

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, June 16, 2022

LAST SUNDAY WRAP-UP

Last Sunday we celebrated the life-long journey of Faith Formation. Alex Faulkenbury shared a review of the year through pictures and stories and then thanked all the volunteers who taught classes from nursery to adults. Pastor Vicki reminded us of the scriptural foundations touched on as we grew in faith. Our very special music was provided by Anelia Corbin on trumpet, David Ford on clarinet, and Ellie Corbin on trombone. Their arrangement of *Jesus Loves Me* was terrific. Ellie Corbin and David Ford were awarded a new Bible as they move up from 3rd to 4th grade class. Fittingly, our recent purchase of a small praying frog statue was up front reminding us that we can Fully Rely On God (FROG). When you visit the Memorial Garden this summer, look for that good reminder amidst the newly planted flowers.

THIS SUNDAY

During our 10:30 worship, we will give thanks for fathers and offer blessings for graduates. Kate Toole will read a sermon written by her father, the Rev. Dr. Walter Kring. Rev. Kring spent time as a Navy Chaplain during WWII and then served Unitarian churches in Massachusetts and New York City. He was a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and a renowned potter. Lori Schmidt and Eugene Wright are Deacon and Trustee of the month. Find the link for our worship at: www.homercc.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our **Deacons** met on Tuesday evening. Conversations and decisions:

- Voted to begin summer worship hours (9:30 AM) on July 3. We will revert to 10:30 on Rally Day – September 11.
- Debriefed the confirmation program, including a thank you note from Jan Bertram.
- Discussed the closing of the Homer Nursery School, including what to do with the equipment/toys. Donations may be made to the Child Development Council and to area reading boxes.
- Discussed a potential church retreat at Sky Lake in October.
- Agreed to establish hospitality teams to fulfill our periodic reception needs.
- Heard about the arrival of 360 pairs of shoes donated from *Project Warm*. In addition, we are receiving financial support for PREP from several area organizations.

NEXT WEEK

Monday Our office will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

We are co-sponsoring an event with the Phillips Free Library:

Storyteller Vanessa Johnson will present these options:

11 AM at the Library – “Telling Juneteenth” for children K-5th grades.

Hear the voices of freedom those freed from slavery and those who helped free them.

4 PM at the Library – “Telling Freedom” for teens/adults

How do we preserve and share our personal and family stories of freedom?

6:30 PM at HCC – “Give Us our Free” for the whole family.

We will help tell the story of William “Jerry” Henry (a fugitive slave jailed in Syracuse) and the people who freed him.

Tuesday Our Trustees will meet at 6:30 PM.

Sunday, June 26

Brianna Darling, who is attending Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, is a member of our church family in pursuit of a career in Prison Chaplaincy. She is a member-in-discernment of our Susquehanna Association. Brianna has agreed to preach next Sunday morning. The service will also include special music provided (live!) by our choir.

COMING UP

Tuesday, June 28 The Church Council will meet at 6:30.

NOTE THAT ON SUNDAY, JULY 3 WE BEGIN OUR SUMMER HOURS WITH WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM.

SPECIAL THANKS

Dear Homer Congregational Church,

I would like to thank you for all your support, especially these last few years. It has been a wonderful experience having nursery school in Jones Hall. We have really enjoyed our time there. We are very grateful to have had over 50+ years with the Congregational Church.

I would especially like to thank Tracy Bertram, Bonnie Haaland, Doris Hoffman, Terry Pedersen, and Pastor Vicki, for their support and for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet with me. I hope the classrooms get good use from your faith formation classes and nursery during services. It was what they were meant for: children.

Thanks again, Lisa Clark & the teachers of the HNS

Dear HCC,

Thank you so much for the lovely lilac. They are my favorite flower and scent. They will bring back happy memories of Homer Nursery School whenever I smell them each spring. It was a very kind and thoughtful gesture and very much appreciated.

Thanks again, Lisa Clark

Dear Pastor Vicki & the Homer Congregational Church,

Thank you for the lilac bush – they are my favorite! More importantly thank you for the many years of support you gave Homer Nursery School and the call you had to step out in mission to continue the work of supporting the children of our community. I am sad that it has come to an end but am so grateful for the many years of fond memories.

– Sarah Bowens

Dear Pastor Vicki & Congregation,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful plant – it was so thoughtful of you. Most importantly, thank you for the opportunity to work at Homer Nursery School. It truly was one of, if not the best place I have been employed for several reasons. Thank you for all your support and understanding the last few months – I appreciate it so much.

Take care, Laura Ford

IN THE RUSSELL FELLOWSHIP ROOM

Recycle/Reuse/Giveaway Table – If you want it – take it! You have 2 weeks before items are donated elsewhere. If you are donating, be sure to leave clean, workable items.