

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, March 21, 2024

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Betsy Hargett** who passed away this week. Betsy is Dora Jones' eldest sister. Services are today.

THIS SATURDAY

At 10 AM, our men will gather for rehearsal of **The Last Supper**. Costumes and places will be assigned. We will be finished by noon.

THIS SUNDAY

Bring refrigerator rolls for the Easter Give-away. Place them in the box in the fridge.

Beginning at 9:30, our Faith Formation classes will meet to discuss Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Our adult *Starting Point* class is taking this week off.

On this Palm Sunday, beginning at 10:30, we will continue to make a quiet place in our hearts, our minds, and our lives. We will waive greenery and shout hosanna as we welcome Rabbi Jesus to Jerusalem. Led by Pastor Vicki and Carrie Scheibner our worship service will delve into Mark's telling of Jesus' descent from the Mt. of Olives. The children will add something new to their sand-garden and then the youngest ones will head to the nursery. Stick around afterward for coffee hour, hosted by the Faith Formation Committee. If you cannot attend worship in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at www.homercc.com

Following worship, the Outreach Team will evaluate the donations for the Easter Giveaway and assign further purchases to team members.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday

4:30 In-person discussion of Maundy Thursday for the *Poetry of Lent*.

6:30 Dress Rehearsal for the **Last Supper**.

Wednesday 7:00 Final choir rehearsal for Easter Sunday. Come and join in the music!

Maundy Thursday

12:15 ZOOM discussion of the Maundy Thursday part of the *Poetry of Lent*.

7 PM **The Last Supper** dramatization

Based on Leonardo da Vinci's painting of The Last Supper, our men will present a fifteen-century view of Jesus' last gathering at table with the disciples. Each disciple will share the background of his relationship with Jesus as he grapples with the disturbing news of betrayal.

Good Friday

12:30 30-minute recital of sacred organ music offered by Andrea Herzog.
Arrive when you can; depart when you must. Tell your friends!

5 PM Our Outreach Team will prepare for the Easter Giveaway

Holy Saturday

9 AM **Easter Giveaway** from the Russell Fellowship Room

10 Village Easter Egg Hunt on our green.
Coffee/cocoa served from our front steps.

Sunday

Easter Sunday – a Celebration of Resurrection at 10:30 AM

Faith Formation has the morning off.

Our sanctuary will be transformed from our Lenten journey to the hallelujahs associated with this very special day. We'll have surprises for the children and special music from our choir. Joseph Ford and Andrea Herzog will play piano and organ, respectively. Bring your neighbors!

FOR OUR PONDERING...

This week in the *Poetry of Lent*, we discussed Mark 11:1-11 and Mary Oliver's poem called *The Poet Thinks About the Donkey*. From page 130 in her book *Devotions*, here is the poem. Take time to read it silently and out loud.

On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
he stood and waited.

*How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.*

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.

+ Mary Oliver

AS YOU PRAY, PLEASE INCLUDE...

The family of Betsy Hargett (Dora Jones' sister)

The family of Harold Mantor

Bonnie, Charlie, Donna, Harper, Kathy, Pat, Paul, Scott, Steve

People who battle addiction, anxiety, depression – and other unseen issues.

Special thanks for those who paint, coordinate, and organize.