

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, September 17, 2026

THIS SUNDAY

9:30 am- Faith Formation for all ages

Kindergarten and younger will be downstairs in the nursery

1st-5th grade is upstairs in the front classroom

6th grade and up will be in the youth group room located behind the nursery

Adults can gather in the boardroom to discuss plans for the upcoming year.

10:30 am- The service will be led by Rev. Gary McCaslin, who will also share our children's moment. Nursery Care will be provided by Kathleen Dentes and our newly hired Nursery Supervisor (see below for more info). The livestream will be back this week if you are unable to join us in person. Check out our Facebook page or YouTube Channel to find our service.

After Worship- Coffee Hour will be hosted by Carol Agate.

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – Faith Formation Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM

Sunday –

9:30 am- Faith Formation for all ages!

10:30 am- Worship led by Barb Wright

After Worship- Coffee Hour Hosted by AC & Claire

NURSERY UPDATE

We have hired a Nursery Supervisor! This person is expected to start this coming Sunday, September 20th. We will share more about this individual and their background as certain things are finalized. This role is responsible for providing nursery care during both Faith Formation time and Worship. Because of the policies we have in place to prioritize the safety of our kids and the adults who work with them, one volunteer will still be needed each week to assist our Nursery Supervisor. We are very excited to welcome this new staff member and for the weight this will take off of our Faith Formation program and volunteers to help fill the needs of our families with young children.

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

You may recall hearing about our lent dinners with the Youth Group the past several years. Well, this year we are switching it up a little bit. Instead of having 3-4 dinners during lent, we are going to have 5 dinners spread throughout the year. The purpose remains the same, a time to gather in a different way where we cook together, eat together, and clean up together. We also want to turn this into an opportunity for members of the congregation to get to know our youth better and for our youth to be able to build connections with the adults in our congregation. **So, we need dinner hosts!** Anyone can be a host, do it with your family or form a small group to host together. You can host the dinner at your home or at the church. Just remember, this is a hands-on activity. It's not show up and eat, our adults and youth all get to be involved in the making of dinner. What a great opportunity to share a favorite recipe or family tradition with our youth! If you are interested in hosting or have questions, please reach out to Stef Fellows.

For Youth Group Parents – Our first dinner will be on Sunday September 27th, 5:30-7:30 pm, at the church. Our first hosts will be Stef & Kathleen. It will be a make your own pizza night. Please let Stef know if you expect your child to attend so we can have the proper amount of food. As always, friends are more than welcome!

LEFT-OVER COOKIES

If you brought cookies for this past weekend's events and did not see your cookies out and/or are still looking for the container you brought them in, this message is for you. We are grateful for everyone who made cookies and do not want anything to go to waste. Because of the large number of cookies we received we have put some in the freezer to save what was not used for future coffee hours. If you have questions about this, you can reach out to Stef Fellows.

CROP WALK

Save the date for the CROP Walk! On Sunday, October 25th we will once again be walking laps around our Green for the CROP Walk. We will begin walking at 9:30 am. At 10:30 am when worship begins, those who wish to continue walking are more than welcome to. We will conclude our walk when worship ends. More information about how to donate will be coming soon.

CHURCH OF THE WILD

Tioughnioga Church of the Wild will gather this Sunday, September 20th, from 3-5pm at the main entrance to Lime Hollow Nature Center. Park your car, cross the bridge leading to the big red barn and gather under the open pavilion. As we celebrate the Autumn Equinox in our sacred journey around the Sun, we will also "saunter" and note the many ways all Creation can fill our souls with wonder, grace and peace. If you have a poem or short reading you would like to share, bring it along. All ages are welcome. Questions? See Gary McCaslin (garymccaslin@gmail.com)

PRAYERS

As you pray, please consider...

Nancy Alvarez, Jean Dunphy, Gwen, Teri, Joanne, and Kathy

All who are dealing with health issues and other struggles

Those who are grieving

People who are going through significant transitions and life changes