

## **WEEKDAY WORDS**

Thursday, September 22, 2022

### **SUNDAY WRAP-UP**

Our youngest Faith Formation class continued to get to know one another as they colored banners about the Beatitudes. The 6-8 class received their Old Testament anti-workbooks which will help them learn about our ancestors of the Hebrew Bible.

During worship, Alex described a no-good-terrible-day to the children, periodically inviting them to offer the facial expressions that best fit such a day. Ultimately, she helped us remember that, through the Beatitudes, Jesus offered special blessings to everyone who needed to know that God is always present. Pastor Vicki reflected on how those Beatitudes turned Jesus' world upside-down. Within each blessing, the ones at the bottom of the cultural pile, gasping for a breath of justice, found themselves nearest to God's grace. We ended the service with Jack Carr, Jeanine Rose and Jim Ulrich singing those blessings. We joined in by singing to one another, "Blessed are you, holy are you..."

After church, Pastor Vicki and Julie Freeman gathered the youth for icebreakers and a lunch of salad and lasagna. We planned Youth Group activities for the next several weeks.

### **THIS SUNDAY**

Faith Formation begins at 9:30 AM with classes for pre-school, grades 1-4, and 6-8.

During worship, our choir will debut a new arrangement of "Sanctuary". Pastor Vicki's sermon, based on Jeremiah 32, is titled "Congruent Living". Stick around after worship. Our children in grades 6 – 8 will host a Coffee Hour and the Outreach Team will meet.

Nursery care is available. Find the live-stream link at [www.homercc.org](http://www.homercc.org)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Our Deacons met on Tuesday, September 13. Julie Freeman led us in devotions and following a check in with one another, we debriefed the summer and early fall activities:

- Church Camp was enjoyed by youngsters from our congregation and our wider community. We are considering scheduling this experience in June rather than August in 2023.
- PREP registration opened on July 1 and was filled by July 11. When the waiting list was closed on August 1, there were 100 names on the list. Because of the community-wide support, we gave sneakers, socks, underwear and back-to-school food to 417 kids from 156 families. Kudos to everyone who contributed and, especially, to the Outreach Team for their many hours of work throughout the month of August.
- Plans are being made to consolidate and redistribute building space to accommodate current projects and related materials.
- We affirm the plan to request several bank presentations so that our financial needs are met, including our ability to purchase needed items for our summer ministries.

Our Trustees met on Tuesday, September 20. Agenda items included:

- ...recognition that our income and expenses reflect, essentially, matching percentages.

- Buildings & Grounds reported that three repair projects are still a “go” for this year. As soon as possible, repairs will be made on the steps in front of Jones Hall (green side) and the front and back steps of the manse.
- We are grateful to Brian Cornwell and Buzz for new lighting in the hallway outside the Board Room as well as new batteries in all Exit signs.
- Requests for use of the Green:
  - The Phillips Free Library will use our green on Saturday, October 1 for their “Day of Wellness”. In their request, they mentioned how helpful it has been to use the green for both safety and drawing in the public.
  - The Brockway Truck event was approved for Saturday, August 12, 2023. While we were not mentioned in their Homer News article after this year’s event, we know that they deeply appreciate the use of the green, especially in making this fundraiser such a success.
- The Elementary School will use the RFR for school pictures on September 22.
- Work on the 2023 Budget will soon begin. Additionally, a task force led by Andrea Herzog will enlist presentations from area banks as we seek the most efficient management of our accounts.

### **NEXT WEEK’S CALENDAR**

Monday      Pastoral Relations will meet at 6:30.

Tuesday      Church Council will meet at 6:30.

Wednesday    NO CHOIR PRACTICE

Sunday, Oct. 2 is **World Communion Sunday**.

Join us for Faith Formation and worship.

Pastor Vicki and Stef Fellows will meet with the youth at 9:30 AM.

#### **OTHER DATES TO NOTE:**

October 11    Senior Fellowship kicks off.

The director of Lime Hollow will join us. Watch for details.

October 16    A Celebration of Baptism and Membership Anniversaries

*If you are interested in baptism or joining HCC, please see Pastor Vicki as soon as possible.*

**AN UPDATED DIRECTORY HAS BEEN PRINTED AND IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE RESOURCE TABLE.**

### **WHEN YOU PRAY...**

Give thanks for:

...health care workers who continue to work on the “front lines” of Covid.

...the September arrival of a new great-granddaughter in Dora Jones’ family.

And pray for:

...those in need of God’s healing presence.

...those in the process of moving, especially Shelly Hilts & Maureen Tarry-Hilts who are moving to Baldwinsville.

...those who are recovering from hurricanes and earthquakes in Puerto Rico and Mexico.