

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, July 15

9:00 am Outdoor Worship (Courtyard)
10:30/11:59 Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 am Breakfast Club (Youth Room)

TUESDAY, July 17

1:00 pm Walking Warriors (Barlow CC)
1:30 pm Congregational Conversations (LL)
7:00 pm Adult Ed Board (301)

WEDNESDAY, July 18

9:00 am WOW (FH)
9:30 am Women's Bible Study (301)
10:30 am Tai Chi (FH)
11:00 am Gables VIP Worship (The Gables)

THURSDAY, July 19

9:30 am Prayer Quilting
1:00 pm Happy Hikers (TBD)
7:00 pm Stew Crew (304)

FRIDAY, July 20

9:30 am CM Trip to the Zoo (meet at church)

SATURDAY, July 21

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

Coffee Hour during the month of July is provided

through the generosity of the members of the Music Board.

CAKES FOR OPEN M - Please bring your donation of baked goods in a disposable container on **Wednesday, July 25, no later than 9:30 AM** to the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Contact Nancy Martinez at martclan@outlook.com with any questions.

Today's Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:1-7

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. ⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Mackenzie Hester in honor of everyone celebrating a birthday in July!

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, July 15, 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.

Adult Faith Formation

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

Women's "Drop-In" Bible Study continues: **July 18 and 25 from 9:30 - 10:30 am in Room 301.** NO HOMEWORK - NO OUTSIDE READING - NO PRESSURE TO BE THERE EVERY WEEK. Grab a friend and come when you are in town and available! This is a great way to spend time each week in God's word and enjoy fellowship with other women! Childcare will be provided.

Topic for July 18: Mary of Bethany: Putting our Faith into Action

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 - We continue to meet in the Youth Room today and for the rest of the summer. Join us for donuts and discussions with friends **during the 10:30 am service!**

TPP - What an amazing week we had at The Pittsburgh Project! Thank you to all the youth who served with such enthusiasm and love. And thank you to our chaperones for taking such good care of our volunteers. And, thanks to all the parents who encouraged and supported their children to spend a week of their summer in service to others. TPP is truly a life changing week for everyone who goes. We hope all middle schoolers will consider attending next summer - details to come this fall!

Gennesaret - Join us **Saturday, August 4** at Gennesaret, the soup kitchen in Akron that we visit each month. This is an awesome way to stay involved in service over the summer. We meet at church at **9:00 am** and return around **2:30 pm**. Contact Jeff Wells (jeffreylwells@gmail.com) or Scott Hooker (mrscothooker@yahoo.com) for information or to sign up.

Family Scouting at First Congregational Church - for GIRLS AND BOYS grades K-5

Is your family interested in a fun, character development and values-based leadership program here at First Congregational Church? FCCH is forming a Family Scouting Cub Scout Pack and we need parents and volunteers to help make this successful! Interested? Contact Brian Ford: fordtwin2@gmail.com or (216) 375-5010.

Outreach Ministries

Trinity Clothing and Household - Thank you for your continued support of the Trinity household/clothing mission! Trinity UCC provides support to the families of Findley Community Learning Center students.

Greatest Needs:

- Sheet sets - Queen, King
- Summer blankets, quilts, light comforters - Queen, King
- Towels, sleeping pillows (new or very good condition)
- Baby crib sheets and blankets
- Capri pants for women and girls
- Shorts and short-sleeved tops/shirts for men, women, children
- Preschool and Toddler clothing, sizes 2T - 5 (we never have enough!)
- Swim suits - all sizes for men, women, children
- Tennis shoes and sandals - men, women, children

Please place your donations in the blue bin by the coat rack or the wooden cabinet in the stairwell. NO FOOD PLEASE!

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

Adult Ministry

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

Walking Warriors will continue to walk behind the *Barlow Community Center* on **Tuesdays** at **1:00 pm**. This is a paved walking path and a gentle walk.

Happy Hikers will hike on **Thursday, July 19** at **1:00 pm** at *Hudson Springs Park*, 7095 Stow Road, Hudson. This is a moderate 2.9 mile walk. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun with either group. Remember to stay well hydrated in this hot weather!

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) luncheon on **August 20** at **12:00 pm** will feature Emily Lopick, our Director of First Connect. She is excited to come and share what's been happening with this new and up-and-coming ministry. Sign up on the Connection Card or call the Church Office (330) 650-4048.

First Connect: A New Perspective on Outreach

There are many reasons people can't make it to church every Sunday. For instance:

- *Mary lives five minutes away but can't come to church on Sundays because she is not well.*
- *Zach often travels to France for work, keeping him from worshipping in the pews.*
- *Lydia moved into an assisted living facility yet greatly misses worshipping on Sunday.*

Imagine a church where people like this could come together - no matter their location - and worship. That's a reality here at FCCH, thanks to **First Connect**, our digital ministry that provides worship to those who can't make it to our physical church. Through the livestreaming of our services, as well as providing other digital content, we are forming a virtual community and extending our reach far beyond these walls.

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.

The Amazing Bible Animal Race! All ages (K and under must be accompanied by an adult; 1-5 race)

Date: Friday, July 20 **Time: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm** **Cost: \$10**

Join us at the Cleveland Zoo in a race to find animals from Jesus' time!

****We will meet at the church at 9:30.**

RSVP to Caitlyn Menolasino (our summer intern) at cmenolasino@hudsonucc.org.

Crib Room Assistant Needed Would you like to become part of our Crib Room staff? Or do you know someone who would like to join us?

Availability: Sunday Mornings and Weekday Evenings for church sponsored events.

Applicants must be college age or older. Contact Dee Buchanan: dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org or 330-342-3977 for more information or to apply.

Free, Fabulous Summer Accommodations Available - Have you considered vacationing this summer on the 1st floor of our building on **Sunday mornings**? The people you meet are young, open-minded, innocent and impressionable; the accommodations are spacious, cool and engaging. **It is *easy-peasy*: all curriculum will be emailed to you, and all supplies will be ready on Sunday morning!** For **July 29**, we need the following:

9:00 Toddler-K Teacher and Shepherd

10:30 Toddler-K Teacher

Parents of our Rising Third Graders! An exciting Sunday is coming! Each child entering 3rd grade will be presented with a Bible on September 16 during the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services. The Bibles will be inscribed with your son or daughter's name, the date presented and the church's name. Your child will learn how to use his/her Bibles as part of the Sunday School rotation curriculum. Please contact Dee (dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org) or Katie (kmorgan@hudsonucc.org) if you would like more information or to sign up your rising third grader!

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Men! Would you like to stand at Homeplate at Progressive Field and sing the National Anthem with 100 other men? Imagine 30,000 people seeing your face on the Jumbotron! Well, you can! The Men of Independence welcomes you to this stunning opportunity to sing the Anthem on **Tuesday, August 28** at the 7:10 game against the Central Division rival Minnesota Twins. Father-son combos are especially welcome. For details, please see our Director of Music Ministries, Tom Scott.

THESE DAYS Daily Devotions for Living by Faith The latest copy (July-September) of this magazine can be found at the Information Station.