

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Happy Birthday today to **Jim Ulrich!**

Friday night is Magic on Main from 6 – 9 PM. Stop by our booth where Carrie & Monica Scheibner will be serving up fried dough, nachos with cheese and soda. Paula Harrington and the Burtsons are the “sous chefs”. We’re starting at 6 and selling until we run out. Come enjoy the whole community as we gather on Main Street for some August magic.

Congratulations and prayers of blessing to
Linda Homer and Leo Brown
who will be married this Saturday afternoon.

THIS SUNDAY

The *Music of our Lives* series continues with Jack Carr singing *The Impossible Dream*. Join us as we ponder the lyrics of the song and Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 19:21-28. Andrea Herzog will offer service music from both the piano and the organ. Belinda Burtson and Shelly Hilts are Deacon and Trustee of the day. Peter Wright will offer the children’s time. Our Mission Committee is inviting us to receive a special offering in response to the wildfires in Hawaii. They will match our offering with funds from the Dorothy Jane Andrews Global Connectors Fund. Watch for more information. Join us in person or catch the live stream on Facebook, YouTube or from our website www.homercc.org

NEXT SATURDAY IS P.R.E.P.

Our Outreach Team has been working for months to organize this incredible event. In truth, we organize and host the event, but it has become a community-wide effort. We give thanks for the clubs, organizations and individuals who have donated, sponsored, or contributed in any way to make possible our 3-dimensional love-of-neighbor event. We thank God for the chance to share what we have so that more of God’s children have enough. As the new school year approaches, let us keep the families and their children in our prayers.

SUNDAY AUGUST 27

While the Burtsons are on vacation, Buzz agreed to preach! He chose Billy Joel’s *River of Dreams* and the story found in the gospel according to Luke:15-8-10 about a woman who searches for a lost coin. Joe and Alex will be back, providing service music and the Children’s Time.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3

It is Communion Sunday and our worship service will be led by Rev. Barb Wright. Since school begins after Labor Day, bring the kids’ backpacks for a special blessing. The sermon will be based on Exodus 3:1-15 and Mark 1:16-20.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF HCC?

Please be in touch with Pastor Vicki this Sunday.

INFORMATION FROM THE DEACONS AND THE TRUSTEES

During recent meetings, the following projects were discussed:

- We remember how good it is to savor a cup of coffee as we chat following worship. That's why we look forward to the return of Coffee Hour this fall. Various committees will host once each month. The other Sundays will be available for you to invite a friend to co-host with you. All we really need is some coffee and juice. Let's keep it simple as we get to know one another (again)! When you are invited to host, we hope you will say yes.
- In response to the devastating wildfire in Maui, our Mission Committee encourages a special offering. Sent through the UCC, the offering will be matched by funds from the Dorothy Jane Andrews Fund.
- The Deacons voted to invest most of their portion of the Harris Estate in a six-month CD. They will use the 6-month period to set some goals for use of this gift.
- The Trustees have approved the use of space in our building by the Cloud Nine Enrichment program. This fall, on Tuesdays from 9 – noon the nursery rooms will be used for the youngest group of children who are being home-schooled. Cloud Nine used space at the Center for the Arts last year; however, they needed a bit more room. We look forward to this cooperative adventure that begins in September.
- After some research and resulting discussions, earlier this summer the Trustees voted to move our bank accounts to Tompkins Trust. The process is now completed.
- Work will begin this fall on some renovations to the restrooms off the RFR. The committee guiding the project is Paula Harrington, Lee & Terre Dennis and Kathleen Dentes.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 IS RALLY DAY!

Returning to a wonderful tradition, EVERYONE is invited to a special family breakfast of pancakes and sausage. After we eat, Alex will lead an intergenerational activity. This year, there will be Faith Formation Classes for:

Nursery – pre-school in the nursery.

Grades K – 3 in the “Rainbow Room” (the first room upstairs)

Grades 4 – 6 in the 2nd room upstairs

ALL NEW CLASS for Grades 7 – 12 in the basement!

Adults – *Starting Point* and Book discussion – in the Board Room.

Worship returns to 10:30 AM on September 10th. Pastor Vicki will be back from vacation, and we look forward to celebrating baptism and receiving new members.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Revenue at 7/31/23 - \$150,049.60, 69.1% of budget

Expenses at 7/31/23 - \$147,455.11, 63.8% of budget