

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, June 8, 2023

THIS SATURDAY

CALLING ALL KIDS...we're getting together to prepare for Sunday morning's celebration of Faith Formation. Come at **10 AM** to practice *This Little Light of Mine*. We'll walk through the service and afterward, we'll have pizza. We should be done by 11:30.

THIS SUNDAY

9:30 Join us this last Sunday of the season for Faith Formation. We'll do some preparation for Father's Day and get ready for worship.
10:30 Our worship will include a celebration of learning throughout the last nine months. Three young people who are "graduating" from 3rd grade to 4th grade will receive a Bible: Amelia Cornwell, Evelyn Cornwell, and Clara Faulkenbury. Pastor Vicki is back and she will conduct the combined children's, youth, and adult choir singing *This Little Light of Mine*. Help us thank our teachers and celebrate all the seeds of faith that have been planted through the year.

Following worship, the Faith Formation Committee will host a Coffee Hour to welcome Baby Morgan and Baby Indiana. Come and greet the babies, say thanks to the Faith Formation teachers, congratulate the children for a good year of growth in faith, and have a piece of cake.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday The Deacons will meet at 6:30.

Friday/Saturday The Annual Meeting of the New York Conference UCC in Niagara Falls. Our representation includes Pastor Vicki, Belinda Burtson, and Peter Wright. Rev. Barb Wright is the Conference Secretary. Keep our team in prayer as we gather with other delegates of UCCs from all over New York and make important decisions for ministry.

Sunday It's Dads & Grads Sunday
Graduates to be recognized:
Heather O'Hara Homer High School
Olivia Harrington Master of Social Work, University of Buffalo
Brianna Darling Master of Divinity, Colgate Rochester Crozer

THANK YOU!

To the Hospitality Team and all who helped:

Last year we really struggled to figure out how to bring people together for the annual training of Committees on Ministry. We couldn't guarantee numbers and so couldn't reserve a Retreat Center. You came to our rescue, providing welcome, delicious food, and space in which people could worship, learn, and build relationship. Then this year, as we struggled with the loss of staff members, you offered a welcome – even as your minister was on sabbatical! I am so appreciative of your extravagant welcome and care for all who traveled to be in Homer. I am enclosing a check that includes a "Love Gift". It is good to BE THE CHURCH together.

With deep thanks – Rev. Dr. Marjorie Purnine, Associate Conference Minister

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

As Faith Formation and the school calendar come to a close, here are some tidbits of important information:

- **SUMMER PARKING:** As soon as school is over, the work on the elementary school begins. All the parking area behind the church will be fenced off for the duration of the summer. Our Trustees have been meeting with Tom Turck (Superintendent of Schools) and with representatives from the organizations that surround our green. On Sunday mornings, you may park on Main Street or in the Center for the Arts' lot.
- **GIVE AWAY:** Now that garage sale season is upon us, we will suspend our give-away table until the Fall. Watch for an announcement in September about resuming this "recycling program" within our family of faith.
- **HOLIDAY IN HOMER:** The food team is meeting this coming Sunday morning at 9 AM. Keep the date of July 15 open so you can volunteer for our big event.
- **QUILT:** The Holiday in Homer Quilt is finished and hanging in the sanctuary. It is lovely! You can help with this fundraiser by selling and/or buying tickets. To sell tickets, contact Kate Toole. You can begin to buy tickets this Sunday during Coffee Hour. We're reinstating the Quilt Show! If you have a quilt for the display, information is on the resource table in the RFR.
- **BASKETS:** We've had great success with our Raffle Basket fundraiser. Want to sponsor a basket? There is a list of ideas on the resource table. Sign up for the one you wish to sponsor, go buy the stuff, then leave it with Kathleen Dentes. She and her team will arrange the items in a basket for the raffle at Holiday in Homer. You could also draft someone to do the shopping for you – it's a great way to work together! Good luck!
- **MINISTRY WITH THE UNHOUSED:** Wednesday morning, Colin Moore from Catholic Charities stopped by and picked up the materials you donated for people who are homeless. In May, the Deacons voted to use some of the funds from the Harris Estate to support three organizations in ministry with the unhoused: Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army and the Cortland Free Library. Each donation was earmarked for necessities for the homeless.
- **CHECK RECEIVED:** The UCC event in May was also a fundraiser for us. This past week, we received a check for \$1,100. It covers our expenses (minimal) and includes an additional "love gift" from the NY Conference. Thanks to everyone who donated items, helped make the lasagna, or worked the event. Special thanks to Nancy Stockholm, Kathy McKenna, and Peter Wright. Well done, everyone!
- **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**
 - Revenue at 5/31/23 - \$105,299, 48.5% of budget
 - Expenses at 5/31/23 - \$107,145, 46.3% of budget