

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. (Psalm 90:1)
For a month, we have been hearing from generations of faithful people: Dora & Becky Jones, Ingrid Fox, Gail Van Patten, Deb Pelowski, Shannon Kostuk and Rev. Barb Wright. They have built a marvelous foundation for this coming Sunday. In addition, the Stewardship Committee sent you a letter with two pledge cards. We know you have been prayerfully considering what you can offer as a member or friend of the Homer Congregational Church. This Sunday, please bring your cards indicating your decisions. During worship, we will gather the offerings of time and talent and treasure.

This Sunday is Stewardship Sunday

At 9:30, our children and youth will meet, all together, for Faith Formation.

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

Listen to episodes 5 & 6 before our discussion on Sunday.

The 10:30 worship service begins with a procession of shared talents. Pastor Vicki's sermon focus comes from Psalm 90. During the Children's Time. Alex will welcome the author and the illustrator of the book *Let's Count, Sum Critters* - Kristin Yarnell and Kathleen Dentes. During coffee hour, Kristin and Kathleen will sign books. Nursery care is available. If you cannot attend in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at www.homercc.com We are grateful for coffee hour hosts: the Kostuk and Penoyer families.

DONATE TO THE FOOD PANTRY

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 lunch items:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soups, Macaroni & Cheese,
Canned Ravioli/Beef-a-roni, Tuna/Canned Chicken.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday Our Deacons will meet at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday Alex, Stef & PV will meet at 4:15.

NEXT SUNDAY

It is Thanksgiving Sunday! We will welcome the Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams, Transitional Conference Minister of the New York Conference UCC. For the **Food Pantry**, bring dinner and dessert items:

Canned Vegetables, Pasta/Pasta sauce, Diced Tomatoes,
Rice/Rice Sides, Instant/Flavored Potatoes, Cake/cookie mixes

...AND SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP:

Revenues at 10-31-23 - \$205,531.99 = 94.6% of budget
Expenses at 10-31-23 - \$195,537.21 = 84.6% of budget

SATURDAY IS VETERANS DAY

Thank you for your service:

US Army:	Andy Haaland & Don Lawson
Army National Guard:	Carl Applegate, Phil Rumsey, Logan Schmidt, Joe Settineri, Marissa Urban
US Coast Guard:	Bill Wingard
US Navy:	Jaff Harris

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Our celebration of Advent starts on Sunday, November 26. This year, our observance of the season will be guided by twenty-four animals that, in varied ways, experience a season of waiting through the winter. As humans adapt to shorter days, the animals of God's kingdom reveal *...the dark in not an end. It's a door. It's the way a new beginning comes.*

November 26 - Advent 1

December 3 – Advent 2 and communion

December 10 – Advent 3 and our Christmas Pageant

December 17 – Advent 4 and a special musical celebration of the season

December 24 – Christmas Eve and two special worship opportunities:

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

7:00 PM Lessons & Carols and a "Family-Tradition Cookies" coffee hour.

December 31 – Brunch Church in the RFR

JOIN IN DECORATING THE CHURCH

Saturday, December 2 at 5 PM let's enjoy a good old-fashioned potluck supper. Bring a dish to share and your own service. To spice it up, we're having an ugly sweater contest. (Who remembers the winner of our last ugly sweater contest? Hint: it was in 2017.) After dinner, kids, youth, and adults will decorate the church while the "littles" spend some Advent craft time with Alex. Bring the whole family for this very special evening.

WHEN YOU PRAY...

Remember our many blessings:

...the joy of making a new house into a home.

...the gift of having enough to share with others.

...the good feeling of happy traditions.

...the relief of getting home after a brief stay at the hospital.

...the completion of difficult treatments and the resulting renewed strength.

...the gift of sharing life experience and wisdom with someone in need.

And remember our church family and friends, including:

...The family and friends of David Stark who passed away this week.

...Dottie Kelly at Crown, room 117A

...Jim – recovering from knee surgery.

...Care-givers who are exhausted.

...Families waiting for test results or a second opinion.

...Families making big decisions on behalf of their loved ones.

...Our neighbors in the Middle East, embroiled in conflict.