

## **WEEKDAY WORDS**

Thursday, March 23, 2023

### **LAST SUNDAY WRAP-UP**

Anelia Corbin played her trumpet. Great job, Anelia! Carol Costell Corbin read the story about Samuel anointing Jesse's youngest son as the new king of Israel. God told the prophet (and us) that the content of one's character is far more important than any outward appearance. Pastor Vicki told the story about the child who, in the midst of a storm, went to the parents because the child needed God "with skin on" that night. Humans sometimes need a 3-dimensional assurance of God's presence. Despite his flaws, David was anointed King of Israel. Despite our flaws, when we least expect it, God may call us to be God's 3-dimensional presence of hope or forgiveness or love in another person's life. Trusting in Divine Grace, may we say "yes" to that call.

### **THIS SUNDAY**

Please bring donations of refrigerator rolls for Easter Dinner boxes.  
Put your donations in the designated box in the first refrigerator.

At 9:30, the K-3 class will complete their exploration of Holy Week by concentrating on Easter. Meanwhile, the 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders will meet Daniel, who survived the lions' den.

During worship at 10:30, our handbell choir will offer special music. Paula Harrington is the Trustee of the Day. Pastor Vicki will focus on the Valley of the Dry Bones, described in Ezekiel 37:1-14. Nursery care is available. Find our live-stream service on Facebook, YouTube or at [www.homercc.com](http://www.homercc.com).

Stick around for coffee hour, hosted this week by Claire, Acey and Theo. Additionally, the Outreach Team will meet after worship.

### **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

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| Tuesday  | The Church Council will meet at 6:30 PM.<br>All chairs of all committees are part of our Church Council.       |
| Thursday | Easter Give-Away packing begins at 5:30 PM.  |
| Saturday | <b>Easter Basket Give-Away</b> begins at 10 AM.  |
| Sunday   | See the Holy Week schedule below.<br>Following worship, our Deacons and Trustees will be on retreat until 4 PM |

### **CAN YOU COUNT TO 4?**

If you can count to 4 and if you can distinguish between your left/right hands, then you CAN play handbells! We are eager to reinvigorate our handbell choir(s). Think about it. Pray about it. Then watch for Jan Jeffers' notice about rehearsal options. This is a great way to take part in a small group while having a lot of fun. Don't be shy!

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday

- 9:30 Palm cross-making in the RFR for everyone.  
10:30 A palm parade will usher us in for our worship celebration.  
11:45 Deacons/Trustees retreat in the RFR

### Maundy Thursday

- 5:00 Setting the tables.  
5:30 Join us for a simple meal including the foods that Jesus would have eaten with his friends. We will commune around the tables.

### Good Friday

Use the spiritual reflection, provided by Pastor Vicki, when it works best in your schedule.

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

- 10:30 Bring your friends and neighbors as we sing Hallelujah and share God's good news!

### AND...

The give-away table is a hit! Here are some things to consider:

- If you bring many items, keep an eye on the tables. If your things haven't been taken after two weeks, consider taking responsibility for their disposal.
- It is a great thing to reuse and recycle. That said, think deeply about the items you are putting on the table. Truthfully, most of us don't need another mug or single plate or glass vase or book-missing-the-cover, etc.
- When you bring your items, take the next step after putting them on the table. Take a moment to arrange things neatly. Note the "first week" table and the other table – dedicated for things on display for a second week.

Thanks for your help!

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David Rutherford	2
Anelia Corbin	3
Claire Menard	7
Bev Berry	8
Russ Pedersen	14
Richard Schmidt	15
Dora Jones	19
Gene Wright, Peter Wright	22
Kathy McKenna	23
Darci Gumaer	25
Rev. Vicki Burtson, Carla Walsh	27

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

Our prayers help us to spiritually sit beside those who are experiencing rough times on life's journey. We don't always know specific identities or needs, but our prayers matter. So let's pray for: Matthew and his family, James, those in the hospital, those struggling with mental health issues and their care-givers, those who are home or food insecure. And let us pray blessings for those getting married this weekend, those who are embarking on life transitions, and all of the families who will be blessed by our Easter Dinner give-away.