

## Congregational Calendar

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### **SUNDAY, January 12**

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)  
9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)  
9:45 am Friends Class (102)  
10/11:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic (Office)  
10:00 am Acolyte/Bible Training (Alcove)  
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)  
12:30 am Plant-Based Potluck (FH)  
6:00 pm SALT (Youth Room & FH)  
6:00 pm Handbells (Choir Room)  
6:00 pm ASP Meeting (FH)  
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir (Sanctuary)

### **MONDAY, January 13**

12:00 pm FYI Luncheon (FH)  
7:00 pm Stew Crew (304)  
7:00 pm Bible Study (Youth Room)  
7:00 pm Mat Yoga (FH)  
7:00 pm ShE (Alcove)

### **TUESDAY, January 14**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, January 15**

9:00 am WOW (FH)  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Youth Rm.)  
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/Act/Choir)  
5:30 pm High School Choir (Youth Room)  
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (301)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)  
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

### **THURSDAY, January 16**

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)  
6:00 pm Social Justice Book Club (FH)  
7:00 pm Interfaith Monthly Dialogue

### **SATURDAY, January 18**

10:00 am AI-Anon Newcomers (120)  
11:00 am AI-Anon Meeting (102)  
11:00 am Alateen (Activity Room)

**Coffee Hour** this week is sponsored  
by Connections Ministries.

**Social Justice Book Club - Thursday, January 16, 6:00-8:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

(Please note corrected time.) Our first book, *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, is an unforgettable story of racial injustice and has recently been turned into a movie generating a lot of Oscar buzz. It will be facilitated by two University of Akron Law Professors.

Email [mkisthardt@hudsonucc.org](mailto:mkisthardt@hudsonucc.org) to register. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

### ***Today's Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17***

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*SUNDAY, January 12, 2020*

*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.

**First Serve Warming Barrel Inauguration** - Please join us as we celebrate the opening of the First Serve Warming Barrel - a 2019 First Serve project - **Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 pm** at Patterson Park Community Center, 800 Patterson Ave., North Hill, Akron. There will be hot chocolate and a Make-Your-Own-S'mores station. If there is snow, bring a sled and enjoy the hill at Patterson Park! We will also collect warm hats, mittens, and gloves for North Hill neighborhood kids. This event is rain, snow or shine event. Come celebrate with us no matter what the weather!

**2020 Christian Unity Prayer Service** - Hudson churches will gather on **Thursday, January 23** at Hudson United Methodist Church, 2670 Hudson-Aurora Rd. The ecumenical service, led by local clergy, begins at **10:00 am** with Rev. Clark Stein, Hudson United Methodist Church, giving the sermon. After the prayer service, ticket holders will enjoy a luncheon catered by Nosh's Eatery. Our featured speaker after the luncheon will be Professor Carolyn Behrman from the University of Akron. She will share her stories of working with the Asian immigrant communities in Akron. Ticket price is \$18 (payable to FCCH) and tickets may be obtained at the church office: 330-650-4048. Reservation deadline: January 19. The prayer service is free and open to all.

**ShE** is meeting **tomorrow, Monday, January 13 at 7:00 pm** in the Alcove. Childcare will be available. RSVP to [jbarden@hudsonucc.org](mailto:jbarden@hudsonucc.org).

**SAVE THE DATE** - On **March 22** at the 10:30 service, we will present **The Creation**, a jazz-rock cantata. Contact Dr. Tom Scott if you are interested in singing in this event. The first rehearsal is **Monday, February 10 from 7:00-9:00 pm**. Scores will be provided.

**Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, Cocoa Mix, Baking Cocoa, Chocolate Bars** - Show your support of Fair Trade by stopping at the Equal Exchange table following all services. Fair Trade enables farmers to stay on their land, receive a fair price, send their children to school and care for the environment. *Proceeds benefit Family Promise of Summit County.*

**NEW 2020 FLOWER CHART** The 2020 Flower Chart is 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! We have a few spots left in **February!**

## Children's Ministry

For Children's opportunities, contact Dee Buchanan [dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org) or Katie Morgan: [kmorgan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:kmorgan@hudsonucc.org).

**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, for Kindergarten and First Grade students, runs **five days a week, 3:00-6:00 pm**. If you are interested or know someone who would be perfect, contact Dee Buchanan for more information! Thank you!

**Summer Intern** - Do you love children and are looking for a summer job? The Children's Ministries team is looking for a summer intern. If you have a strong faith, have completed your sophomore year in high school and have experience working with children, please go to the church website ([www.hudsonucc.org](http://www.hudsonucc.org)) and fill out the application. If you have any questions, contact Dee Buchanan ([dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org](mailto:dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org)).

**Amazing Opportunities** in the New Year! Will you join us? Below, are the openings that we need to fill for **1/19 - 2/2**:

- 10:30 1<sup>st</sup> grade shepherd    2<sup>nd</sup> grade shepherd    3<sup>rd</sup> grade shepherd

## Adult/Health Ministry

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

**FYI (Feeling Young Inside)** luncheon is **tomorrow**, at **noon** in Fellowship Hall.

**Mat Yoga** continues in Fellowship Hall on **Mondays** at **7:00 pm**. Beginners are welcome!

**Chair Yoga** will continue on **Wednesdays** at **10:00 am** in Fellowship Hall through **February 12** with instructor, **Jodi Fill**.

**Want to walk a mile**, practice balance, or do simple stretches? It is cold and icy outside but you can keep moving here at FCCCH! Use the mat, weights, stretch bands or body roller as you walk around Fellowship Hall - 24 laps is one mile! Grab a friend & GO!

**Learn to Play Pickleball - Thursday, January 30, 9:30-11:00 am OR 7:00-8:30 pm.**

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports! Have you always wanted to learn? Julie Kern will lead an Introduction to Pickleball class in Fellowship Hall. Everything you need for the class will be provided... just wear comfy clothes and be ready for fun!

To register, email Missy at [mkisthardt@hudsonucc.org](mailto:mkisthardt@hudsonucc.org).

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**Women's Ensemble** - Looking for a low-commitment, high enjoyment music and fellowship opportunity? Start your new year off right with the Women's Ensemble. Rehearsals will be **Thursdays, January 23, 30** and **February 6** from **7:00-8:00 pm**. We will perform in worship on **Sunday, February 9** at the **9:00** and **10:30** services. 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? Email Charlotte at [cplank@hudsonucc.org](mailto:cplank@hudsonucc.org) to sign up for future dates. Do you have a friend (not necessarily a church member) that might want to join us? Forward this email or contact Charlotte.

## Youth Ministry

For Youth opportunities, contact Callie Baylor [cbaylor@hudsonucc.org](mailto:cbaylor@hudsonucc.org) or Amy Baldwin [abaldwin@hudsonucc.org](mailto:abaldwin@hudsonucc.org).

**The 9 and Breakfast Club** - Join us in the Youth Room during the 9 or 10:30 service for donuts and discussions.

**ASP and SALT** - SALT this evening is also our **ASP 2020 Kickoff!** If you are signed up for ASP, please be sure to attend this very important evening. We meet in Fellowship Hall from **6:00-7:30**. ASP gear is highly encouraged for our veterans! And, for our first timers, wear your favorite t-shirt.

**D&D** - Everyone has that thing they love to complain about! Too hot! Too cold! Not enough time! What's your pet complaint? What do we really accomplish when we share those thoughts out loud? If you've ever felt like the beach was too sandy or the water too wet, this week's topic is for you! Join us **Wednesday, 3:00-5:00** in the Youth Room.

**High School Choir** - What a spectacular performance by this group on Christmas Eve! We hope you'll join us - again, or for the very first time - this and every **Wednesday** from **5:30-6:30 pm** in the Youth Room. As always, we'll start with dinner before we sing. Any questions, contact Chelsea Selvaggio at [cselvaggio@hudsonucc.org](mailto:cselvaggio@hudsonucc.org).

**Summer Missionary Program 2020** - We are looking for a college student and four high school students to form our SMP team this summer. If you love to serve and want to make a difference in the community, please apply. These are paid positions. Check our website for details or contact Callie.

**Confirmation** - The Interfaith Shabbat Service at Temple Israel is **Friday, January 24**. We will leave church at **5:30**. Check you email for more information and **RSVP to Callie**.

## Adult Faith Formation

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

**SIGN UP TODAY - 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*. Questions? Email Tracy Zappone: [pzappone@yahoo.com](mailto:pzappone@yahoo.com).

**Bible Study** - The letter to Timothy is filled with questions, concerns and controversies surrounding the new church in Ephesus! Join us starting this **Monday, January 13** at **7:00 pm** in the Youth Room as Rev. Steve Hockstra leads us into examining this incredible book of the Bible. You can sign up via the Connection Card, emailing, or calling the church office (330-650-4048).

**Pathfinders** meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays** of each month. Join us **TODAY** at **9:00 am** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.