

## WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, July 6, 2023

### THIS SUNDAY

Our summer series about the Music of our Lives continues this Sunday as Pastor Vicki offers John Denver's "Rhymes and Reasons". Lori Schmidt will offer the Children's Time and the Deacon in July, Claire Menard will share the scripture text Isaiah 11:1-6. Join us in person or catch the live stream on Facebook, YouTube or from our website [www.homercc.org](http://www.homercc.org)

### SUMMERFEST!

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" begins Sunday evening 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. Pre-register at <https://form.jotform.com/231628213848156> or at the door. There will be a freewill offering each evening.

**Sunday:** "Music Brings the Neighborhood Together" - Bill Carter  
Bill Carter blends his work as a jazz composer with his calling as a Presbyterian pastor. An author and composer/performer with 11 CDs, he travels widely as a speaker, teacher, workshop leader, and jazz pianist.

**Monday:** "New Neighbors: Immigration" - Sophie Clough  
Sophie Clough is the Collections & Research Assistant at the Cortland County Historical Society. In "New Neighbors" Sophie discusses the unique identities and profound influence of Irish, Italian, Ukrainian, and Lebanese immigrants to Cortland.

**Tuesday:** "Neighbors Help Neighbors: Underground Railroad" - Tabitha Scoville  
Tabitha Scoville is the Director of the Cortland County Historical Society. Tabitha will share an overview of the Underground Railroad and what we know about local people's involvement in this great struggle for human rights.

**Wednesday:** "Birds in the Neighborhood" - **Jim McKenna**  
Jim McKenna is a Research Ecologist and has been a birder since he was 13. He has studied birds from our neighborhood to the tropics and the Antarctic. Jim's talk will include some bird identification, a brief photo tour of birds in our own and distant neighborhoods, and will focus on the inspiration that birds can provide.

**Thursday:** "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."

### HOLIDAY IN HOMER IS NEXT SATURDAY

It's all hands on deck this week!

We're hanging the quilts. Stick around after church if you can help.  
We need people to collect money for the quilt raffle. See Kate Toole if you can help.  
We need people to help clean up at 4. Can you give an hour or two on Saturday?

### NEXT SUNDAY

Joseph Ford will provide the special music for Pastor Vicki's preaching: Simon & Garfunkel's *Bridge Over Troubled Water*. Do you remember where you were the first time you heard the song?