

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, January 2, 2025

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TOMORROW (FRIDAY)

As we prepare for our Annual Meeting on January 26, we are eager to receive reports from our committee/board/team leadership. Please email your report to the office by tomorrow. Reports should be formatted using the Font: Georgia and font size: 12.

THIS SUNDAY

At 9:30, Faith Formation begins again. From now until June, the focus for our children will be on the women and men of the New Testament.

When we worship at 10:30, we will celebrate the arrival of wise ones at the stable in Bethlehem. Our Epiphany celebration will include communion. Carol Costell Corbin and Russ Pedersen are Deacon and Trustee for January. Following worship, coffee hour will be hosted by Kathy McKenna and Karen Siebert. If you cannot attend worship in person, we'll be back online. Find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at www.homercc.com

Following worship, our youth will meet for their (annual?) Cookie Decorating Contest. We can't wait to see the 2025 designs!

NEXT WEEK

Monday Our staff will meet at 10 AM.

Tuesday Faith Formation will zoom at 6:30. Agenda, December minutes and the link will be sent shortly.

Next Sunday

Faith Formation will meet at 9:30.

During 10:30 worship, Tricia Wilder from the Cortland Interfaith Center will be here to award us the "Golden Sneaker Award" for raising the most money for the CROP Walk among the churches in our County.

If you are able, plan to stay after church next Sunday to help take the Christmas decorations down. We should be finished by 12:30ish.

IN OTHER NEWS...

New Email Address: If you need to email Sheri Saddlemire (Director of Children's Ministry), her new email contact is: children@homercc.org This congregation cares deeply for our children. Please contact Sheri if you are willing to participate in Faith Formation.

For those who use envelopes, please add your name to the signup sheet for 2025 Envelopes. The clip board is on the information table.

We are grateful to Katrina Anderson of **Whisk and Whimsy**, for the yummy cupcakes she provided for our Christmas Eve Birthday Party for Jesus. Katrina's business contact is whiskandwhimsy24@gmail.com Be sure to contact her for your baking celebration needs.

Do you know someone providing care for a family member with dementia, in any of its forms? We are beginning a group we'll call **Care for Caregivers**. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, January 15 at 11 AM. All are welcome to share an hour of supportive conversation and a cup of coffee or tea. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

We are making plans for the **Annual Meeting** on Sunday, January 26. Convened by our Moderator, Jim McKenna, the First Religious Society in the Town of Homer and the Homer Congregational United Church of Christ meet to celebrate our ministry in the past year and to make decisions for ministry in 2025. Report booklets will be published on Sunday, January 12.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Jacob Dentes
2	Bonnie Haaland, Nate Ulrich
3	Donald Lawson, Samantha Penoyer
5	Barbara Wright
6	Kathleen Dentes
7	Ingrid Fox
12	Gloria Lawson
15	Aubree Lent
16	Elaine Olson
20	Tracy Bertram
24	Marie Rumsey
28	Karen Seibert
31	Linda Gmosser

FOR YOUR TIMES OF PRAYER

We give thanks for our church's staff:

Directors of Children's Ministry	Alex Faulkenbury and Sheri Saddlemire
Director of Youth Ministry	Stef Fellows
Director of Music	Joseph Ford
Director of Tioughnioga Ringers	Jan Jeffers
Coordinator of Worship Tech.	Brian Cornwell
Treasurer & Organist	Andrea Herzog
Office Manager	Anne Wingard
Financial Secretary	Ron Musson
Sexton	Buzz Harrington
Pastor	Vicki Burtson

This team of people served with dedication and commitment throughout 2024.

May God's presence surround caregivers who, despite their deep love, experience profound fatigue.

As 2025 begins, may we be channels of God's love and peace in our world.