

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, September 14, 2023

RALLY DAY SUMMARY:

Buzz kicked off the day at 7:30 AM, opening doors, turning on lights, and getting the oven started. By 8:45, pancake mix became batter, and 150 pieces of sausage went into the oven. The coffee was made and the juice poured. Soon, Tracy and Carrie were flipping pancakes while others set the buffet table. Drew, Alex, Kathy A. and others served up the pancakes, sausage, fruit, yogurt, and beverages. About 60 people shared a wonderful Rally Day breakfast.



Alex challenged each table to put puzzle pieces together revealing the books of the New Testament – in order! While our choir rehearsed in the sanctuary, everyone got to find their classroom where Faith Formation will continue THIS Sunday at 9:30.

And then, at 10:30 AM, Roosevelt and Indiana Thomsen were baptized by Pastor Vicki and their Grandpa, Rev. Gary McCaslin. Our choir was back, offering Mark Miller's anthem "Welcome!". Julie read the scripture from Paul's letter to the Romans, reminding us to love one another as we love ourselves. The service ended with all of us singing "This Little Light of Mine" with David Ford (assisted by PV) singing the opening solo. It was truly a day to rally together knowing that no matter who we are or where we are, we are welcome!



THIS SUNDAY

At 9:30:

Everyone (except the youth) will have Faith Formation. If you aren't sure where to go, here's the plan:

- Nursery-PreK meet in the nursery.
- Grades K – 3 meet in the rainbow room upstairs.
- Grades 4 – 6 meet in the 2nd room upstairs.
- Youth Grades 7 – 12 have off this Sunday (Happy birthday, Stef!)*
- Adults' *Starting Point* will meet in the Board Room.

At 10:30:

The "Johnson kids" are exchanging pulpits! Rev. David Johnson will be here at HCC, preaching from the 14th chapter of Romans – "When We See Things Differently". Meanwhile, Rev. Vicki Johnson Burtson (the much younger "sibling") will preach at United Presbyterian Church. She's taking the Tioughnioga Ringers with her, as they play *Let It Be*. Join HCC in person or catch the live stream on Facebook, YouTube or from our website www.homercc.org We cannot wait to see you!

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday Our Trustees will meet at 6:30 PM.
- Thursday Community Leaders will meet at 1 PM in the RFR to discuss paving Central Park Place.
- Friday Elementary School pictures will be taken in the RFR from 8 – noon.

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- 9:30 Faith Formation classes for all ages.
NOTE: Youth will be in the Community Room (1st floor beyond the nursery)
- 10:30 Worship in the sanctuary
- 11:45 Our Outreach Team will meet.

COFFEE HOUR – TAKE 2

HCC has a long tradition of gathering after worship for coffee, snacks, and conversation. It's not unusual to see the generations helping one another successfully get cups/cookies to a table without spilling. Often there is laughter as we catch up with one another's lives.

This fall, our Deacons suggest that we share the hosting responsibilities as follows:

- One Sunday each month, one of our standing committees will host.
- Sometimes our 4-6 graders and/or our youth will host (as a service project).
- The rest of the time, we will seek your help.

Think about teaming up with another person (or two) in order to co-host a coffee hour this fall. It doesn't have to be fancy. We have a ton of supplies. We have folks who will show you how to make the coffee (which is also supplied). Sometime soon, you may be approached by a Deacon to take your turn at providing the basics for after-worship snacks & chats. We sure hope you will say yes!