

## WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, March 6, 2025

We express our sympathy to the family of **Nadyne Harris**, who passed away on March 7. Nadyne joined our church on December 6, 1959. She and Jaff have been married for 71 years. No services are planned. Interment is at the convenience of the family. Donations in Nadyne's name can be sent to Guthrie Memorial Fund, the Cortland County Historical Society, the Homer Congregational Church or any other of choice.

### THIS SUNDAY

Bring your donations of canned veggies for the Food Pantry.

Faith Formation begins at 9:30.

Children: Amanda McCaslin, Sheri Saddlemire, Acey Sieffert, and Kate Toole will teach about the prodigal child who had a very loving Parent.

Adults: Jim McKenna & Susan Wilson lead our discussion of pp. 3-32 of *A Sand County Almanac*.

At 10:30 we continue our Lenten journey. Jim McKenna has a symbol of what sustains him during Lent and beyond. Amanda McCaslin will offer the Children's Time, and then she and Jenelle Pedersen will provide nursery care. Sheri Saddlemire is the Deacon of the Day. Pastor Vicki's sermon is anchored in the covenant story found in Genesis 15:1-18. Stick around afterward for a coffee hour hosted by Katrina Anderson of Whisk & Whimsy fame. If you cannot attend worship in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at [www.homercc.com](http://www.homercc.com)

### NEXT WEEK

Tuesday:

12:15 15-minute ZOOM discussion for *A Sand County Almanac*.

Read pages 32 - 49 and let Pastor Vicki know if you want the link.

6:30 Our Trustees will meet.

Wednesday:

11:00 Care for Caregivers in the Board Room

5:00 IN PERSON discussion of pages 32-49 of *A Sand County Almanac*.

At church – in the Board Room.

5:30 The Youth are invited to the manse for dinner.

You'll cook together, have devotions with Stef, eat, and then do the dishes.

Pick-up time is 7:30.

Next Sunday:

9:30 Faith Formation will learn about another of Jesus' best stories: the Parable of the Sower.

Our Adults will discuss p. 32-49 of *A Sand County Almanac*.

10:30 Lent 3 - the journey continues.

Tuesday, March 25 our Church Council meets. ALL chairs of all committees should plan to attend.

### **INVITATION TO LENTEN GENEROSITY**

The Outreach Team is coordinating an Easter Giveaway on April 12. We plan to provide 75 Easter Dinners, and as many Easter Baskets as possible. We would welcome help from our congregation by supporting our food collection during Lent. The collection includes:

March 23	dessert box mixes
March 30	Easter basket items
April 6	canned refrigerated rolls/biscuits

You can now watch our progress. Look toward the front of the sanctuary (on the right) to see the growing collection of donations.

### **CALLING OUR GARDENERS**

Bry Meyka invites your help with the Memorial Garden. If you could volunteer with her, let her know.

### **SHARING OUR RESOURCES WITH TEAM STEFOSAURUS**

THIS Saturday, Stefanie Fellows and her “Team Stefosaurus” will walk in the 2025 Epilepsy Walk. The team’s goal for fundraising was \$4,000. At the writing of this edition, they were just \$258 away from reaching their goal. This family of faith contributed \$1,101.04 toward Stef’s team. Thank you for this incredible support. The funds will be used to continue the important research being done on Epilepsy.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you, Kathleen Dentes and Paula Harrington for creating the beautiful Lenten worship center. Your artistry helps to deepen our spiritual journey with Jesus. Note the sunflower – an intentional reminder that we hold the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

Thank you, Ron Musson and Andrea Herzog for counting our offerings, depositing them, keeping track of individual gifts, and then paying our bills.

Thank you to Jan Jeffers and to each person who passes on news about our dear members and friends. We can pray, provide food, offer rides, or visit if we are made aware of those who are hospitalized or in need. Such calls to Pastor Vicki are deeply appreciated.

Thank you to Russ Pedersen and Kathleen Dentes who are working closely with Complete Construction Concepts on the renovation of the RFR bathrooms.

### **THIS WEEK’S PRAYERS**

We pray for Stef, her family and friends who will travel to Washington DC for the Epilepsy Walk on Saturday.

We give thanks for the changing seasons, the chance to see a Lunar Eclipse, the miracle of new growth from the earth, and the writings of Aldo Leopold which enhance our Lenten spirituality.

We pray for people who are recovering from surgery and illness and for their caregivers: Cindy, Gary, Joanne, Kathy, Kurt, Paul, and Pope Francis.