**Weekday Words**

Thursday, May 8, 2025

**This Sunday**

Faith Formation begins at 9:30.

Our children will work on some special projects for Mothers’ Day.

Jan Bertram and Joanne Cincotta will work with pre-K.

Sheri and Carol Agate 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 worship we will celebrate the women who have nurtured us in life. Sheri Saddlemire has the children’s time and then Jack Carr and Drew Kostuk will staff the nursery. As an offering of special music, David Ford will play his clarinet. The foundation for the service comes from Psalm 23, which provides an intimate understanding of God’s care for us. Linda Brown is making goodies for our coffee hour following the service. 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**

Tuesday Joint meeting of our Deacons and Trustees at 6:30.

Next Sunday:

9:30 Faith Formation

10:30 Worship

Noon New Members Class with Pastor Vicki (upstairs)

Outreach Team meets in the Board Room

**As you pray…**

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

* We give thanks for those who have nurtured us in life, including our mothers, aunts, neighbors, and mentors. As you read this, try to remember the names of your Sunday School teachers and offer your prayers of thanksgiving.
* Add to those prayers, a prayer of thanksgiving for the folks who volunteer to work with our children and youth – for Faith Formation and by offering nursery care during worship.

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

* We pray for the Cardinals in the Catholic Church who are prayerfully discerning the identity of the next Pope. May God guide their voting so that the person elected can pick up the mantel from Pope Francis and help all of us work for peace with justice.
* We pray for those dealing with health or life issues: Dick, Kathy, Michael, Nancy, Patty, Paul, and Tyla.

**Search and Call**

Rev. Ryan Henderson joined us last Sunday to preach and to review the Search and Call process. While it is difficult to nail down a specific timeline, the progression includes:

* An **interim time** for us to establish our immediate needs and then hire the person who will lead our church until a new settled pastor is found.
* A **Welcoming Diversity Inventory** offered by our NY Conference will be introduced and then each person will complete the survey. We welcome this chance to confirm our quest for the person, called by God, who will love us no matter who we are or where we are on life’s journey.
* A **Search Committee** will be selected to help us find our next pastor.
* Based on interim work and research, the Search Committee will create a **Church Profile**. When completed, it will be listed on the UCC’s “Ministry Opportunities” page.
* The Search Committee will receive clergy profiles - resumes with some additional theological reflection and samples of preaching. Potential candidates will be selected and interviewed.
* After settling on a candidate to recommend, the church will host a **Candidating Weekend** so the congregation can meet the candidate. On that Sunday, the candidate will preach and lead worship. Afterward, the candidate will be excused while the congregation votes.
* Upon a clear majority vote, the Search Committee and the candidate will negotiate a **Call Agreement**, finalizing the employment package and establishing the date when the new pastor begins ministry with our family of faith.

Throughout this process, we will be guided by our Associate Conference Ministers and/or people from our Conference who are trained to assist congregations who are undergoing a pastoral search. But ultimately, we will be guided by God’s Spirit – and so we will fully rely on God’s presence and grace.

**Speaking of FROGs…**

On her last Sunday in Homer, Jean Cadwallader received a frog from Landon, who said, “Mrs. Cadwallader – you can fully rely on God.” The next morning, Jean and her frog were tucked into their seat on the plane, ready to settle in Minnesota with Jean’s son, Blake. Take good care, Jean. We look forward to your visit in July!

An old person sitting in a car with a stuffed animal

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