

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, April 3, 2025

THIS SUNDAY

Bring your refrigerator roll donations and leave them in the refrigerator.
Special envelopes are now available for your gifts in support of the Bathroom upgrades.

Faith Formation begins at 9:30.

Children: Sheri Saddlemire and Kate Toole will teach about Jesus' answer to the question: Which is the greatest commandment?

Adults: We will discuss pp. 155-189 of *A Sand County Almanac*.

NOTE: This portion is less poetic yet quite thought provoking.

At 10:30 worship, we will gather at the communion table. Bry Meyka will bring a symbol of what sustains her, spiritually. Carol Costell Corbin and Stefanie Fellows are the Deacon and Trustee for April. Stef has the Children's Time, and then Jack Carr and Sheri Saddlemire will provide nursery care. We are looking forward to David Ford's NYSMMA solo: *Where is Love?* from Oliver! Stick around afterward for a coffee hour hosted by Susan and Sheri. Their past top-vote-getting snacks will be up against each other. If you cannot attend worship in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at www.homercc.com

Today at 2 PM, we are invited to join the Preble Congregational Church as they install their new settled pastor, Rev. Brenda McCutcheon. This is an exciting time for our sibling-congregation as they welcome their beloved friend to pastoral leadership.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday:

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

Read pages 190-212 about The Land Ethic.

6:30 Our Deacons will meet.

Wednesday:

5:00 Discussion of pages 190-212 of *A Sand County Almanac* at church.

Saturday

10:00 Easter Dinner/Basket Giveaway. The team will gather at 9 AM.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday:

9:30 As we celebrate, we will gather in the RFR to make Palm crosses.

Our Adults will discuss pp. 190-212 of *A Sand County Almanac*.

10:30 Palm Sunday celebration

AS YOU PRAY...

There is goodness in the world! Someone dropped their purse in the parking lot. A fellow from the Food Pantry found it and took it to the police. Thank God for that kind soul.

Pray for: Dick, Gary Sr., Jean, Kathy, Melanie, Paul and the people of Myanmar.

HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

The worship center will be transformed as, together, we walk with Jesus.

Maundy Thursday – 7 PM

We gather in our quiet place to be with Jesus at Table and in the garden.
As we pray, we will lay red carnations on the cross.

Good Friday – 5:30 PM

Our quiet place becomes a somber place as we ponder Jesus last words.
The service of lessons and music will include the sprinkling of spices on the cross.

Easter Sunday - 10:30 (no Faith Formation) – Invite your neighbors! Coffee hour will be hosted by our Deacons. We'll have Easter gifts for our children and youth.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

We're trying a new thing! On Wednesday, April 23 we are launching our first gathering called "**Messy Church**". Online, the Messy Church movement is described as:

A way of being church for all ages to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities...(This is) based on the values of all-ages together, celebration, creativity, hospitality, and centering ourselves in Christ.

Here's how we think it will work:

- 5:30 We gather for an opening scripture, song, and prayer.
- 5:45 Let's eat! We'll let you know the menu – but it's going to be kid-friendly.
- 6-ish ALL OF US can do an art project...AND...
There will be a special Earth Day scavenger hunt for the whole family.
- 6:45 We'll be back in the sanctuary for closing, and you'll be home by bedtime or Jeopardy.

Messy Church is a space for kids to be kids.

Messy Church is for grandparents to interact with their kids who now have kids.

Messy Church is for parents to have a night off from meal planning.

Messy Church is for kids to bring their grandparents along to church.

Messy Church is for ALL OF US to party-like-Jesus.

NOTE: If Wednesdays don't work for your family, would you let PV or Sheri know? We want to schedule this when most of us can join in the fun. The Faith Formation Committee thinks this will be too good to miss!

ROAD TRIP! On the go with God

Church Camp is just around the corner...well, okay...it's July 7-10. Still, it's never too early to consider how you can help.

Do you enjoy creativity? We need decorations and crafty helping hands.

Are you a foodie? We're going to have thematic food each night.

Gonna be away on those dates? Volunteer for one of Stef's pre-recorded videos.

Wanna share your faith? It's the most important part, and Sheri can use your help.

Got DRAMA in your bones? We're planning skits – both recorded and LIVE!

Are you homebound? We'll bring you stuff to cut out or tie up or help somehow.

Get ready to respond to Stef's invitations. We're all piling on for the ROAD TRIP this July.