

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, February 2

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am The Nine (Youth Room)
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
9:45 am CM Mission (Activity Room)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
11:30 am Confirmation Meeting (Act. Room)
1:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
6:00 pm SALT (Youth Room & FH)

MONDAY, February 3

9:00 am Deaconess Board (304 & Chapel)
7:00 pm Bible Study (301)
7:00 pm Mat Yoga (FH)
7:00 pm First Serve Committee (304)

TUESDAY, February 4

1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
6:30 pm Prayer Quilting (102)
7:00 pm Adult Ed Board (301)

Coffee Hour in February is sponsored by the Stewardship and Investment Boards.

WEDNESDAY, February 5

9:00 am WOW (FH)
9:30 am Women's Bible Study (304)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (FH)
10:45 am Tai Chi (FH)
3:00 pm D&D (FH & off site)
5:00 pm revoice (Choir Room)
5:00 pm Camp Wednesday (FH/Act/Choir)
5:30 pm High School Choir (FH & off site)
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (301)
7:00 pm Newcomer Class I (102)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, February 6

6:30 pm Family to Family (102)
7:00 pm Women's Ensemble (Choir Room)
7:00 pm NAMI (Activity Room)

FRIDAY, February 7

6:30 am JourneyMen (Yours Truly)

SATURDAY, February 8

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

Women's Ensemble - Thursday, 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.

Today's Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, February 2, 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.

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)

Family Promise Host Week, February 2—9 ~ Thank you to all who have already signed up to provide hospitality to our guests! **Volunteers still needed are:**

* Breakfast Host (6:00-7:00 am)

* Day Leader (5:30-7:30 pm)

Thursday, February 6

Saturday, February 8

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Tea - Thursday, February 20 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Tea sandwiches, salad, scones and dessert, all prepared by our very own Pat Hoag. Bring your favorite tea cup and enter our tea cup contest! A program, "Mindfulness in Body and Spirit for Wellness", will be presented by Kristie Leahy. Cost is \$10; make checks payable to FCCH with TEA in the memo line. Sign up in the church office or on the Connection Card by **Monday, February 17**.

Pathfinders meets on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month. Join us next **Sunday, February 9** at **9:00 am** in the 3rd floor chapel as we study *The Apocryphal Jesus*.

Journeymen Breakfast - All men are invited to breakfast and fellowship, **Friday, February 7** at Yours Truly restaurant. Come join us, as well, for spontaneous "Thirsty Thursdays" and service opportunities. Contact Trip Kern: Trip.Kern@gmail.com.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by John and Jeanne Embree in honor of their son, Jamie's 38th birthday and Jeanne's mother, Hilda Draper's 99th birthday.

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.

Want to walk a mile, practice balance, or do simple stretches? It is cold and icy outside but you can keep moving here at FCCH, Monday through Friday! About 24 laps around Fellowship Hall is a mile. There are also 4 areas assigned to exercises: use the mat, weights, stretch bands or body roller as you walk around. Hope to see you soon!

Why try Tai Chi? Proprioception: the ability to sense the position of one's body in space - this ability declines with age. Tai Chi helps train this sense which is a function of sensory neurons in the inner ear and stretch receptors in the muscles and ligaments! **Tai Chi** class is on **Wednesdays** from **10:45-11:45 am** in Fellowship Hall. Free and drop-in!

Balance Clinic -Thursday, February 27 from **10:00 am-12:00 pm**. Lynn Czap, PT, DPT from Hudson NovaCare Physical Therapy will be in Fellowship Hall to do free balance evaluations. Sign up on the Health Ministries Board or contact Kathy for reservations.

Children's Ministry

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

Teachers and Shepherds needed - Come join the fun on the 1st floor! We are looking for Teachers and Shepherds for the upcoming rotation called Lent & Temptation in the Wilderness (2/9 - 3/15).

- Pray-per-View Teacher and Shepherd: **2/9 only**
- Thou Art Teachers: **9:00 on 2/23 only; 10:30 from 2/23-3/15**
- Fun & Godly Stuff Teacher: **9:00 on 3/1 only; 10:30 from 2/23-3/15**
- Tabernacle Teacher: **9:00 on 3/8 only; 10:30 from 2/23-3/15**
- Garden of Eatin' Teacher: **9:00 on 3/15 only; 10:30 from 2/23-3/15**
- 1st grade Shepherd: **10:30 from 2/9-3/15**
- 2nd grade Shepherd: **10:30 from 2/9-3/15**
- 3rd grade Shepherd: **10:30 from 2/9-3/15**
- 4th/5th grade Shepherd: **10:30 from 2/9-3/15**

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) and fill out the application. If you have any questions, contact Dee Buchanan (dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org).

Youth Ministry

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

The 9 and Breakfast Club - Every Sunday, our middle and high schoolers are invited to the Youth Room during the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Join us to talk about Deborah and the role this woman played.

SALT - Join us **tonight** for our Super Bowl party from **6:00-7:30 pm**. No Super Bowl party would be complete without amazing food. Please "Bring it in a Bowl!" We are suggesting girls bring appetizers and the guys bring desserts. But most importantly, bring yourself (and a friend). See you tonight!

D&D - Our annual party at Farinacci's is **this Wednesday**. Meet at church and dress for the weather - we'll walk there snow, rain, or shine! Bring \$5 and enjoy plenty of pizza and pop. Friends are welcome!

Confirmation - Our next meeting is **today**. Join us right after the 10:30 service for lunch and our meeting in the Activity Room.

ASP - TWO important reminders: **Final payment** is due **February 1** and our second ASP meeting is next **Sunday, February 9** at **4:30 pm** to take advantage of the sunlight. Bring your safety glasses and work gloves and be ready to fire up some power tools. Everyone who is signed up for ASP should attend.

SALT Lock In - Our first ever lock in starts at **8:30 pm** on **Saturday, February 22** and ends the next morning. Cost is \$35 and includes laser tag, a late night Swenson's run, breakfast and a t-shirt. Your money and registration are due **February 9**. Friends are welcome (as long as they register on time!)

Hi Ho! Hi Ho! It's off to **Dopplebockers** we go! Dopplebockers, our fellowship group for dads with elementary-aged kids and younger, is meeting at HiHO Brewing Company (1707 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls) on **Thursday, February 20** at **7:00 pm**. RSVP to jbarden@Hudsonucc.org.

ShE, (our group for moms with kids in elementary school and younger) meets **every other Monday** at **7:00 pm** with childcare available. Our next meeting is **February 10** at **7pm** in the Alcove (up the few steps just past the elevator across from Fellowship Hall). We would love to have you join us for a conversation about parenting. Questions? Email jbarden@Hudsonucc.org.

The Creation, a jazz-rock cantata, will be presented on **March 22** at the **10:30** service. It will feature Julian Selvaggio on piano, Bobby Selvaggio on saxophones and Chelsea Selvaggio as our soprano soloist, along with a professional rhythm section. Contact Dr. Tom Scott if you are interested in singing in the chorus for this event. The first rehearsal is **Monday, February 10** from **7:00-9:00 pm**. Scores will be provided.