



We voted on April 6, 2014, to become an Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ. On May 19, 2014, we became the #1192 church in the UCC official listing.

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Vacation Bible School at Homer Congregational Church! August 3-7 9:00 am – Noon

Join us at Everest, where kids discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Experience Jesus' incredible love through fun Bible songs, creative crafts, team-building games, tasty treats, and epic Bible adventures.

We accept campers four years of age through the sixth grade. If you haven't registered yet, you may register Monday at 8:45 am.

Our Local Missions

This week we are asking our Mountain Campers to help with 2 local missions:

The Homer Methodist Food Pantry: Please bring in one canned food item each day. We will collect the food in our VBS and then deliver it to the food pantry at the end of the week. Items which are particularly needed include jelly, baked beans, rice, dry beans, dessert mixes, snacks for children, cold cereal, canned meats, crackers, pasta, and instant potatoes.

Local campaign to collect school supplies: We're asking that as you shop for school supplies, please consider buying a little extra to help local children whose families may not be able to afford them.

Summit Celebrations

Each day we meet in the Sanctuary for a Summit Celebration. Parents and families are invited to join us at 11:35 am until Noon to sing, dance, and hear about God's mighty power.

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night will be Thursday, **August 6th** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be games, snacks, crafts, and more! All VBS Campers and their families are invited to attend.

Hope to see you on August 3!



Dear Homer Congregational Family,

It seems each week we hear of another senseless killing from Charleston, South Carolina to Lafayette, Louisiana. I long for a global community that affirms the sacredness of all life - a global community where such a tragic loss of life would be unthinkable. I know you long for this too.

August 6 marks the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. An event that reveals the terrifying power humanity has amassed and the extent to which that power has been used in destructive means. I long for a global community where such destruction is unimaginable. I know you long for this too.

The following hymn written by Fred Kaan reflects our hope for Just Peace. This text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations. We sang this hymn the first Sunday of July (number 668 in the Chalice Hymnal). I encourage you to reflect on these words and use them as a prayer for peace. We need God's peace within us, between us, in community and across the globe.

Grace and Peace,

Katherine A. Waters

Interim Pastor

For the Healing of the Nations

For the healing of the nations,
 God, we pray with one accord;
 for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
 to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
 from despair your world release,
 that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
 Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
 let it from the earth be banned;
 pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
 In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
 your great name on humankind
 for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
 that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

Chautauqua+

friends & family

We changed it up a bit!

For over 20 years, Chautauqua has provided the people of this region with chances to learn from one another. We have added a “plus” to our title, representing our hope that this year, more families of all definitions will join us in our community-wide celebration of creativity and fun.

Thursday & Friday:

6:00 Vespers
6:30 Classes
7:30 Snack & Chat
8:00 Classes

Saturday Morning:

Wilcox Fun(d) 3/5K Walk/Run

Registration at 8:30; Race begins at 9:30
Final Celebration 10:30 (Childcare provided for toddlers & children)

PLUS

Bake-zilla 2015 - The biggest, best bake sale in town! Treat yourself to some home-made goodies and support our campus ministries.

Saturday Afternoon:

Downtown Olympics - Bring your team for:

Croquet
Badminton
Our steeple chase and
the juried chalk art event

My Brother's Keeper Quilt Group

Help tie an old fashioned quilt to give to people who are homeless.

and continuing

Bounce House and Bake-zilla 2015

Saturday Evening:

6:30 **Trivia** for Families **PLUS** Children/Youth Talent
7:30 Snack & Chat
8:00 **Trivia** for Youth & Adults **PLUS** Talent Show

Sunday:

11:00 Worship under the Tent followed by a FREE Community Meal

Contact Belinda Burtner at 756-2454 if you are able to provide a dish for the meal.

For more information and registration forms, go to www.cortlandchurches.net.

People often ask,

“What exactly is a Stephen Minister?”

One way to put it is that

Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

. . . *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

. . . *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.

. . . *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

. . . *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”

. . . *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”

. . . *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.

. . . *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

. . . *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

. . . *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

. . . *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

This month, Bill Masterson will be taking the Leader Training in Pittsburgh, and on his return, we will set up a session to inform and answer any questions you may have.

Belinda Burtner

The Deacons' Bench

If you were to ask me what my favorite bible stories were, I'd answer you by mentioning the women of the bible: Esther, Ruth, Jael, Hannah, Abigail and anything with Mary the Mother of Jesus - she's my favorite.

However, if your question was, which woman of the bible do you most identify with? Well, if I were honest, the answer would always be: Martha. Martha who opened her home to Jesus and then was irritated that her sister sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to him teach rather than help her sister prepare the meal and her home for guests.

I am a Martha through and through. Busy, busy, taking on the tasks that I perceive no one wants and then complaining about the mess that I have gotten myself into.

I'd like to believe that if it were Jesus himself in my home, I would not complain but - I complain about my own children's leaving toys everywhere, using every dish in the house, and "forgetting" to put their clothes in the dirty clothes bin which is directly next to the pile that has grown on the floor.

If I complain about my own children, who are gifts from God, why do I think I would become Martha Stewart if Jesus were to show up?

I suspect that we all feel this way a little bit about the church. Why do I have to do it? Where is so and so, they should be involved in this? Why do we have to take care of this when I think we should be doing that? Do we have to have another meeting? Can't someone else do coffee hour? Can't someone else read? Can't someone help with the child care, the ushering, and Sunday school?

Some would answer that the key is to "not care" what others are doing, rather, we should focus on our own little corner, whether Jesus is there teaching or not and if everyone of us does their own part, we will have a happy outcome.

Here's the thing, there will always be more work to do, there will always be a need for more: more money, more repairs, more members, more calls, more emails, more planning, more meetings, more demands on all of our time...

As Reverend Rachel Morse, said in her sermon two weeks ago: "It is unfaithful for us to feel sorry for ourselves, because we are two congregations in decline."

In the same vein, it is also unfaithful to insist on just doing the "work of church". It is unfaithful to worry so much about the "things" of the church. Instead, each of us needs, *and we must insist*, on making time to sit at Jesus' feet.

The answers are all right there.

Insisting on taking the time to be filled by Jesus or risk being chastised by him, "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Amen.

Karen Dudgeon, Chair
Board of Deacons

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Homer Congregational Church is seeking an Interim Director of Christian Education. It is expected that the position will last one to two years with the IDCE eligible to apply for the permanent position. Responsibilities include: direct the Church School, promote and publicize Christian Education events; coordinate Vacation Bible School and other programs/events.

This is a part-time position (~ 20 hours per week) with presence required on Sunday mornings. The balance of work time may be fulfilled on a flexible basis in consultation with the Pastor. Qualifications: A commitment to fostering the faith of our children and youth; proven experience in children and youth education; ability to multitask and prioritize tasks; and willing to promote the Opening and Affirming policy of the church.

For more information contact the Rev. Dr. Kathleen Waters, pastor@homercc.org or 607-749-2604. To apply send résumé to Resumes@homercc.org. Job description available on our web site at www.homercc.com.

A Moderator Minute...

A Word about Our By-Laws

Our By-Laws specify how the First Religious Society in the Town of Homer (FRS) is supposed to operate. The FRS (and Homer Congregational Church) is a legally recognized organization and the legalese of the By-Laws can make them difficult to read. Some of the By-Laws are very clear and specific, e.g., “Nine Trustees shall be elected by majority vote cast at the Society meeting. They shall be elected for three years.” Other statements are somewhat vague and open to interpretation. Vague language can lead to trouble when different interpretations are applied. The Church Council has begun discussions about forming a committee to revise and clarify the By-Laws. However, that revision effort will take a long time and some of our present problems must be addressed more quickly.

Discussion at our recent special meetings has made it clear that the authority of our By-Laws and limitations imposed by them are not well known. In this article, I will focus on one very specific aspect of the By-Laws: uses of the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is also known as the Permanent Fund and the By-Laws strictly limit uses of that fund. The Endowment Fund is tied to the financial markets and is managed to grow best with a limited risk of loss. “[The members of the Endowment Fund Committee] shall have the care and custody of the Permanent Fund of the Society, making careful investments from the Fund and disbursing from the Fund toward the budget for the following year 5% of the average value of the Fund over the preceding twenty quarters as of September 30 of the current year.” “Under no circumstances shall the principal be used except for investment in securities.” The 5% is shared between the Board of Trustees (4%) and Board of Deacons (1%) so that they may carry out their duties.

Until our 2015 Annual Meeting, the By-Laws allowed for no other use of the Endowment Fund. At that meeting, we discussed allowing an additional ½ % to be used to maintain a “Building Fund”. At the special meeting on May 31, 2015, this change was approved. At this time, there is no way

to use any additional portion of the Endowment Fund. Even if we find ourselves in extremely serious financial difficulty, we cannot use money from the Endowment Fund to bail ourselves out, unless the By-Laws are changed to allow it. Our financial situation currently is such that we are now faced with the discussion of whether that change is required.

The By-Laws also state how the By-Laws themselves may be changed. “Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at any duly called Society meeting by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present, public announcement of the text of the proposed amendment(s) having been made two weeks prior to the meeting.” The By-Laws and Constitution provide the rules by which the FRS and HCC may operate in an orderly, peaceful way to conduct God’s good work. The process of making major changes can be slow and gives us all the time needed to properly discern what is best for the church. I know that this slow pace and the formalities can be frustrating, especially because we are a family of people who can have very different views on how church resources should be used (or not). Although the process is cumbersome, we have the ability to change our By-Laws and how we do business; improvements in the process can ensure a lasting spiritual legacy and vibrant church. I hope that this article will help us all better understand the reasons for how we conduct business and maybe, see ways to improve the process.

Continuing to seek wisdom and compassion,
Jim McKenna, Moderator

Newsletter
DEADLINE

We will print and mail the September newsletter on August 20, one week earlier than usual, because Donna is on vacation the week of August 24. Deadline for articles is Wednesday, August 12. Thank you.

Transition Team Update

The Transition Team continues to move us forward in exploring “who the Homer Congregational Church is, where God intends the congregation go, and who is our neighbor?” Their efforts are a part of a larger plan to prepare the congregation for the election of a Pastor Search Committee and ultimately, the election of the next pastor. On September 20, the Team hopes to have the congregation participate in a national survey, *US Congregational Life Survey*. *The U.S. Congregational Life Survey* is the largest and most representative profile of worshipers and their congregations ever developed in the United States.



The Survey:

- Examines congregational vitality to help congregations renew and enrich their mission.
- Describes the American religious landscape based on input from over 500,000 worshipers in more than 3,000 congregations across the United States.
- Provides the congregation with the opportunity to identify your unique strengths.

The Team will be leading forums to report back on the results of the congregation survey. These forums will refer to findings from an article by D. Bruce, C. Wollever, K. Wulff, and I. Smith-Williams, “Fast-growing churches: What distinguishes them from others.” *Journal of Beliefs & Values*, Vol. 27, No. 1, April 2006, pp. 111-116. The following is excerpts:

How are the fastest-growing churches different from other congregations?

A nation study of fast-growing churches reveals they do a good job in several areas:

1. These churches *focus on the spiritual development of their worshipers*. *Many of their worshipers* are involved in activities that help them grow in faith and discipleship.
2. Worshipers believe that *all participants are part of the church’s leadership*. Empowering leaders inspire others to take action, make certain that everyone’s gifts are valued, and employ those gifts in the church’s work.

3. Fast-growing congregations *actively welcome new people* to attend and participate in the congregation. This means that they use multiple efforts to increase the number of visitors and take additional steps to ensure that those visitors are warmly welcomed, continue attending, and become active participants.

Team members: Clay Benedict, Tracy Bertram, Belinda Burtner, Gary Harrington, Bill Hopkins, Laurie Leach, Bonnie Smith, Kathleen Waters.
Advisory members: Molly and Kenian Ulrich

Bell Festival in Scranton a Great Experience for All...



There were eight of us who attended the Young Ringers Festival/Conference in Scranton, PA June 30 - July 2, 2015. The five young ringers were Nate, Molly and Evan Ulrich, Noah Kilmer and Emily Daniels.

The chaperones were Jim Ulrich and Julie Kilmer. Jim and I also rang with our small group. We were first to sign up and therefore right in the front. I asked the young ringers to give me a comment about the experience and their replies were:

Nate (4th time attending) "all the rehearsals were great and the conductor was awesome."

Molly (3rd time) "the classes were really geared to the younger ringers, but I really enjoyed all the rehearsals and the conductor was fun."

Evan (3rd time) "the Flash Mob class was fun. We learned to ring and walk around the building playing a piece."

Noah (2nd time) "the conductor was great and the concert by a group from NJ 'Impulse' was fantastic!"

Emily (1st time) "the food and choices each day were great. The conductor asked me one day how long I had been playing and told me I was doing very well for such a short time and gave me some pointers. That made me feel very special."

I noticed the conductor speaking with Nate (who played the bass bells by himself) and gave him some pointers and commented how well he was doing. Evan and I covered three parts at the top and got most of the notes! I am always proud of how well prepared and attentive our ringers are when we go to this event.

Another highlight was the "cup game" contest at which Molly took first place and Evan second. Ask them to tell you about it! Thanks for the support you all give us in preparing for these trips.

Jan Jeffers

A Parishioner's Perspective ...

Parable of Two Families

There was a family that worked hard to save for the future. The couple started a college fund for their four children and established a retirement fund early in their marriage. They went without so that their children would have college degrees and have better lives than they did. They drove an older model car and did not spend much money on fancy clothes so they would have enough money to have a comfortable life style in their old age. They had a terrible fire that destroyed much of their home. Even then they did not touch their children's college funds or their retirement funds. They knew an elderly couple that lost their home because they did not save enough for their senior years. They wanted to make sure that their children had a bright future. Then the husband had a mid-life crisis. He wanted that new car and big screen TV like all the neighbors had. He was tired of kids always asking for things they could not afford on their budget. There was lots of money in the college funds and retirement accounts to give them the good life now. The wife knew that the car had high mileage on it and the TV was old, but she was worried that if they started to take from their retirement account and children's college fund they would not stop. What should they do?

There was another couple that also established college savings accounts and a retirement account early in their relationship. They, too, wanted their children to have better lives than they had. College is so expensive that their children could not work their way through college like they did. They wanted to be comfortable in their old age. They did not want worry about having enough money to keep their home. Then one spouse lost her job and had to find work at a much lower salary. Not long after the change in jobs the roof started to leak. The wall paper and plaster were already showing extensive water damage. On the way to work the wife saw children down the street that looked way too thin to be healthy. It did not make sense to the wife to have the house falling apart when they had lots of money in the college fund and the retirement fund. And, how could they not share with the family down the street when it was clear the children were not getting enough to eat? What should they do?

What should we do? We have endowment fund that could easily pay for our repairs and salaries into the near future.

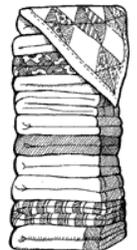
I feel the first thing we need to do is have respect for the others in the congregation that have a different point of view. People are not bad to want to save the endowment fund for future generations. People are not bad if they want use the funds to pay for needed repairs to keep the building in shape for our children and pay for salaries to carry on our mission. There are differences of opinion on how to solve our budget problems, but the love of God and his son Jesus Christ unite us. There isn't any problem we can't solve if God helps us.

If we work together we will find solutions.

Clay Benedict

Quilt Show 2015

This year's Quilt Show was one of our best. We had 49 entries (highest number in years), and all very unique. Several comments were made about it being our best show! This year's winners of the Viewer's Choice awards were first place Sue Swayze from Preble for her "Gingerbread Christmas", second place Trudy Cappy of Homer and third place for Doris Preston. This year there were over 100 votes submitted (most we've ever had).



Connie Steger's 90 year old quilt had 17 patches representing nursery rhymes and she wondered who could name them all. So, we had a quiz and several people tried to name them. Carole Agate named the most.

A special thanks to the folks who helped us take down quilts and have them ready to be picked up by the folks who shared their beautiful heirlooms and works of art: Nita Baldwin, Trudy Cappy, Gary Harrington, Janie Hughes and Dora Jones. Linda Pearson and I are looking forward to next year's show.

Jan Jeffers

34th Annual Holiday in Homer July - 18, 2015

What a wonderful day filled with blessings!
The weather forecast was not looking promising, and the morning of, with lighting and rumbles of thunder, I was extremely nervous. However, God was on our side just 10 minutes before the show started the clouds parted and we were full sun all day! Not a drop of rainblessing!

The luncheon was a huge success selling over 110 lunches and 78 vendor lunches! Thank you to all of wonderful ladies that we are blessed to have in the kitchen from prep to serving and clean up. Thank you to Shirley Osterhout, she can assemble a crew in a blink of eye! She organizes and plans the luncheon and every year it just keeps greeting better!! Thank you to all the ladies and John Osterhout for helping with all the prep on Friday. Thank you to all the ladies that helped serve and clean up. All of you are blessings!!!

Thank you to Gary for smoking all the pork and making his famous baked beans!

There is so much prep that goes into the event and the day. Huge thanks to Laurie Leach for painting the wooden signs. Miles Dudgeon for all the work on the brochure. Clay and Don for working on ads for the brochure and following up with local businesses.

All of the youth that showed up on Friday for set up, Molly, Kenyon, Nate and Evan Ulrich. Julia and Jackson Brazo and Nate Apker . I have never had such a easy set up! I appreciate all of your help as well as coming back and delivering lunches with Olivia, and Matt Pelowski and Maura MacNeill, as well as Allie and Rachael Osterhout. All of you were such a blessing! Thank you so much for hard work and hospitality you showed with every vendor. Thank you for helping and making a huge impact on our success.

Thanks to Jan a Jeffers and Linda Pierson for hosting a beautiful quilt show. To my wonderful

ladies that helped fold brochures and put together vendor packets All blessings!

Thank you to the crew mapping out the green. Miles, Jaff, Clay, Sharon & Jim Wainman. Thanks to Clay and his parking crew, Miles and Kevin for set up and electricity. All of the volunteers that were in the gazebo. Thank you to Doris & Pete Hoffman and Anne Wingard for being up before the sun for vendor check in and keeping all things running smoothly. Doris & Pete as always just amazing support All blessings!

A special thank you to Olivia, she was in charge of all social media, more than doubling our following on Facebook. Olivia helped from stuffing envelopes back in January to tear down- from trying to teach me Twitter to hanging up posters - blessing!

Thank you to all of the businesses that support us by purchasing an ad or making a donation. Our sponsors Cinquanti Real Estate, Cortland Self Storage, CCC construction, your generosity and partnership help make this show possible, we are blessed to have you! Byrne Dairy, Wegmans, and Walmart for donations, we are truly grateful. As a congregation please patronize these wonderful businesses that support us.

Thanks to all that helped clean up and tear down. There are so many people to thank, I could go on for pages. I am so thankful for such a wonderful church family - all blessings. We should be so proud that we can bring the community together and make such a positive impact. What some may think is a fundraiser, I believe is a mission. We invite our neighbors and shower them with hospitality..... one dayso many blessings!

Until next year, July 16, 2016, the 35th Holiday in Homer!!!!

Paula Harrington, Chair
Holiday in Homer

2015 August Worship

Plan to be with us throughout August as each Sunday will offer special music, unique testimonies, and a variety of messages to challenge us to be devoted followers of Jesus. Miss a Sunday and want to review the bulletin? You can find weekly bulletins at our website: <http://www.homercc.com/resources/>. Share with a friend.

Sunday, August 2 9:30 AM

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion will be celebrated.



Lectionary Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a;
Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16;
John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 9 11:00 AM

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Chautauqua + Friends & Family

Worship under the Tent (note later time).
Pastor Kathleen preaching.

Music from *Sister Act* by the Women of
United Presbyterian Church, Cortland,
Paulette Fry, pianist.

A free Community Meal will follow the
service. All welcome!

Lectionary Scripture: 2 Sam. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;
Psalm 130; Eph. 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 16 9:30 AM

12th Sunday after Pentecost

The pursuit of wisdom will be a focus of our
gathering. Wisdom begins in the
recognition of God's presence. "O fear
the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who
fear him have no want." Psalm 34:9

Scripture: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14;
John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 16 (continued)

Rachel Ditch will join Pastor Kathleen and
be our guest preacher. The Homer
Congregational Church is in a Covenantal
relationship with Rachel during her time as a
"Minister in Discernment." She is entering
her third and final year of study for her
Master's of Divinity at Boston University
School of Theology. In her final year she
will be serving as a Chaplain Intern at
Framingham Union Hospital, and she will
also be spending two weeks in South India
in January to explore conflict resolution in
multicultural societies. In addition to her
studies, Rachel is the cleaning coordinator
of the Barton House, a historic structure
built in the 1860s, where she resides with
people studying in programs related to social
justice. She enjoys attending Red Sox
games, taking long walks on the beach, and
playing canasta.

Rachel will give some brief highlights of the
recent UCC General Synod gathering where
she served as a delegate.

Sunday, August 23 9:30 AM

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Scripture: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43;
Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Sunday, August 30 9:30 AM

14th Sunday after Pentecost

On this "Fifth Sunday"
the Homer Brass
Ensemble will provide
special music for our
worship of God – plan
to be with us we sing of
the "...the Saints Go
Marching In."



WORSHIP SCHEDULE for August

Deacon Worship Leader:

Bonnie Smith

Trustee Verifier:

Eugene Wright

August 2 @ 9:30 am

Ushers & Greeters – Elaine Olson, Shirley Osterhoudt, Susan Benedict, Nita Baldwin
Special Music –
Flowers –
Nursery – Sue Urban, Marissa Urban
Coffee Hour – Rachel Rood and Stanley Nilsson

August 9 @ 11:00 am Chautauqua Worship on the Green

August 16 @ 9:30 am

Ushers & Greeters –
Special Music – Steve Jones
Flowers –
Nursery – Gail VanPatten, Logan Schmidt
Coffee Hour – Terre Dennis

August 23 @ 9:30 am

Ushers & Greeters – Sharon Wainman
Special Music –
Flowers –
Nursery – Ingrid Fox, Molly Ulrich
Coffee Hour – Laurie Leach and Kathleen Dentes

August 30 @ 10:30 am

Ushers & Greeters – Tina and John Helgren
Special Music – Homer Brass Ensemble
Flowers –
Nursery – the Dudgeons, Nate Ulrich
Coffee Hour – Shirley Osterhoudt and Pat Signor



August Birthdays

- 2 Nikea Ulrich
- 3 Mason Morenus
- 8 Laurie Leach
- 9 John Helgren
- 11 Dylan Loomis
- 13 Jeanne Brohard
- 14 Nancy Root
- 15 Seth Dennis, Wesley Lansdowne
- 16 Brian Etz, Molly Gray, Terry Perkins
- 18 Kristen Bell
- 19 Lucille Ripley
- 24 Ellen Paterson
- 26 Jim McKenna
- 26 Eric Palm, Kyle Agate
- 29 John Reif
- 31 Jeni Oechsle, Jack Bertram

★ Thank You! ★
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Our sincere thanks to all our friends in the church for your prayers, cards and food. Please continue with prayers and support as we continue our journey to Peter's recovery.

Jan & Peter Jeffers

A very big thank you goes out to Paula and Gary Harrington for the spectacular job they did on the Holiday in Homer. All their hard work and dedication is very much appreciated.

It is rewarding to know we have such talented people in our church, willing to step forward on such a big and challenging undertaking.

Of course, it takes the whole church, pulling together, to make it a success. So, thanks to everyone who had some small part in helping to make that day special.

Shirley Osterhoudt

WITH
Gratitude