

We Are Called

Verses



1. Come! Live in the light!
2. Come! O - pen your heart!
3. Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to
called to be hope for the hope - less so all
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
sis - ters and broth - ers u - ni - ted in love!

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!

Today's Scripture can be found on the inside, back page.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 11, 2018

Wherever you are on your journey... you are welcome here.

Guests are invited to participate in any of the church's varied activities.

Contact the Church Office (330) 650-4048 for more information
or check off your interests on the back of the Connection Card.

The Micah Project

Based on Micah 6:8...*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?* During this season of Lent, we're asking you to try the action portions of this verse: to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. As a guide, we've created the "Micah Project Practices," tools to help you live out these actions in your everyday life.

Micah Project Practices

1. **Participate in a Small Group** – It's not too late to sign up. Go to the Micah table in Fellowship Hall.
2. **Worship Weekly** – Join us at 9, 10:30 or 11:59...in the pews or via live stream.
3. **Pray Daily** – Pick up a key card or bookmark in Fellowship Hall with the Micah Project Prayer. Using our Micah 6:8 theme verse as a reminder, pray at 6:08 am and 6:08 pm. (Choose the time zone that works for you!)
4. **Give Generously** – Stretch your giving muscles and give above and beyond what you normally do. *See the insert in today's bulletin for more details.*
5. **Act with Mercy Daily** – Face each day with an attitude of compassion. How might you act with mercy or kindness toward someone each day? Please join us for our *Easter Basket Service Project, TODAY during coffee hours* in Fellowship Hall.
6. **Right Wrongs** – In what way, big or small, can you work toward righting the wrongs, injustices, or sufferings in our world? Support a cause, stand for the bullied, or something else. Join us for this opportunity:
 - *Childhood Poverty Cradle to Career Experience, Tuesday, March 20, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall*For more details about these events, visit the Micah Information Table.

*Visit the Micah Information Table for Micah swag
(mugs, key cards, bookmarks, and booklets) in Fellowship Hall today!*

Youth Ministry

For opportunities in Youth Ministry, contact Steve Hockstra shockstra@hudsonucc.org, Amy Baldwin (High School) abaldwin@hudsonucc.org or Callie Baylor (Middle School) cbaylor@hudsonucc.org.

Breakfast Club - Compassion: can you imagine a world where compassion was the norm? Join us at Breakfast Club as we discuss what it would take to make this happen. Breakfast Club meets today at 10:30 am in the Youth Room.

Summer Missionaries - Do you want to spend this summer growing in your faith by serving others? Then consider applying to be a summer missionary. The summer missionary program is a six-week experience that starts **June 4** and runs through **July 20**. It is open to all high school students who are 16 and older. If you are interested in being a summer missionary, you can get an application by following this link: hudsonucc.org/#/youth/youth-missions. **Applications are due to Steve by March 23.**

Impact Bowling - Our high school students will be headed to Sto-Kent Lanes on **Sunday, March 18** from 6:00-8:00 pm. Cost is \$10 and covers shoe rental, two hours of unlimited bowling, pizza and pop. If you are interested in participating, please text (864) 561-5812 or email Amy at abaldwin@hudsonucc.org.

Findley Math Carnival - On **Thursday, March 22**, our middle school and high school students will travel to Findley Community Learning Center to help with the annual Math Carnival. We will meet at the church at 4:15 pm and return at 7:15 pm. If you would like more info or to sign up, please email Jeff Wells (jeffreylwells@gmail.com).

Family Promise: April 1 - 8: Family Promise week is just around the corner! This is a great opportunity to serve others right here in our Youth Room. If you are interested in serving, please contact Beth Sosinski (bethsosinski@gmail.com).

D&D - Do you follow the mantra "pics or it didn't happen"? Do you have friends who are more concerned about what their pics look like than about what they are actually doing? Are you "selfie-obsessed"? We continue our three-week series on social media with this topic. Remember, also, that we have started our Lenten collection of paper towels to donate to Family Promise. Keep those paper towels rollin' in! D&D meets on Wednesdays this week and every week from 3:00-5:00 pm in the Youth Room. Friends are always welcome!

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Coffee Hour during the month of March is provided through the generosity of the members of the Children's Ministries Board.

Congregational Calendar

Your financial support makes all of this happen!

SUNDAY, March 11

9/10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Pathfinders (Chapel)
9:45 am Friends Class (102)
10/11:30 am Easter Basket Mission Project (FH)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)
6:00 pm Impact (Youth & FH)
6:00 pm Handbells
7:30 pm Teen Band/Choir

MONDAY, March 12

7:00 pm Concert Rehearsal (Choir Room)

TUESDAY, March 13

12:30 pm ROMEOs (The Gables)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
5:00 pm Yoga (FH)
6:30 pm Children's Ministries Board (102)

WEDNESDAY, March 14

9:00 am WOW (FH)
11:00 am Memorial Choir (Choir Room)
3:00 pm D&D (Youth Room & FH)
5:00 pm revoice (Choir Room)
5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday (FH/AR/Choir)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:30 pm Men's Ensemble

THURSDAY, March 15

9:30 am Prayer Quilting (102)
6:30 pm Family to Family (102)

SATURDAY, March 17

10:00 am AIAnon-Newcomers (120)
11:00 am AIAnon (102)
11:00 am Alateen (Youth Room)

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Lora Eureka in loving memory of her husband, Ron Eureka.

If you would like to dedicate Sanctuary flowers in loving memory or in honor of a loved one, sign up today on the **2018 Flower Chart** hanging on the hallway bulletin board. There are still dates available in the month of April.

Today's Scripture: John 3:14-21

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Children's Ministry

For opportunities in Children's Ministry, contact Dee Buchanan or Katie Morgan:
(330) 650-4048, ext. 301 or email dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org; kmorgan@hudsonucc.org.

Summer Intern 2018 - DEADLINE IS APPROACHING! Children's Ministries is looking for a summer intern for 2018. Visit hudsonucc.org under "Children" for more information and to fill out an application. **Applications are due by Friday, March 16!**

Can you help over Easter? We need a Toddler-Kindergarten Teacher and a Shepherd on Palm Sunday (March 25) at the 9:00 and 10:30 services. We also need a Teacher and a Shepherd for the Toddlers on Easter Sunday (April 1) at both 9:00 and 10:30 services. Please contact Katie if you can help.

Going away and can't help? We also have plenty of opportunities from **April 15 to May 20**. Please look over the open spots and let Katie or Dee know if you can jump in!

9:00 - Toddler-Kindergarten Shepherd	10:30 - Storyteller Teacher
10:30 - Crafts/Activities Teacher	10:30 - Toddler 3-Preschool Shepherd
10:30 - PreK-K Shepherd	

April 29 to May 20 -

10:30 - Our Acts Teacher	10:30 - Garden of Eatin' Teacher
10:30 - Thou Art Teacher	10:30 - Fun & Godly Teacher
10:30 - 1 st Grade Shepherd	10:30 - 2 nd /3 rd Grade Shepherd
10:30 - 4 th Grade Shepherd	10:30 - 5 th Grade Shepherd

Vacation Bible School - Save the Date! June 4-7, 5:30-8:00 pm (dinner included).

Outreach Ministries

Trinity Clothing and Household - Located just four blocks from Findley Elementary, Trinity provides support to the families of Findley students.

Greatest Needs:

- Blankets, sheets, comforters, quilts - full, queen, king; also pillows, towels
- Winter coats, boots, shoes for all ages and sizes
- Hats, gloves mittens, scarves for everyone
- Sweaters, sweatshirts, sweat pants: children's, men's and women's sizes
- Men's jeans, especially smaller sizes (27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34 waist)
- Preschool and Toddler clothing, sizes 2T - 5
- Pencils, pens, paper, folders, glue sticks and other school supplies for winter refresh of student's school needs

Please place your donations in the blue bin by the coat rack or the wooden cabinet in the stairwell.

Thank you! Questions? Please contact Sandy Miller at sandyxd91@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry

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Confirmation - Confirmation meetings are behind us, but there are other dates and events coming up, (see below). So keep on meeting, discussing, learning, and growing with your mentor.

April 15—Stole Making April 28—Rehearsal and Dinner April 29—Confirmation
Contact Callie or Steve with questions or concerns.

TPP - AWESOME NEWS: We have secured a few extra spots for TPP and we want YOU to fill them! So, if you have been thinking about it, the time to jump on it is now! **Final payment is due Wednesday, April 18.** Watch this space as plans start to take shape. Parents: our next and most important step is to make sure we have enough chaperones. Please let us know if you are interested in joining us at The Pittsburgh Project **July 9-13**. For more information, or to sign up, contact Callie or check out pittsburghproject.org.

Adult Ministry

For opportunities in Adult/Health Ministries, contact Kathy Yeakley,
(330) 650-4048, or email kyeakley@hudsonucc.org.

FYI Luncheon and Program - Fellowship Hall **March 19 at 12 noon** featuring **Jerry Varnes**, Fire/EMS Chief for the Hudson Fire Department. He will give a history of Hudson and his personal experience with the fire/rescue service in our city. Sign up on the Connection Card or call the Church Office. Questions? Email Kathy.

Yoga continues at FCCH on **Tuesdays at 5:00 pm**. Gentle movements will help you relax and destress with instructor, Cynthia Field. Bring a mat and foam block if you have one. Everyone is welcome!

Life Line Screening will be at FCCH on **Thursday, April 26** in Fellowship Hall. Five non-invasive, painless screenings for stroke, vascular blockages, cardiac arrhythmias, and osteoporosis will be available for \$139. You do not have to sign up for all five screenings. Registration can be done online (lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle), by phone (**1-866-229-0469**), or text the word **circle** to **797979**. See flyer on the Health Ministries bulletin board - contact Kathy with questions.

Women's Ministry

LIFT Annual Luncheon at Noble House - Thursday, April 26 at 12:00 noon. Put the date on your calendar now! All women of the church are invited.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES and ACTIVITIES

PALM SUNDAY - March 25; 9/10:30/11:59 am

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES - Monday, March 26

- Laurel Lake Breakfast and Worship - 9:00 am
- Gables of Hudson Worship - 11:00 am
- Maplewood, Cuyahoga Falls Worship - 1:00 pm
- Maplewood, Twinsburg Worship - 2:30 pm
- Vista Springs, Macedonia Worship - 3:30 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 29; 6:30 pm Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall, 7:30 pm Worship (Childcare available beginning at 7:15 pm) All food will be provided. If you have any special dietary needs, please contact Mary Enlow at marykenlow@gmail.com or (330) 697-4075. RSVP on the Connection Card or call the Church Office (330) 650-4048.

EASTER - April 1

- Sunrise Service at Hudson Springs Park, 6:40 am
- Service of the Resurrection, Sanctuary - 9/10:30/11:59 am

Flower Cross - Easter Sunday, April 1

Help bring the message of the Good News of Easter morning alive with flowers! Before and after worship, we encourage you to place flowers on the cross, located just outside the sanctuary doors on Aurora Street. Bring your own flowers, or find one in the bucket near the cross. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate God's love that brings new life.

Easter Flowers - The Deaconess Board is selling lilies and hydrangeas for our worship service on Easter Sunday. This project is entirely self-sustaining, funding the purchase of small daffodil plants which are delivered to our over 85 members. This year we are offering a third option: to fund the purchase of cut flowers for our Easter cross outside the church on Aurora Street. This year's double stem lily/blue hydrangea plants are \$22.00. Monetary donations for the Easter Cross flowers are accepted in any amount. Make your selection below and submit to the Church Office with your check **by March 15**. Checks should be made payable to First Congregational Church with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

FROM: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

or

IN HONOR OF: _____

- Check one: Lily Blue Hydrangea Easter Cross Flower Donation
 I will take my plant I will leave my plant

Paid: Check # _____ Cash _____ Amt: _____

REALM®: New Church Database

Our church is now working with a new kind of record keeping solution called **Realm®**. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community.

Things you should know:

- 1) We're adding more ways to **communicate** and **connect** as a church.
- 2) You determine how much you want to make this part of your experience with our church, but we encourage you to participate.
- 3) Everyone in our church gets a unique profile containing everything you want people in our church to know about you enabling you to:
 - Track your giving
 - Update contact information
 - Make online payments
 - RSVP to events
 - Change family details
 - Join small groups
 - Get notification preferences
 - Replace an outdated family photo
- 4) By keeping your information current, you are helping staff, group leaders and the church community. Access to **Realm®** will be available through a phone app, your tablet, desktop or laptop computer.
- 5) **And most importantly** ... Everyone in our current database will receive an email invitation to join **Realm®** and will be required to create a new login (user name/password) to access **Realm®**. Again, **Realm®** will replace what has previously been known as MyFCCH.

Questions? Contact the Church Office for assistance (330) 650-4048.

WATCH FOR YOUR EMAIL INVITATION TO ACCESS Realm®!

Privacy: Your information is your information. You have complete control over who can see your information. Any details you elect to make visible to your church family is always protected behind a login.



CAKES FOR OPEN M - We are in need of bakers to provide desserts. Please bring your donation in a disposable container on **Wednesday, March 21, no later than 10:00 AM** to the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Contact Nancy Martinez at martclan@outlook.com with any questions.