

## WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, September 21, 2023

### THIS SUNDAY

We begin **at 9:30** with Faith Formation classes for all ages.

Pre-K: Mark & Jenelle will supervise as the kids learn about Jesus' baptism.

K – 3: Tracy & Kellie will teach about prayer.

4 – 6: Alex & Anne are covering our New Testament heroes: John the Baptist.

7 – 12: Gather with Stef in the Community Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor beyond the nursery).

**It's the official kick-off of YOUTH GROUP!**

Adults: Chapters 1 – 4 of Part II in *The Red Tent*. Evan assures us that everyone is welcome, even if you haven't finished the reading.

**At 10:30** we'll gather in the sanctuary for worship. Pastor Vicki has chosen one of Jesus' parables, recorded in Matthew 20:1-16. Come and ponder this story about a landowner and the hired day laborers. Alex Faulkenbury will spend time with the children and then our choir will offer special music. Julie Freeman and Russ Pedersen are Deacon and Trustee of the day. Join us in person or catch the live stream on Facebook, YouTube or from our website [www.homercc.org](http://www.homercc.org)

Following worship (**11:45-ish**) two groups will meet:

The Outreach Team will meet in the Board Room.

The team considering technology & computers will meet upstairs.

### BIRTHDAY BOXES

On October 8, Faith Formation will work on a service project to support the Food Pantry. They are putting together Birthday Boxes so that everyone's birthday can be celebrated. The boxes will include a cake mix, frosting, candles, etc. If you would like to donate items, you may drop them off at the church in the designated bin. Watch the pre-service announcements for more specifics.

### THIS WEEK

Tuesday The Personnel Committee will meet at 4:00 PM.

Church Council meets at 6:30 PM. If you are the chairperson of a committee, please make every effort to attend.

Wednesday 🌿🍁🍁 **Fall Family Fun Night** 🌿🍁🍁 5 pm – 8 pm

Live Music 🌿 Chili 🌿 Hot dogs 🌿 Chicken BBQ 🍁

🍁 **HCC's Fried Dough** 🌿 **HCC's Nachos w/ cheese and/or pulled pork!** 🍁

Saturday Susquehanna Association UCC Fall Meeting in the RFR – 9:30 – noon.  
We are grateful for all who agree to help with hospitality.

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

### **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

As we remember our place in a family of faith that spans the globe, **Catherine Bertini** will join us for worship. Her sermon is based on Philippians 2:1-13. After worship, the Mission Committee is arranging a lunch of breads and soup so that Cathy can continue to help us understand hunger around the world. An accomplished leader in international organization reform, Catherine Bertini has a distinguished career improving the efficiency and operations of organizations serving poor and hungry people in the United States and around the world. Be sure to invite your neighbors and friends.

### **UCC SPECIAL OFFERING: NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

*Neighbors in Need* is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. Typically it is received on World Communion Sunday. Learn more about this offering THIS Sunday. Envelopes are in the pews.

Note: Our congregation values the sharing of resources. We have just completed a special offering for the wildfires in Hawaii, totaling \$1,355. When the funds are sent, they will be matched by funds from the Dorothy Jane Andrews Global Connectors Fund. As you know, within weeks of the wildfires, there were two more horrific events: a powerful earthquake in Morocco and unimaginable flooding in Libya. We understand that the word “neighbor” includes God’s people around the world. If you wish to send financial support for the people of Morocco and/or Libya, you may send contributions to the UCC fund called **GLOBAL H.O.P.E.** For more information, simply google “UCC Global Hope” and you will find the information needed to send your gifts.

### **THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to those who contributed to the recent 2023 *Walk to End Alzheimers* on September 10 at TC3. Through your generosity, from our friends and family, and through our own personal contributions, we raised \$580 for this worthy cause. If you would still like to make a contribution, please go online to 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's or you can hand your contribution to one of the Little York Walkers (Becky and Dora Jones and Keith Palm) and we will see that it is sent in. Again, thank you so much. Becky Jones

The Trustees received a note from Cindy Stocker thanking us for the use of the Green for Brockway Day last August.

### **WHEN YOU PRAY:**

Let us give thanks for the opportunity to share our building and grounds for the benefit of children. We thank God that elementary children, home-schooled pre-K kids, and the Scouts can be enriched, educated, and play safely at HCC.

Additionally, pray for caregivers and care-receivers, for those doing the hard work of rehabilitation, for those awaiting a diagnosis that explains symptoms, for those struggling with depression, and for people in the world who do not have a safe place to live.