

WEEKDAY WORDS
Thursday, July 13, 2023
Holiday in Homer edition!

HOLIDAY IN HOMER IS SATURDAY

We'll be on the green at 6 AM, but our wider community will arrive around 9. There are over 75 vendors/artists who will display their wares for you to purchase. Some of our own folks will display things, including Kelly McKenna, Kathy McKenna, and Barbara Harte-Westover. The Quilt Show is back, so be sure to see the amazing display in our sanctuary.

Drop by the information booth with your questions, grab an extra brochure, and say hello to Kathy Alvord, Joanne Cincotta, Barb & Peter Wright, Sharon Wainman, PV and...wait for it...our Mayor (greeting people from 12-2).

Bring your kids and grandkids so they can take a turn at the games planned just for them. In between the games, take the kids to see Dan the Snake Man and Checkers the Inventor. (How *does* a grown man get inside a blue balloon?) When you're tired, take everyone for a ride on the horse-drawn wagon.

By now you ought to be hungry. HCC will be selling the best pulled pork sandwiches in the nation. We've got fried dough (sweet AND savory), and this year we have a all-new gluten-free option: nachos and cheese – with or without pulled pork. Be sure to top the meal off with ice cream – strawberry shortcake or a sundae. In addition to our offerings, the Homer Elks will have their food tent and the fire folks will have BBQ Chicken while it lasts.

We love our police force who challenge us to “dunk a cop”. They give all the proceeds away, so come and take a turn – all for a good cause.

Wait until you see the raffle baskets and the quilt! Kathleen Dentes, Kate Toole, Terre Dennis, Jill Dennis and Jan Bertram have been creating a beautiful display of raffle options. Tickets will be on sale throughout the day with the drawings beginning at 3 PM. Plan to get tickets for the camping basket (thank you Faith Formation), the lottery tickets basket (thank you Memorial Committee), the Games basket (thank you Worship & Music), the Night-out basket (thank you Trustees), the Insta-pot Basket (thank you Deacons), and so many more (29 to be exact)! The raffles have become quite a fundraiser, so be sure to support the cause by telling your friends and neighbors.

Your toes will be tapping throughout the day as our friends from WXHC provide music in the morning. Starting at noon – 4 PM, Doc Weismore with Real Country will be live in the bandstand.

We are so grateful to our Corporate Sponsors: Yaman Real Estate, Joseph River's Painting, Economy Painting, Cortland Self Storage, and Complete Construction Concepts.

Thanks to everyone who will help on Friday & Saturday. Special thanks to Buzz Harrington, Anne Wingard, and Paula Harrington.

Meanwhile...

SUMMERFEST ENDS TONIGHT (THURSDAY):

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

Cortland Interfaith Council presents SummerFest, a free event held at United Presbyterian Church, Cortland. Refreshments begin at 6:30pm, followed by a program at 7 - 8:15pm.

Tonight: “Celebrating with Neighbors”

Enjoy ice cream in the UPC parking lot, then wander next-door to Courthouse Park for the Cortland Arts Council Concert featuring Austin MacRae. Music critic John Tierney says, “An Austin MacRae song is a short story in four minutes...(and) some fine picking.”

THIS SUNDAY

On the day after Holiday in Homer, Joseph Ford will provide the special music for Pastor Vicki’s preaching: Simon & Garfunkel’s *Bridge Over Troubled Water*. Alex Faulkenbury will offer the Children’s Time from somewhere in North Carolina. Claire Menard will share the scripture text from Isaiah 43. How good it will be for us to gather and hear all the stories from Saturday. Join us in person or catch the live stream on Facebook, YouTube or from our website www.homercc.org

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday Our Trustees will meet on Tuesday at 6:30.

Saturday The Homer Fire Department will celebrate their 150th anniversary.

Sunday Rebecca Clark will sing “True Colors” for the *Music of our Lives* series.

Saturday, July 29 is the Route 90 Sale. If you or a friend is interested in renting space on our green, please call the office to register.



This week, vendor packets were assembled by Doris, Shirley, Janice, Sharon, and Sylvia. In addition, Clay gave the cellar doors a new coat of paint. Not pictured...Kate, Lori, Kurt, Belinda, and Linda hanging the quilts; Buzz smoking the pork; Anne & Janice printing and cutting the parking passes. We are so grateful for all the work done by volunteers throughout this week.

