

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, January 23, 2025

THIS SUNDAY IS ANNUAL MEETING

Our worshipful work begins at 10 AM

This Sunday we will look back, thanking God for our ministry in 2024 and we will look forward, seeking God's guidance for ministry in 2025. Faith Formation classes have the Sunday off. Members and friends are welcome; however, only members may vote. Moderator, Jim McKenna will lead us through the reports and related voting for both the Homer Congregational Church and the First Religious Society in the Town of Homer, New York. Updated booklets will be available, including the final draft of the FRS budget, which was approved Tuesday evening by the Trustees.

After our worshipful work, we will gather in the RFR for a soup and bread lunch. People have been signing up – the menu looks appealing. Plan to stick around after worship to share lunch with your family of faith. All are welcome!

Due to the nature of our work, there will be no live-stream available this Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY

We'll be back to our regular schedule.

9:30 Faith Formation for all ages.

10:30 Worship with communion

RESPONDING TO THE WILDFIRES

We continue to receive a special offering in response to the horrific wildfires in California. At the writing of this article, yet another fire has scorched another ten thousand acres of land. If you can contribute, write a check to the Homer Congregational Church with "CA Wildfires" in the memo. Our Mission Committee plans to match our offering with funds from the Dorothy Jane Andrews Fund. Anything you can contribute will help.

FOR YOUR TIMES OF PRAYER

We give thanks for faith-filled living that continues to impact our congregation. Whenever we receive a special offering and then are able to match it, I give thanks for Dorothy Jane Andrews. I never knew her, yet I am so impressed by her gift that has so enhanced our missional giving.

In the same way, we give thanks for the loving bequest we received several years ago from the estate of Richard Harris. Once again, his commitment to God, working through this congregation, enabled us to accomplish multiple projects in 2024 and yet end the year \$36,000 in the black. Extraordinary.

We thank God for the times we can lean on each other for support and care. Pray for people in our congregation who need God's healing presence, including Don, Doris, Paul and so many others. Our prayer bowl is filled with requests for prayer on behalf of people who are fighting cancer, recovering from falls, struggling with life, working through marital difficulties, and adjusting to life transitions – some joyous and some causing deep grief.