

## WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, November 2, 2023

### EVEN IN ITHACA?

What a terrible thing when hate is expressed, and violence threatened. It is unsettling and downright horrible to imagine that siblings who are Jewish or Muslim would be threatened with mass shooting or by symbols of hatred like swastikas. My heart was shaken when I heard of the terrible expressions sent to the Cornell campus. We have dear ones who live, work, and attend Cornell: AC, Claire, Jacob, and Quinn.

Please pray. I have written to ask how can we help them express hope and peace in the midst of this chapter? If there is an event we could attend, or if there is a palpable way we can stand in solidarity with folks at Cornell, I will let you know. In the meantime, join me in holding loved ones close and dedicating ourselves even more to living in peace.

We cannot lose hope. The war between Israel and Hamas is deeply troubling. So are the continued mass shootings. And so, yes, as people of faith we are called to stand up to hatred wherever it is expressed.

### **BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON SATURDAY NIGHT!**

Daylight Savings Time is over by Sunday morning.

### This Sunday

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

Pre-K: Mark & Jenelle will share about the man lowered through the roof.

K – 3: Kathy A. & Jan will teach about Jesus turning water into wine.

4 – 6: Alex & Anne will help our kids consider the Shepherd and the sheep.

7 – 12: Stef is looking forward to hearing all about your Halloween.

Adults: Our *Starting Point* is the podcast called Dolly Parton's America.

Listen to episodes 3 & 4 before our discussion on Sunday.

During the 10:30 worship service, Rev. Barb Wright will preach, focusing on Ephesians 4:1-5. Barb will join Pastor Vicki in presiding over a musical setting of our communion liturgy. Kathleen Dentes and Andrea Herzog are Deacon and Trustee of the month. If you ever wonder how our congregation uses the marvelous support you offer, we will see some visual evidence of how your generosity is put to use. Nursery care is available. If you cannot attend in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at [www.homercc.com](http://www.homercc.com) Stick around after worship for coffee hour, hosted by Kathy McKenna.

Throughout November, we are collecting Thanksgiving items for the **Food Pantry**:

Stuffing, Pie Shells, Gravy/Broth,

Green Beans/Fried Onions, Pumpkin Pie Filling, Cranberry Sauce

THIS Sunday, you can also donate breakfast and snack items:

Cereal, Oatmeal, Juice, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Canned Fruit/Fruit Cups, Granola Bars

Sunday afternoon at 4:00, the **Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers** will be in concert at United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church Street in Cortland.

## THIS WEEK

Monday      Staff Meeting at 10:00

Saturday     Veterans Day – We acknowledge and thank all our Veterans.

## NEXT SUNDAY

During worship, we will offer our commitment to this family of faith as we observe **Stewardship Sunday**. Since October, we have heard the memories and motives for supporting our church from:

Dora & Becky Jones,

Ingrid Fox,

Gail Van Patten, Deb Pelowski and Shannon Kostuk

and (by next Sunday) – Barb Wright.

Now it's your turn! As we worship next week, bring both your pledge card and your listing of the ways you can share of your time and talents. And for the **Food Pantry**, bring lunch items: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soups, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Ravioli/Beef-a-roni, Tuna/Canned Chicken.

## A VERY SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

When we hosted the Susquehanna Association in September, our Transitional Conference Minister – **Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams** was in attendance. Pastor Vicki invited her to come and preach whenever she was in the area. Rev. Dr. Williams messaged to say that she would be in the area and available to preach on Sunday, November 19. This is a marvelous opportunity for us to hear a fine preacher and the head of the United Church of Christ in New York.

## COMING UP

We're planning a potluck supper, ugly sweater contest, and decorating the church on **Saturday evening, December 2**. Bring the whole family. As we decorate, the wee ones will join in an Advent activity with Alex.

Join us on Christmas Eve (a Sunday) for two services:

10:30 AM      Family-friendly service followed by a cupcake coffee hour.

7:00 PM        Lessons & Carols followed by "Family Traditional Cookie" coffee hour.

## WHEN YOU PRAY...

Pray for our church family and friends, including:

Dottie Kelly at Crown, room 117A

The Andersen family as they move to Homer.

People who are making life decisions that result in life transitions.

Care-givers who are exhausted.

People in need of continued Holy Presence: Bill, Jackson, Jim, Karen,

Thank you to everyone who expressed appreciation during "Pastors Appreciation Month" in October. I am grateful for your kindness. ~ *Pastor Vicki*