

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, August 10, 2023

On Saturday, we welcome the Brockway Truck celebration to our green.

Congratulations **Russ & Terry Pedersen** - celebrating 45 years of marriage on Saturday!

Thursday – Sunday there will be performances of Shakespeare-in-the-Park on our green.

THIS SUNDAY IS UNDIES SUNDAY!

Bring your donations of underwear and socks when you come to church this Sunday. We will gather your gifts within worship as we celebrate our invitation to generosity. The *Music of our Lives* series continues with the Beatles' *Let It Be* for handbells and soloist. Molly Ulrich is visiting from Mexico, and she has agreed to play some flute during worship. Julie Freeman and Shelly Hilts are Deacon and Trustee of the day. Alex will offer the children's time from somewhere in Texas. Join us in person or catch the live stream on Facebook, YouTube or from our website www.homercc.org Special thanks to the folks who will participate in the musical presentation:

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Jan Jeffers ~ Director

Ringers:

Belinda Burtson, Stef Fellows, Andrea Herzog, Alyse Nauseff, Jeanine Rose, Jim Ulrich, Molly Ulrich, and PV

Joining us from United Presbyterian: Judy Heath, Bonnie Innerst, Ginger Kindle

Vocals:

Chuck Feiszli

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday Deacons meet at 6:30 PM

Friday Magic on Main begins at 6 PM. We are selling fried dough, nachos, and soda.

Saturday Beginning at 9 AM - PREP Sponsors may drop off donations.
Additionally, our Outreach Team will continue packing bags.

SUNDAY AUGUST 20

There are multiple musical treats in play for next Sunday. Jack Carr will sing the next song for the sermon series: *The Impossible Dream*. Additionally, Andrea Herzog has agreed to fill in while Joe is on vacation. Andrea will offer music from both the piano and our wonderful pipe organ. Peter Wright will share some time with our children.

LOST AND FOUND

Final call for the set of keys from our lost and found!

The keys are on a silver "2015" keychain. If they belong to you or someone you know, call the office to retrieve them.

OUR JOYS AND OUR CONCERNS

We are glad to hear that **Dottie Kelly** has been transferred to Misty Glen at the hospital to continue her rehabilitation. While she is enjoying your cards and greetings, she looks forward to your visits now that she'll be in Cortland.

Congratulations to **Linda Homer**, who retired on August 9. We pray blessings as Linda marries Leo Brown on Saturday, August 19.

PREP...thank God for PREP! Coordinated by Carol Costell Corbin, the Outreach Team has been working for over six months to prepare for **Saturday, August 26**. That day, we will help at least 350 children get back to school with new sneakers, socks, underwear, toothbrushes, shampoo, and soap. Each child also receives a free book. We benefit from so many organizations: The American Legion, the Brockway Foundation, CAPCO, The Elks, the Phillips Free Library, St. Margaret's Catholic Church, and United Presbyterian Church. Additionally, many of you sponsor children or donate underwear, socks, etc. God has blessed us with the people and the resources to pull off such an amazing project. Truly, we do not just go to church...we ARE the Church...using what we have, to help others have enough.

We received word that **Dottie Green** passed away on July 29. We hold her family in prayer. Her life will be celebrated sometime in 2024.

We acknowledge the difficulties in life that friends and family experience: cancer, minor surgeries, the work of rehabilitation, waiting for a diagnosis and the resulting treatment plan, financial burdens, being a care-giver, being a care-receiver, life transitions, anxiety, and depression. We pray that God will walk beside us through the reality of our lives.

PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER

RALLY DAY is Sunday, September 10.

- EVERYONE is invited to a special family breakfast of pancakes and sausage on September 10. We'll eat together and then Alex will lead everyone in an intergenerational activity. Our Sunday schedule returns to Faith Formation at 9:30 and worship at 10:30.
- There will be Faith Formation Classes for: Nursery – pre-school, K – 3, 4 – 6, and adults. But wait...there is an emerging opportunity! See below 😊
- Our adult class is called *Starting Point*. You will be invited to sign up for shared leadership. Choose an article, a podcast, or a short video to use as the *starting point* of the discussion and then sign up for the date you will lead the class.
- During worship on Rally Day, Roosevelt and Indiana will be baptized.
- If you are interested in joining the Homer Congregational family of faith, please let Pastor Vicki know. We can receive new members on September 10.
- **ARE YOU IN GRADES 7-12? JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU HEAR WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED FOR THE FALL. STAY TUNED!**