

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, February 20, 2025

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Jane Morenus** who died on February 16, 2025. At her request, there will be no services but memorial gifts can be sent to the Homer Teachers Scholarship Fund – PO Box 184, Homer NY, 13077

TOMORROW IS UNPLUGGED!

3rd graders and up will gather in the youth room tomorrow from 5 – 7 PM for games and snacks and fun. We cannot wait to see you!

THIS SUNDAY

Faith Formation is back! Just before returning to the regular school schedule seems the perfect time to focus on Jesus' teaching about prayer. Kathy McKenna and Sheri Saddlemire will lead the classes. Our adults will have the final discussion on *Rough Sleepers*.

At 10:30, Pastor Vicki's sermon, titled "Jesus On The Level" will focus on Luke's version of The Beatitudes found in Luke 6:17-31. Our choir will sing one of our favorites - "Rain Down". Pastor Vicki has the Children's Time and then nursery care will be provided. We hope you will stay afterward for coffee and conversation. If you cannot attend in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at www.homercc.com

Following worship, our Outreach Team will meet in the Board Room.

NEXT WEEK

Monday Our staff will meet at 10 AM.

Next Sunday:

9:30 Faith Formation will hear the story about Jesus' transfiguration
10:30 Worship with Communion

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees met this past Tuesday. Highlights from their meeting include:

- New officers were elected: Paula Harrington (chair), Shelly Hilts (secretary)
- The bathrooms off the RFR need significant renovations. The Trustees voted to accept a bid from Complete Construction Concepts and work will begin very soon. Funding will come from the remainder of the Harris Estate and the Building Fund. The congregation will also be invited to contribute to the project. The Trustees suggested a goal of \$15,000 for the congregation's portion. Russ Pedersen has been working with CCC. He or Paula are glad to answer your questions. Watch here for updates.
- The hearing assistance devices for the sanctuary will be tested and inventoried.
- 21 vendors are already registered for Holiday in Homer this July 19!

FINANCIAL STATUS AT THE END OF JANUARY

Revenue at 1/31/25 - \$30,313.55, 13% of budget

Expenses at 1/31/25 - \$41,912.97, 17% of budget

PREPARING FOR MARCH

Tuesday, March 4 - join us at 5:30 for our traditional **Shrove Tuesday** supper. This year, we will enjoy another "Spud Fest". Baked potatoes, butter, sour cream and beverages will be provided. We invite you to bring something to share – salad, dessert, or your favorite topping. We'll have games for children and we look forward to your spud carvings. We're planning categories for adults and for children with prizes for at least the top two.

Ash Wednesday, March 5 – The Lenten journey begins with worship at 6:30PM. Come to this quiet place to consider who we are as God's people, remembering that "...we are dust, and to dust we shall return."

Lenten Discussions – in person and via zoom!

Luke 6:12 tells us how Jesus went out to the mountain to pray – all night long. Only after that, could he choose his disciples and begin his ministry.

Mark 6:30-31 includes Jesus' counsel to the disciples, who were so busy in ministry that they didn't even have time to eat. Jesus tells them to "...come away to a lonely place..."

Rev. Gary McCaslin, Dr. Jim McKenna, Jr., and Dr. Susan Wilson have agreed to lead a Lenten discussion series based on Aldo Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac*. A naturalist and philosopher, Leopold's ethics of nature and wildlife preservation had a profound impact on the environmental movement. Among his achievements, he developed the first comprehensive management plan for the Grand Canyon. A favorite of our discussion leaders, we believe you will find spiritual depth in Leopold's poetic writing. The book has been translated into fourteen languages and has sold more than two million copies.

- Each week, there will be an assignment to read (less than 20 pages) which will provide the basis for discussion.
- Schedule for discussions:
 - Tuesdays from 12:15 – 12:30 via Zoom
 - Wednesday from 5 – 5:30 at church.
 - Sundays beginning at 9:30 – Adult Faith Formation.
- Copies are now available – pick one up on Sunday.

Youth Lenten Dinners at the manse - 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 at 5:30 PM. Together we will cook, read some of the Bible, eat a delicious meal and, yes – do the dishes. We'll be done by 7:30 PM. Stef and PV can't wait to see you!

YOU CAN HELP!

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.

Sheri Saddlemire is asking for egg cartons as she prepares for a Mother's Day craft with our kids. You may leave egg cartons on the silver counter of the dish washer.

Some of our folks need rides to PT or doctor's appointments. If you are able/willing to provide rides, add your name to the sign-up sheet this Sunday.

Spring Coffee Hour sign-ups are happening now.