

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, February 3, 2022

THIS SUNDAY

Communion Sunday & Scout Sunday

This Sunday, Confirmation Class begins at 9:15, with all other Faith Formation classes beginning at 9:30. In worship, we will celebrate communion so bring your own elements, or pick up a pre-packaged kit. Gluten-free is always available. Pastor Vicki will preach on two texts: Luke 5:1-11 and Isaiah 6:1-8. Carol Costell Corbin and Linda Homer are the Deacon & Trustee of the day. It is Scout Sunday, so our Cub Scouts will open the doors of hospitality to you. The children will receive a “noisy can collection” for Heifer Project International. Bring your change so that special offering is *really* noisy! If you cannot join us in person, find the link for our service at: www.homercc.com.

As you enter the sanctuary this week, you will see something new. Through Jean Cadwallader’s generosity, we have been working toward upgrading the technology needed for worship. Two large screen TVs were delivered before Christmas. This week, the Trustees accepted a bid from Complete Construction Concepts (CCC) to install them. The quality of slides for worship will be greatly enhanced and as soon as all connections are completed, we will be able to remove the projector/screen and return the pulpit to its traditional position. The work will not be totally complete by Sunday, but you will see the TVs. We have worked hard to honor the beauty of our sanctuary while enabling these tools that enhance our worship.

NEXT WEEK

Monday

10:00 Staff Meeting

Tuesday

2:00 Senior Fellowship
Bill Hopkins will lead us in a discussion “How the Mind Works”. Join us for a cup of tea and some quality time with Bill. When he is in charge, you can be certain that there will be a lot to ponder and a lot of laughter to share.

Wednesday

6:00 Choir Rehearsal – spaced, masked and all together.

6:30 Worship & Music Committee meeting in the RFR.

Saturday

9:00 Deacons Retreat in RFR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **Outreach Team** met on Sunday after church to plan projects for the Spring. The projects under discussion include:

- A Lenten Food Drive
- Easter Dinner & Easter Basket Collection and Distribution
Along with a generous food donation, a family gave a financial gift. We discussed using the gift as seed money for a new project – collecting the basics for Easter baskets for distribution along with the Food Pantry’s Easter dinner bags.

- A collection drive - dependent on the needs of CAPCO
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. This organization makes beds for children who have no bed. We are exploring the possibility of working with them in May.

Watch for more information about these opportunities to BE the church within our community.

Our **Faith Formation Team** met on Tuesday via Zoom. New members Shannon Kostuk, Amanda McCaslin, Sheri Saddlemire and Anne Wingard were welcomed.

- Plans continue for the Heifer Project efforts we are calling *Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner*. This Sunday the children will gather a noisy can collection. Two boards have been set up in the sanctuary to depict each team's progress: a chick = \$20 raised. We look forward to supporting this project throughout February. Our gifts, given through the Heifer Project, provide families around the world with food, health, and hope.
- Plans are also underway for a multi-day/multi-generational Church Camp in mid-August. Keep an eye out for some exciting opportunities under consideration.
- Finally, we learned that the introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) for our adults will conclude this coming Sunday. Dates will be announced for a similar course involving the New Testament.

AND SPEAKING OF *WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN (SOUP) DINNER...*

There are two teams competing for the chance to SERVE that meal on Shrove Tuesday (March 1). The Mission Committee and our children of Faith Formation are raising funds for the Heifer Project. You can support either team, as follows:

- THIS Sunday – Noisy Can Collection – bring all the change you can find to make the cans as noisy as possible.
- February 13
 - Kids: The Envelope, Please!
A bulletin board will be set up with an envelope for each day in February (1-28). Take an envelope and put that number of dollars in it – for the Heifer Project collection. I wonder if there will be a Leap Year envelope?
 - Mission Committee: I'm hearing something about a bake sale on this day-before-Valentine's-Day. Stay tuned!

I am so grateful to all of you who answered by email asking, "How are you?" Your responses have helped me focus my prayers on your behalf and have strengthened the bonds we share. And as I start my sixth year in ministry with you, my heart is full. God has been so present as we have been stretched by so many changes in our lives. Thank you for sharing your lives with me. ~ *Pastor Vicki*

AS YOU PRAY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Joys: Groundhog or not, we have less than 50 days before Spring arrives.
The Wells family as Autumn gets married on Saturday.
Pray for expectant parents and grandparents in our congregation.

Concerns: Gary, Paul, Rick, Rita, Tyler
Mark & Brian – preparing to give and receive a kidney.
Those who are battling cancer.
Those who suffer from heartbreaking circumstances.