

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, January 19

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
6:00 pm SALT (Youth Room)
6:00 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, January 20

MLK Day—Church Office Closed

6:30 pm Outreach Board (304)
7:00 pm Deacons Board (301)
7:00 pm Bible Study (Youth Room)
7:00 pm Mat Yoga (FH)

TUESDAY, January 21

1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
7:00 pm Personnel Committee (304)
7:00 pm Dopplesockers (Brew Kettle)
7:00 pm Music Board (Alcove)

Coffee Hour this week
is sponsored by the FCCH Staff.

WEDNESDAY, January 22

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)
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 Council (304)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, January 23

10:00 am CUPS (Hudson Methodist)
6:30 pm Bridge Club (Walden)
7:00 pm Women's Ensemble (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, January 24

5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Temple Israel)

SATURDAY, January 25

11:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Activity Room)
1:00 pm Second Serve Sledding Party

Bridge Club Gathering - Join us for an evening of games at Walden Country Club's Bogey Bar, in Aurora on **January 23 at 6:30 pm**. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Please RSVP to Julie Alexander at beachbum1972@hotmail.com

Today's Scripture: John 1:35-42

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 19, 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.

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: **TODAY, January 19**. The prayer service is free and open to all.

First Serve Warming Barrel Dedication - 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 a rain, snow or shine event. Come celebrate with us no matter what the weather!

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, February 23**. Sign up on the Connection Card. For more information, contact Rev. Jeanette Brodersen; 330-650-4048 or jbrodersen@hudsonucc.org.

PART I

Wednesday, February 5
7:00 - 8:30 pm; Room 102
(child care available)

PART II

Sunday, February 9
5:00 - 7:00 pm; Activity Room & Room 102.
(meal provided & child care available)

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Mary and Mike Marshall to celebrate the birth of their twin granddaughters, Amelia Claire and Madelyn Brooke.

Children's Ministry

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

The Children's Center will be having an **Open House** on **January 26** from **11:45 am - 1:45 pm**. All are welcome! Church members can **register** their children on **January 27** starting at **8:00 am**. Please contact Dee Buchanan for more information.

Amazing Opportunities in the New Year! Will you join us? Below, are the openings that we need to fill for **1/26** and **2/2**:

- 10:30 1st grade shepherd 2nd grade shepherd 3rd grade shepherd

Adult/Health Ministry

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

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) luncheon on **February 10** at **noon** will feature "Your Kidneys and You" presented by Leah Adams from the National Kidney Foundation. Most people don't know much about their kidneys and how important they are to their health, including the 37 million people who have kidney disease. If caught early, kidney disease can be slowed or even stopped! Learn about how kidneys function, early detection, testing and prevention! Sign up today on the Connection Card.

Mat Yoga continues in Fellowship Hall on **Mondays** at **7:00 pm**. 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 donations accepted.

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! About 24 laps around Fellowship Hall is a mile. There are also 4 areas assigned to exercises that can break up the monotony. Use the mat, weights, stretch bands or body roller as you walk around. Grab a friend – it all goes faster if you are not alone! Hope to see you soon!

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.

Family Promise Host Week, February 2—9 ~ Please see the Family Promise Board at the Outreach Station to sign up for available volunteer opportunities. Thank you!

ShE Social – Join us at 3 Palms in Hudson on **January 27 at 7:00 pm** for night of fellowship that is sure to help shake off the winter blues. Childcare is available at the church. RSVP to JBarden@hudsonucc.org.

Dopplebockers are starting 2020 off strong with a night of fellowship at the Brew Kettle. All dads with elementary-aged kids and younger are invited to join us on **Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm** at the Brew Kettle in Hudson. RSVP to JBarden@hudsonucc.org.

Youth Ministry

For Youth opportunities, contact Callie Baylor cbaylor@hudsonucc.org or Amy Baldwin 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. Today, we'll be talking about Moses parting the Red Sea!

SALT - It's a long weekend as we honor Martin Luther King, Jr. We meet tonight at 6:00 pm for a discussion about being an inviter. Will you please join us? (*See what we did there?*)

D&D - Can you believe you have another day off already? This Wednesday we'll talk about the person we are honoring tomorrow—Martin Luther King—and standing up for what's right. Join us **Wednesday, 3:00-5:00** in the Youth Room. Friends are welcome.

High School Choir - 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.

Confirmation - The Interfaith Shabbat Service at Temple Israel is **Friday, January 24**. We will leave church at **5:30 pm**. Check your 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.

Pathfinders meets on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month but will **NOT** meet on **January 26**. Join us **February 9** 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.

Music Ministry

Women's Ensemble - 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. Email Charlotte at cplank@hudsonucc.org to sign up for February or for future dates.

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.