

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Celebrating the life of **Peter Hoffmann**

Saturday, August 6 at 2 PM at the Homer Congregational Church.

LAST SUNDAY'S WRAP UP

Oh, the flutes! We were delighted to hear UFO (Underground Flute Operative) and we give thanks to Alex Cottrell, Jane Hunter, Terry Mingle, Jeanine Rose, and Colleen Thomas for sharing their extraordinary gift of music. I think we are still rewinding Peter Wright's measurement of just how much God loves us (a line that took he and our kids all the way to Main Street and beyond)! Pastor Vicki reflected on persistent prayer. As we ask, seek and knock, we may not be trying to change God's mind; instead, our persistence in prayer may change us. In our lives, we grow from child-like versions of the Lord's Prayer like "Our Pa-do, who does art in heaven, Harold be thy name." As we become adults, we learn to replace our laundry list of selfish "wants" with stillness - enough to listen and to rest in our loving God.

THIS SUNDAY

On this 5th Sunday in July, we look forward to special music from organist, Andrea Herzog. Alex Faulkenbury has the Children's Time. Referencing holy writing in Genesis 1 and Matthew 5, Pastor Vicki will encourage us to compare our human vision with God's 3D capacity to see. Nursery care is available. All are welcome. The service will be live-streamed. Find the link at www.homercc.com.

A REMINDER

Given the recent uptick in Covid cases in this area, we are reminded that masks remain available for use.

NEXT SUNDAY IS *UNDIES SUNDAY!*

We need undies for PREP. This coming Sunday, you can take a reminder and purchase specific sizes of underwear. Then next Sunday (Aug. 7), bring your purchases to church. Your support will make this expression of love-for-neighbor 3-dimensional!

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

Received after the celebration of Steve Berry's life:

Dear Church family,

Thank you for your prayers, love, and support through this time. Thanks for being here for me. Love, Bev Berry

On July 21, the Interfaith Council held their annual golf outing. As a way of saying thanks and on behalf of the whole church, the Deacons paid for Buzz Harrington and Anne Wingard to golf with their friends.

Buzz later wrote:

The day was very enjoyable. My team and I are extremely grateful for the church's generosity!! Thank you to the Deacons and everyone.

Anne writes:

My team had a wonderful time. We want to thank the Deacons and all who made this possible.

COMING UP IN AUGUST

ALL NEW - SUMMERFEST

Sponsored by the Cortland Interfaith Council

ENGAGING AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO NOURISH YOUR SOUL

Each evening at 6:30 (Sunday – Wednesday) – refreshments in our Memorial Garden

Then...each evening at 7 PM...

- Sunday, Aug. 7: **Nature Photography** with Sherry Dans
Monday, Aug. 8: **Watercolor Painting** with David Beale
Tuesday, Aug. 9: **Free Your Voice** with Elise Keeler
Wed., Aug. 10: **Baking Cinnamon Buns** with MJ Uttech
Thurs., Aug. 11 **Ice Cream Social on the Green** with Lynn Koch's music

Registrations may also be made by calling the Interfaith Center at (607) 753-1002 and leaving your name, evening(s) you'd like to attend, and number attending - or you can send the same message through email to c4cortlandchurches@gmail.com. Registrations will be taken at the door, space permitting, but pre-registering is very helpful for our presenters, as they plan for needed supplies.

CHURCH CAMP

ALL THINGS GREEN AND GROWING

TIME TO SIGN UP! GO TO THE FAITH FORMATION TAB ON OUR WEBSITE.

Thursday, August 18

Time: 11 – 1 Location: on the green Age: kids K-6
Animal Tracking with **Andrew Kostuk**. Lunch is provided!

Friday, August 19

Time: 7 – 8:30 Location: Lime Hollow Age: YOUTH (12+) & ADULT
Bagels & Birding with **Kathy & Jim McKenna**

Time: 11 – 1 Location: on the green Age: kids K-6
Mosaic Flowerpot craft. Lunch is provided.

Time: 10 PM Location: Lime Hollow Age: YOUTH (12+) & ADULT
Cookies & the Cosmos with **Caoimhe Dudgeon**

Saturday, August 20

Time: 3 PM Location: on the green Age: ALL ages
Paint a masterpiece with **Cheerful & Creative**

Time: 5 PM Location: on the green Age: The Whole Family!
End-o-Summer Bash on the Green!

Hot dog supper, games on the green, S'mores bar

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Linda Homer, Jenna McConnell
7 Delanie McConnell
8 Laurie Leach
11 Reid McConnell
17 Jim Ulrich
19 Quinn Caldwell
26 Elizabeth Corbin, Jim McKenna
28 Gail Brennan, John Rose
29 Asa Caldwell, John Reif
31 Jack Bertram