

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, September 29, 2022

SUNDAY WRAP-UP

It was a glorious celebration of hope, embodied by our children who provided a parade of banners as we sang of Jesus' blessings called The Beatitudes. In addition, the choir sang "Sanctuary" and it was wonderful to hear and see them. Over 90 people filled our pews. Pastor Vicki offered insights based on the prophet, Jeremiah buying land even as he predicted disaster. He knew that our words and our actions help us to communicate. Jeremiah put his money where his FAITH was – offering God's people hope for the future. Following worship, our 6 – 8 graders made goodies and hosted our first coffee hour of the season.

THIS SUNDAY - WORLD COMMUNION & NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

Faith Formation begins at 9:30 AM with classes for pre-school, grades 1-3, and 4-7. Pastor Vicki and Stef Fellows will meet with the youth at 9:30 AM. (Stef is bringing SNACKS!)

It is World Communion Sunday. Consider your heritage, then join us by bringing your own elements for communion or using one of our pre-packaged kits. Carol Costell Corbin and Bonnie Haaland are Deacon and Trustee of the month. Jack Carr, Joe Ford, and Carrie Scheibner will share special music. Nursery care is available. Find the live-stream link at www.homercc.org

This week you will find envelopes in your pew for *Neighbors in Need*, one of the five special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. NiN supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministry and UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries which supports a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT, BRING GENTLY USED COATS FOR CAPCO'S COAT DRIVE!

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday Staff Meeting at 10
Tuesday Faith Formation will ZOOM at 6:30. The link has been sent.
Wednesday Worship & Music will meet at 6:00.
 Choir practice is at 7:00.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Sunday, October 9 at 9:30 AM we launch a new offering of Faith Formation for adults called ***Starting Point***. Carrie Scheibner will show a short video called *Two Strangers Who Meet Five Times*, which will be the starting point for discussion that day. After this first meeting, the group will meet every other week, with the week "off" used for watching a video or reading an article. Carrie will offer the theme for the next session at the end of the class on October 9. We hope you will join in this opportunity for some adult discussions about life and faith.

Tuesday, October 11 Senior Fellowship
 Our Seniors will gather at LIME HOLLOW (handicap accessible) for
 a program offered by the director of Lime Hollow, Ilya Schmulenson.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Revenue at 8/31/22 - \$156,144, 72.3% of budget
Expenses at 8/31/22 - \$173,934, 80.7% of budget

GENERAL INFORMATION

The daily devotional for October – December, called *These Days*, is now available.

An updated directory of our church membership is now available. Pick one up from the Resource Table in the RFR.

Women of Faith is a multi-faith group that brings together folks in Cortland County wanting to pray for our community and use responsibly and creatively, the resources God has entrusted to us – our intelligence, time, energy, kindness, and love. Meetings are usually on the 2nd Friday of the month. The next meeting is on Friday, October 14, beginning at 10 AM, at United Presbyterian Church. All women are welcome.

If you are interested in joining the Homer Congregational UCC, please see Pastor Vicki. We are celebrating baptism and receiving new members on Sunday, October 16. Our Deacons will host a special coffee hour, honoring those who are celebrating special anniversaries of church membership. Jaff Harris and Don Lawson have been members for 79 years and Frances Armstrong for 77 years. Plan to join us that day!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Kathy Alvord, Connie Applegate |
| 2 | Virginia Knobel |
| 7 | Kaitlyn Clune |
| 11 | Don VanSlyke |
| 13 | Nicholas Dentes |
| 15 | Evie & Mia Cornwell |
| 22 | Daniel Ford, Kellie McConnell |
| 23 | Gary (Buzz) & Olivia Harrington, Mary Musson |
| 28 | Frances Armstrong, Jane Edlund |

WHEN YOU PRAY...

Give thanks for:

...the chance to share our gifts through teaching and leading.
...the blessings we have, enabling us to give our gently used coats and/or food for the Food Pantry.

And pray for:

...those who have just lived through Hurricane Ian.
...those in need of God's healing – spiritual, emotional or physical.