WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, October 22, 2026

THIS SUNDAY

9:30 am- CROP Walk

10:30 am- Rev. Barb Wright will lead worship. Anyone who wishes to do so can continue laps around the Green for the CROP Walk. Because of the CROP Walk, there will be no children's time. Coffee hour after worship will be hosted by Jan, Sue, and Ingrid. The service will be livestreamed if you are unable to join us in person. Check out our Facebook page or YouTube Channel to find our service.

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – Faith Formation Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM

Thursday – Pumpkin Party 5-7 PM

Sunday –

9:30 am- Faith Formation

10:30 am- Worship led by Rev. Barb Wright

After Worship- Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Youth Group

PUMPKIN PARTY

Kids and youth of all ages are invited to our Faith Formation Pumpkin Party on Thursday, October 29th! 5-7 PM, we will gather for pizza, pumpkin painting, games, crafts, and more fall-themed fun! Please let Kathleen or Stef know by this Sunday if your child plans to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are updated sign-up sheets for coffee hour and nursery volunteers on the table by the garden. Please take a look and help us fill in the empty slots.

OUTREACH TEAM FOOD DRIVE

The Outreach Team will be coordinating a food drive throughout November to support the Homer Food Pantry. Each Sunday collection will have a focus on different types of items.

November 1st – Thanksgiving Dinner Items

(Stuffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce, Turkey Stock, Green Beans/Mushroom Soup/Fried Onions, Pie Shells/Canned Pumpkin)

November 8th – Breakfast & Snack Items

(Cereal, Oatmeal, Juice, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Canned Fruit/Fruit Cups, Granola Bars)

November 15th – Lunch Items

(Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soups, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Ravioli/ Beef-a-roni, Tuna/Canned Chicken)

November 22nd – Dinner

(Canned Vegetables, Pasta/Pasta Sauce, Diced Tomatoes, Rice/Rice Sides, Instant/Flavored Potatoes, Dinner Kits Like Hamburger Helper)

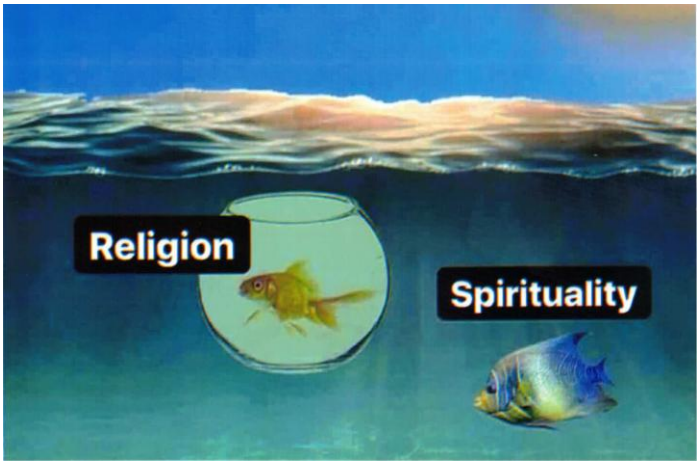
CROP WALK

This Sunday is the CROP Walk! Everyone is invited to join as we walk laps around the green starting at 9:30 AM.

The purpose of the walk is to raise money to fight hunger, both locally and abroad. To donate online to our church team, go to: https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/homer-congregational-church and click on the orange "Donate Now" button. To sign up for the HCC team, click on the blue "Join the Team" button. This will allow your friends to make online donations. To donate by check, please make your check out to CWS/CROP. You can drop it in the offering plate or give it to Jeanine Rose, the HCC CROP Walk recruiter.

Tioughnioga Church of the Wild ~

Over a thousand years before Jesus walked on the Earth, the Celtic tribes of Northern Europe celebrated *Samhain* ~ in anticipation of the coming darkest days of the year. They believed this was a "thin time" when evil spirits roamed the land, so bonfires and scary costumes were central to the festivities to ward off these spirits. (Can you see the roots of Halloween from these ancient times?) This coming Sunday, 25 October, from 3-5 pm, we will gather at Lime Hollow to recognize *Samhain* as the beginning of the darkest part of the year until the New Year is born. What might we learn from the darkness in our lives? Might dark times be a time of enrichment? Need more info? Contact Gary McCaslin 607-329-6173. ***Boo!***



PRAYERS

Consider as you pray…

Nancy, Jean, Gwen, Teri, Joanne, and Kathy
People preparing for and recovering from surgery
Those battling cancer and other long-term sickness and health conditions
Individuals facing change, transitions, new challenges, and recent diagnoses