**Weekday Words**

Thursday, May 1, 2025

**In Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Melonie Rood** as her family and friends celebrate her life today (Thursday). Melonie’s mother is Rachel Rood.

We offer our love and prayers to our siblings in faith at Grace and Holy Spirit Church as they mourn the death of their former pastor, **Rev. Peter Williams**. Calling hours are on Monday from 3-6pm at Fergerson Funeral Home in North Syracuse. Fr. Pete’s family and friends will celebrate his life on Tuesday, May 6 at 10 am at Grace Church, 819 Madison St, Syracuse.

**This Sunday**

Faith Formation begins at 9:30.

Our children will hear how Jesus commissioned his followers.

Kurt & Lori Schmidt will work with pre-K.

Sheri and Anne Wingard have K-5.

Our Youth are working on projects for Faith Formation Sunday.

Our adults will continue faith-based discussions rooted in the writing of historian Heather Cox Richardson.

At 10:30 Rev. Ryan Henderson will join us for worship. Ryan is our Associate Conference Minister and he’ll be a key person to help us find the person God is calling to be our next settled pastor. Ryan will be assisted in worship by Deacon of the Month, Carrie Scheibner. Russ Pedersen is the Trustee for May. Stef Fellows has the children’s time and then Jenelle Pedersen and Jean Brown will staff the nursery.

Worship will be intentionally shortened and then we’ll take a break for coffee and snacks, provided by the Outreach Team. We will reconvene in the sanctuary where Ryan will offer a power point presentation about the Search and Callsystem in the United Church of Christ. If you cannot attend worship in person, find our service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at [www.homercc.com](http://www.homercc.com)

**Next Week**

Monday Staff Meeting at 10 AM.

Tuesday Faith Formation Zoom at 6:30.

Wednesday Care for Caregivers at 11 AM.

 Worship & Music at 6 PM.

Next Sunday is Mother’s Day. During worship, we will honor the people who have nurtured us: mothers, step-mothers, foster mothers, aunts, and mentors.

**Welcoming New Members**

If you are interested in officially joining our Church, please see Pastor Vicki. We will hold a Membership Class after church on May 18 and then we will welcome new members on Sunday, June 1.

**Planning for Summer**

We look forward to the summer months and to these opportunities:

 June 6-7 NY Conference of the UCC.

Our representatives are Belinda Burtson, Carol Costell Corbin, Peter Wright, and Pastor Vicki. Additionally, Barb Wright is the Secretary of the Conference.

 June 7-8 Youth Lock-in at church!

 July 7 – 10 Bring all the kids you can invite for Church Camp!

 Stefanie Fellows will coordinate **ROAD TRIP: On the go with God!**

 Sheri Saddlemire will be the tour guide for faith stories.

 Kathy McKenna will be the lead driver for decorations.

 Susan Wilson will navigate the food truck.

 We’ve got all kinds of opportunities for you to help out.

 July 19 **HOLIDAY IN HOMER**

 Watch for opportunities to volunteer your time.

 June 25 …and each Wednesday during July & August…Concerts on

the green at 7 PM.

 July 10 …and most Thursdays during July & August – movie nights.

 Sponsored by the Homer Rec. Department, movies begin at dusk.

 July 23 **P.R.E.P.** – the 10th anniversary of our community outreach.

**As you pray…**

As the season of Easter continues, please offer prayers of joy.

* We thank God for the arrival of Katherine Sage Scheibner to our world. Her grandmothers are Carrie & Monica. Mom and baby are doing well. Pastor Vicki is glad to share a birthday (April 27) with Katherine Sage!
* Olivia Harrington has a new job! Beginning on May 19, Olivia will be the Assistant Director of Transitions for New Student Orientation at Syracuse University. Go Orange!
* We are excited for Alex Faulkenbury’s book launch on May 20. Titled Somewhere Past the End, she will celebrate the release at “All Good Books” in Columbia, SC. Alex and family will be visiting our area in mid-June. Soon we will invite you to sign up to purchase a book. Alex has agreed to a book-signing after worship on June 15.

As the season of Easter continues, please offer prayers of support.

* We pray for our siblings-in-faith at Grace and Holy Spirit as they mourn the death of their former pastor, Rev. Peter Williams.
* We pray for those dealing with health or life issues: Dick, Jean, Kathy, Michael, Patty, Paul, and Tyla.