**Weekday Words**

Thursday, February 13, 2025

We celebrate with our siblings of faith in Preble as they welcome their new pastor, the Rev. Brenda McCutcheon. Many of us know Pastor Brenda who worked for many years on the executive team at the Loretto Health and Rehab center. Her pastoral presence had quite an impact before she retired last August. After some months of prayerful discernment, Pastor Brenda and our neighbors at the Preble Congregational Church have entered into a new covenant together. We know that their shared ministry will bring blessings to all of us.

**This Sunday**

Due to school break, Faith Formation has the Sunday off.

At 10:30, Pastor Vicki will focus on Luke’s version of The Beatitudes found in Luke 6:17-31. Our choir will sing “I Lift My Eyes Up”. Sheri Saddlemire has the Children’s Time and then nursery care will be provided. We hope you will stay afterward for coffee and conversation, hosted by Joanne Cincotta and Pam Kavalesky. If you cannot attend in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at [www.homercc.com](http://www.homercc.com)

**Next Week**

Monday Our office will be closed for the Presidents’ Day holiday.

Tuesday The Trustees will meet at 6:30.

Wednesday Care for Caregivers will meet at 11:00.

At 1:30, members of the Trustees will meet with our new Mayor, Pat Clune and the Superintendent of Schools, Tom Turck.

Friday From 5 – 7 PM, kids in grades 3 – 5 can join our Youth Group for an event

called **Unplugged**. We’re giving up phones and videos so we can be together to play games. Come sit in the bean bag chairs. Come try your hand at super-sized Jenga. And yes, of course there will be some great snacks.

Next Sunday:

9:30 Faith Formation resumes

10:30 Worship

11:45 The Outreach Team will meet.

**FYI**

Doris Hoffmann has a new address! She and her sons decided that it was time for her to live closer to one of them, so Doris has settled into an apartment within 20 minutes of David’s house. Her new address is:

2001 South Clinton Ave.

The Gables of Brighton - Apt. F301

Rochester, NY 14618

Her email address and phone number remains the same. Welcome to your new home, Doris! You will be missed, but we are so glad for your family to be nearby.

The Phillips Free Library is offering an information session about Immigration Updates on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 PM.

Do you enjoy gardening? Bry is seeking some help with the Memorial Garden for this spring and summer. If you could lend a hand, please chat with her soon.

Jean Cadwallader is currently staying with her son. If you would like to send her a greeting, she can be reached at:

8660 Darnel Rd.

Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Jean and her family will be doing some traveling, and then she’ll return, briefly, to Homer. In the meantime, you may send a greeting to the address above. We miss you, Jean!

The new officers of the Deacons are Cindy Stout, chair; Joanne Cincotta, vice chair; Carrie Scheibner, secretary; Carol Costell Corbin, treasurer. At their recent retreat, we welcomed the newest Deacon, Sheri Saddlemire. Carol Costell Corbin (our current longest serving Deacon) presented Sheri with her Deacon’s Cross.

**Lent is Coming!**

If you have a copy of Aldo Leopold’s *A Sand County Almanac*, go find it! We will be using it as the basis for some discussions related to Jesus’ fondness for the wilderness. Copies have been ordered and will be available before Lent begins.

This also means that Shrove Tuesday is coming! Our Faith Formation team has been planning another “Spud Fest” for Tuesday evening, March 4. Mark your calendar. More details are coming.

Ash Wednesday is March 5. Our youth will burn last year’s palms for this year’s ashes. Our worship will begin at 6:30 that night as we begin to make a quiet place to share with God.

Hey youth! Remember how much fun we had when we gathered at the manse for dinners during Lent? Get ready to set your cell phones aside and to “apron up” so you can help prepare the meals. We’ve got four dinners planned, starting on March 19. Together we will cook, read some of the Bible, eat a delicious meal and, yes – do the dishes. Stef and PV can’t wait to see you!

**As you pray**

…please include:

Doris and Jean, who are settling into new surroundings.

Carl & Connie Applegate, Gwen Hayne, Jaff & Nadyne Harris, Bill Hopkins, Bev Johnson, Dottie Kelley, Don & Gloria Lawson, and Anna McConnell. For various reasons, these dear ones cannot get to worship but they are wrapped in our love and prayers.

Kathy, Paul, Stef’s mother – Cindy (post-surgery), Susan (post-surgery), and others who are having treatments or are awaiting surgery.