

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, September 24, 2026

THIS SUNDAY

9:30 am- Faith Formation for all ages

In Sunday School the kids will be learning about the story of Joshua and how God is with us wherever we go.

The Youth Group will continue their exploration into the New Testament

Adults, **please come with book suggestions for the class to read and discuss.**

Rebecca Clark will help in leading the selection of books and facilitating discussions. As a reminder, the adult faith formation class is intended to be a collaboration amongst the adults attending. It is not a situation like our younger classes where one or two individuals are responsible for planning the class. We want the content of our adult faith formation class to reflect what the participants are interested in exploring and find the best way to do this is by putting the power in your own hands to make it fun and engaging for all involved.

10:30 am- The service will be led by Rev. Barb Wright. She will be exploring Matthew 21:23-32. Kathleen will share a children's moment introducing a fun activity for both our kids and adults to participate in this year! After worship coffee hour will be hosted by AC and Claire. 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

Tuesday – Church Council 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 will be a team effort. We will be using some leftover cookies that were frozen so we have the food side of things covered. We just need a few people willing to help with putting things out, making coffee, and cleaning up. If you are willing to help with this next week please talk to Stef or email the office.

UPDATE FOLLOWING THE CANDIDATE WEEKEND

The weekend of Rally Day we welcomed Rev. Larry Hoxey for a visit as a candidate selected by our search committee to be our next settled Pastor. That Saturday night we shared in a meal and had time for introductions and a chance to get to know one another. On Sunday, our search committee led worship and Pastor Larry provided the sermon. Immediately after worship we voted and agreed as a congregation to call Rev. Larry Hoxey to be our next settled Pastor here at Homer Congregational Church. Pastor Larry and his family come to us from eastern Michigan, where he is wrapping up his time with St. John UCC. We are excited to be moving to the next phase of this transition time and look forward to welcoming him and his family. Currently we expect his arrival sometime around the holiday season but specifics of when his time here will begin will be shared once plans have been finalized. There are many moving parts to this process, including some work on the Manse, and we appreciate people's patience as we move through this process and try to be respectful of all parties involved.

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

Date correction! The first youth group dinner will be **Sunday October 4th**, 5:30-7:30 PM. We will still be gathering at the church. We are also looking for an additional adult willing to join us for this dinner to help Stef make sure that our time together is not only fun, but safe too. Let Stef know that your child plans to attend or if you are an adult willing to lend a hand at our make your own pizza night!

Hosts for future dinners are needed as well! You can host 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! This year in faith formation we are all about helping our kids and youth build new connections with the rest of the congregation. If you are interested in hosting or have questions, please reach out to Stef Fellows.

PUMPKIN PARTY

Kids and youth of all ages are invited to our Faith Formation Pumpkin Party on Thursday October 29rd! 5-7 PM we will gather for dinner, pumpkin painting, games, crafts, and more fall themed fun! Talk to Kathleen or email children@homercc.org if your child plans to attend.

ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN

The Trustees envelope campaign is still going on! Money collected from this will be going towards various projects that need to be completed at the manse to prepare the space for our new Pastor. There are still many envelopes ranging from \$3 to \$96 remaining on the board in the sanctuary. Please consider taking one that fits what you feel able to give and then return it by placing it in the offering plates on Sunday morning. The Trustees greatly appreciate your support in the completion of these many projects!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Kathy Alvord, Connie Applegate, Andrew Kostuk
6-Maddy Kusznir
11-Don VanSlyke
15-Evie Cornwell, Mia Cornwell
22-Dan Ford, Landon Kendall
23-Gary (Buzz) Harrington, Olivia Harrington, Mary Musson
24-Emma Agate
27-Kate Toole
28-Frances Armstrong

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 going through significant changes and transitions in their lives