

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, August 11, 2022

With this edition, we send our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Doris Brohard**, who passed away on Tuesday, August 9. Funeral arrangements are not known, but we share our grief as we wrap Doris's family in love and prayers.

Additionally, we send love and prayers to the family of **Caroline Gumaer** who passed away on Sunday, August 7. Darcie & Carrie – we are sending you a lot of hugs. Caroline's funeral is Wednesday, August 17 at 10 AM in Potsdam, NY.

LAST SUNDAY'S WRAP UP

Once again, we were treated to beautiful music (both piano and organ) by Andrea Herzog. There were roses on the altar left after the celebration of Pete Hoffmann's life on Saturday. Sheri Saddlemire provided the Children's Time and then Pastor Vicki told the story from I Kings about an ancient smackdown between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. Deacon Belinda Burtson read about God's angel providing desert food for Elijah ...lest the journey be too much. We thought about the five dishes that define our lives and Pastor Vicki concluded that communion has been the "dish" woven throughout our lives of faith. As with Elijah, a morsal of bread and a bit of juice provides the grace needed to negotiate life.

After communion, as we sang the words of "Jesu, Jesu", we moved forward with our donations for Undies Sunday. The good people of United Presbyterian also observed Undies Sunday, dropping their donations off on Monday. Between our two churches, nearly 80 packs of underwear were donated for our PREP event.

THIS SUNDAY

Weather permitting, we will meet in the Memorial Garden for our 9:30 worship service. Pastor Vicki has the Children's Time. Joanne Cincotta and Shelly Hilts are the Deacon and Trustee of the Day. Nursery care is available. Because we will be outside, there will be no live-stream available.

Following the service, some members of the Outreach Team will shop for the sizes of sneakers still needed.

NOTE FOR SATURDAY P.R.E.P. DROP-OFF – DUE TO BROCKWAY EVENT, ENTER OUR LOT FROM CAYUGA STREET

COMMITTEE REPORTS

On Tuesday, the **Deacons** met. Discussion and planning included:

- We will ask Andrea to pay the next installments on our pledges to the NY Conference, the Susquehanna Association, the Interfaith Council and Loaves & Fishes.
- We debriefed Holiday in Homer, recognizing the good work provided by so many people. The children's games were affirmed, as well as the work offered by the raffle basket team. We also noted some tweaks (all of them minor) toward next year.

- Carol Costell Corbin reported that we received \$600 from the American Legion toward PREP. Given the current reservations, waiting list and available resources, we will provide back-to-school supplies for 415 children from 179 different families later in August! We are grateful to individual sponsors, churches and community organizations and everyone donating toward this project.
- Special plans are in place for Rally Day on September 11. We will return to fall/winter hours, beginning with Faith Formation at 9:30 and followed by worship at 10:30. A special guest from Heifer Project International, greeting our children, participating in worship and offering a Mission Lunch. Stay tuned for details.

CHURCH CAMP IS ALMOST HEEEERE! **ALL THINGS GREEN AND GROWING**

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

GIVE-AWAY TABLE

The give-away table will not be available for the rest of August. We will resume this recycling practice in the fall. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THINGS FOR THE TABLE UNTIL IT IS REINSTATED.**

People sometimes ask, “What does P.R.E.P. stand for?”
Providing Resources & Essentials to Prepare Kids for School

WHEN YOU PRAY, PLEASE REMEMBER...

People who are grieving, including: Brohards, Gumaers, Hoffmanns, Hickeys
 Those anticipating surgery, including Sylvia and Gail.
 Safe travels for the Faulkenbury's as they return to New York.
 For the success of our Church Camp.
 Pray for Matt Pelowski as, this weekend, he receives his white coat at the start of medical school at Stoneybrook. Congratulations, Matt!