July 6-10, 2020**.

Confirmation - We meet at **11:30 am this morning**. Please attend the 10:30 service with your mentor and then head to the Activity Room for our meeting (which starts with lunch). Bring your Bible and your binder.

Simply Christmas - Middle school students are invited for a craft and snacks in the Youth Room on **Sunday, November 24, 2:00-4:00 pm**. Join us for a fun start to the Advent Season. Watch your email for more details!

Adult Faith Formation

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

Soul Collage - Saturday, November 16 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Create a personal deck of 5 x 8 inch collagen cards which will reflect deeper and sometimes hidden aspects of your being. Learn to read your cards, journal your story and share insights. Contact Kelly Berger for more information: KACBerger@aol.com.

Centering Prayer - Saturdays: 11/9, 11/23, 12/7 and 12/21 at 9:30 am. Join a small group of congregants and community members who gather on an ongoing basis to practice Centering Prayer (i.e., group meditation) together. No experience required!

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.