

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, November 10

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

MONDAY, November 11

7:00 pm Stew Crew (304)
7:00 pm Outreach Board (301)

TUESDAY, November 12

12:00 pm FYI Luncheon (FH)
12:30 pm ROMEOs (Lager & Vine)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
6:30 pm Children's Ministries Board (102)
7:00 pm Membership Board (304)
7:00 pm Trustees (301)

WEDNESDAY, November 13

9:00 am WOW (FH)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (FH)
10:45 am Tai Chi (FH)
1:00 pm CUPS Meeting (304)
3:00 pm D&D (Youth Room & FH)
5:00 pm revoice (Choir Room)
5:00 pm Camp Wednesday (FH)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble

THURSDAY, November 14

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)
1:00 pm Happy Hikers (TBD)

SATURDAY, November 16

9:00 am Soul Collage (FH)
10:00 am Al-Anon Newcomers (120)
11:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)

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

Today's Scripture: Isaiah 58:9b-14

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 10, 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.

Honoring All Veterans

We thank you for your service.

We are forever grateful.

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): Saturday, 11/16.
- **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.

Thank you for supporting our Family Promise mission. Questions? Contact Beth Sosinski: bethsosinski@gmail.com.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE - Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 pm at Christ Church Episcopal. A special service with our friends from other churches and faiths from around the area.

NEW 2020 FLOWER CHART The 2020 Flower Chart is now hanging on the hallway bulletin board. If you would like to dedicate sanctuary flowers in loving memory or in honor of a loved one, sign up today!

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Pat Myers in memory of her son, David.

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).

ShE/Dopplebockers Live Nativity Potluck - ShE and Dopplebockers (our fellowship groups for parents with children in elementary school and younger) are participating in the Live Nativity from 4:00-5:00 pm. A potluck taco bar will follow in the Activity Room at **5:00 pm**. RSVP to Jen Barden at JBarden@hudsonucc.org.

Adult/Health Ministry

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

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) will take place on **Tuesday, November 12**.
Veterans! Thank you for your service!

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 **Towpath Trail, Big Bend Trailhead**, 1337 Merriman Road, Akron on **Thursday, November 14** 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 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.

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.

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: 11/23, 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.

Save The Date! 2020 Women's Winter Bible Study - Wednesdays, January 8 - February 19. Daytime Session: 9:30-10:45 am and Evening Session: 6:45-8:00 pm. We will be using Angie Smith's study - *Seamless: Understanding the bible as One Complete Story*. Mark you calendars and invite a friend today!

AmazonSmile - Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to First Congregational Church of Hudson when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0762813. SmileAmazon is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on smile.amazon.com, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate a percentage of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Children's Ministry

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

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	1 st grade shepherd
2 nd grade shepherd	3 rd 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.

The Children's Center is looking for a preschool teacher to teach our new after school care program for the 2020-2021 school year. The program will run five days a week and the hours will be 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. This class will be for Kindergarten and First Grade students. If you are interested or know someone who would be perfect, contact Dee (dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org) for more information! Thank you!

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.

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**.

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!

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!

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!

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

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: _____

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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 abaldwin@hudsonucc.org.

The 9 and Breakfast Club - Have you ever felt tested by God? Have you ever been surprised by God? Have you ever read a Bible story that’s really hard to accept? This week we are looking at one of those tricky stories when we talk about Abraham and Isaac. Join us in the Youth Room during the 9:00 and 10:30 services.

SALT - Join us tonight for a conversation that is sure to get you thinking. We all come to situations in our life with our own thoughts and biases. How do we sort through these to determine which serve us and which we should work to change? We’ll talk about it tonight at SALT, 6:00-7:30 pm.

D&D - Middle schoolers are invited to hang out every **Wednesday, 3-5:00 pm**. This week we continue a series on truth. We’ll talk about what it means to *really* be honest. Friends are welcome!

TPP - Registration for The Pittsburgh Project, our middle school summer mission trip, is due this **Wednesday, November 13**. Don’t delay – spaces are limited! Trip dates are **July 6-10, 2020**.

Findley Harvest Dinner - Join us in a Thanksgiving celebration at Findley Learning Center on **Thursday, November 21, 5-7:00 pm**. Help serve a meal, play games, or do a craft. This is a fun night to celebrate this special holiday. Contact Jeff Wells (jeffreylwells@gmail.com) to sign up.

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!

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 (scnly@aol.com).

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!