

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, June 2, 2022

Celebrations and Thanks Edition!

Read all the way to the end for a special message from our Conference.

THIS SUNDAY IS PENTECOST!

We invite you to wear red!

At 9:30, the Faith Formation classes will enjoy an end-of-the-year party.

During our worship at 10:30, we will welcome seven young people as they join HCC and become adults within our family of faith. Finishing the Confirmation program are:

Jack Michael Bertram
Amelia Mae Joan Brown
Jack Andrew Brown
Daniel William Downey Ford
Delanie Karen McConnell
Claudia Joy Saddlemire
Matthew Perry Stapleton

For the last eight months, these men and women have been meeting for classes with Pastor Vicki, Gary Harrington, and Kurt Schmidt. Additionally, each person has been sharing time with a Journey Partner.

Sunday is also Communion Sunday. You may bring your own elements or use one of our pre-packaged kits. Our service will be live-streamed. Find the link at: www.homercc.com.

The Trustees invite you to greet the Confirmands at a special Coffee Hour following worship. Stick around for cake, coffee, and conversation.

NEXT WEEK

Monday Staff Meeting at 10 AM.

Tuesday The Faith Formation Committee will zoom at 6:30 PM.

Thursday Homer Nursery School's closing program at 10 AM.
Note: A special celebration of the HNS ministry is planned for the day of Holiday in Homer. We hope that ALL graduates will join us for pictures and remembering.

Saturday

9 – 1 The Phillips Free Library will kick off their Summer Reading Program on our Green.

10:30 Our Faith Formation classes will visit E-Z Acres Farm. Lunch will be provided. Questions? Check with Alex Faulkenbury.

NEXT SUNDAY

Faith Formation Sunday

As we worship, we will remember and give thanks for all the opportunities we have had to grow in faith. Ellie Corbin and David Ford will receive a Bible as they advance from 3rd to 4th grade.

COMING UP

Soon, the school system will be using our green for special picnics on the green. We are grateful for the growing connection and cooperation between our church and the Homer schools.

How will you celebrate Juneteenth? On Monday, June 20 you can join a community celebration co-hosted by the Phillips Free Library and our congregation. Storyteller Vanessa Johnson will be in town to share three presentations:

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.

SPECIAL THANKS

from Jeff, Sam, Lincoln & Emmy Penoyer:

Dear Pastor Vicki & Homer Congregational Church,

Thank you for helping us celebrate Emerson Grace Penoyer’s baptism. The day was truly special and the baptism service was beautiful. Emerson loved it! We so appreciate our faith family and feel blessed to have found a faith home for our kids and ourselves.

A message from Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer,
General Minister and President of the UCC:

Dear friends at Homer Congregational UCC,

Thank you for your generous donation to the UCC to support disaster relief for those impacted by the December tornadoes. Your gift of \$4,420. was received (and) because of your kindness, we will help people rebuild their communities and bring comfort to their lives.



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May 23, 2022

Dear Rev. Vicki Burtson and the congregation of Homer Congregational UCC,

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef and Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams join me in offering heartfelt thanks to you for hosting the 2022 Consultation for Committees on Ministry. You have embodied extravagant welcome with generosity of spirit and demonstrated what Christian hospitality can look and feel like to all who traveled across the miles to Homer. The Commission on Ministry had decided, earlier this year, that an in-person Consultation was possible and much needed, after two years of pandemic, but we weren't sure how to make it happen until you were willing to host the event.

We greatly appreciate the delicious food, the ability to use your wonderful technology (which allowed us to have a speaker from Seattle teach one session), and the friendly and supportive presence of so many church members. You made it look like hosting us was a joy rather than a great deal of work.

It is a blessing to be connected in covenant relationship: church with church, Association with Association, Committee on Ministry with Committee on Ministry. When we connect beyond ourselves, I believe that we grow wiser and more faithful. Thank you for valuing those connections and for making it possible for a gathering, whose purpose is connection and learning, to happen. For a day and a half, conversations seemed never to cease (and those organic connections just can't happen on zoom). We pray that each Consultation results in healthier ministers and more flourishing congregations. We enclose a check for \$1250 with gratitude for all you did to make this Consultation such a success.

With blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marjorie".

Rev. Marjorie Purnine,
Association Conference Minister for Leadership Development
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