**Weekday Words**

Thursday, April 17, 2025

**TONIGHT! Maundy Thursday**

“Maundy” is derived from the Latin word for “mandate”. On this evening, we gather **at 7 PM** in our quiet place to be with Jesus at Table and in the garden. This was the evening that Jesus gave the mandate for us to love one another. On this holy night, as we pray, we will lay red carnations on a cross. If you cannot join us in person, take the time on Thursday to read these scriptures: Luke 22:7-20; Luke 22:39-54a

**Good Friday**

On Friday, our quiet place becomes a somber place as we ponder Jesus’ last words. Join us **at 5:30 PM**. During the service, the seven last words of Jesus will be read by our youth, and symbolic spices will be added to the altar cross. Music will include meditative selections provided by Andrea at the organ, Joe at the piano, and Jeanine playing recorder. If your Friday responsibilities prevent your attendance, then find time on Friday to read: 1st Word Luke 23:34 Herb: Jasmine

 2nd Word Luke 23:43 Herb: Roselle

3rd Word John 19:26-27 Herb: Basil

4th Word Mark 15:34 Herb: Don’t Forget Me

5th Word John 19:28 Herb: Mint

6th Word John 19:30 Herb: Rosemary

7th Word Luke 23:46 Herb: Lavender

In between each passage, consider using the breathing prayer:

 Breathe in: Jesus, remember me… Breathe out: …when you come into your kingdom.

**Holy Saturday**

It’s a multifaceted day! Join us **at 10:30 AM** for a rehearsal of the Hallelujah Chorus, which will be sung at the conclusion of our Easter celebration.

**At 11-ish**, members of the Outreach Team will offer coffee & cocoa to families as they gather in our front yard for the Village Easter Egg Hunt **at noon**. During the event, Sheri Saddlemire will be on hand to offer a new brochure describing our Faith Formation classes.

**EASTER SUNDAY!**

With no Faith Formation this Sunday, we will gather for worship **at 10:30**, taking every opportunity to say “Hallelujah!” as we celebrate the joy of resurrection. There will be special Easter gifts for our children and youth, so invite your neighbors and friends! Coffee hour will be hosted by our Deacons. If you cannot attend worship in person, find our service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at [www.homercc.com](http://www.homercc.com)

Join us before and after worship to have an Easter photo taken. Our youth will take photos with our camera and with your phone.

**Church Membership?**

If you are interested in officially joining our Church, please see Pastor Vicki. Soon we will schedule a class and then welcome new members in mid-May.

 **As you pray…**

Pray for: Ashley & Rob, Dick, Jean, Joanne, Kathy, Michael, Patty, Paul, and Tyla.