

# **The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ**

**February 19, 2017**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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**10:30 am Worship**



*Gathered on the Green in 1801- Still Gathered Doing God's Mission*

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

*Ushers and Greeters*

***Worship Leaders***

Darci Gumaer, Traci Bertram

***Liturgist***

Caoimhe Dudgeon

***Acolytes***

***Flowers***

The Haalands

***Nursery Volunteer***

Darci Gumaer

***Coffee Hour***

Kathy Alvord

***Attendance***

February 12: 56

**Our giving 1/12/17:**

Operations - \$3,191.50

Missions - \$366.00

**Life in the Parish**  
**Week of February 19**

**Sunday – February 19**

10:30 am – Worship

4:00 pm – Interfaith March for  
Tolerance

**Monday – February 20**

*President's Day- Office closed*

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

**Tuesday – February 21**

2:00 pm – Bridge group

6:30 pm – Trustees meet

7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

**Wednesday – February 22**

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

**Thursday – February 23**

9:30 am – Collating Committee  
meets

11:30 am – Bible Study Group

**Friday – February 24**

Office Closed

**Sunday – February 26**

9:15 am – The Well

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

11:30 am – Kelly McKenna  
Presentation (after worship)

# Service of Worship

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 19, 2017

10:30 am

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*I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a good deal about their acts.*

~ Og Mandino

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\*those who are able, please stand.

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"Maestoso"

Rohlig

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Welcome to another lesson in God's classroom.

**Many: We hope to have brains to understand today.**

One: Jesus tells us that we should love one another.

**Many: Yes, indeed -- even the people who do not like us.**

One: We are hungry to be in a good relationship with God.

**Many: And so we have come to learn how to be the best people we can be.**

\*Hymn

"Sanctuary"

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.**

**With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for  
you.**

Prayer of Invocation

**O God, you long for us to hear that the heart of your commandment is truthful love. Even more than that, you long for us to embody this way of honor in all facets of our lives. Dealing justly with our neighbors and even the strangers among us draws us close to the holiness of everyday life, the witness of Jesus, and the fruit of the Spirit. Inspire our worship, that our lives may be transformed into living examples of your grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW**

Children's Moment

Anthem "Teach Me, O Lord" Attwood

Scripture Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon "That's Just Crazy"

## **GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

Silence is Kept

\*Hymn "Up on a Mountaintop" *tune of: Be Thou My Vision*  
*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

**Up on a mountaintop, Jesus sat down,  
Teaching the people who gathered around:  
Look for the blessings that God kindly brings;  
God's loving kingdom is changing all things.**

**You are the salt and you're also the light.  
Flavor God's world, with your faith shining bright.  
Know that I've come here, God's word to fulfill.  
Keep the commandments and follow them well.**

**Let go of anger, for it is a sin.  
It will destroy you, both outside and in.  
Even your thinking can lead you astray;  
Whatever tempts you, just throw it away.**

**If any hurt you, then you may resist,  
But not with hatred or weapon or fist.  
God's way is stronger than any you face;  
Stand up and love them! And give them God's  
grace.**

Prayers of the People  
Our Lord's Prayer

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"  
#50

\*Prayer of Dedication

**O God of Grace, as we celebrate this season of  
Epiphany, we recall the ways that you have made  
yourself known. Ancient people followed a star,  
witnessed a descending dove, and recognized your  
Way through the life of Jesus. Today we offer these  
gifts, in hopes that your presence will once again be  
made real to those who are in need. Amen.**

### **GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Hymn

"The Gift of Love"

#526

*Jeanine Rose - flute*

\*Benediction

Chimes

\*Postlude

"Allegro Maestoso"

Rohlig

Coming Up:

Sun., Feb. 26

**Mission Lunch**

The Deacons will provide a light lunch of soups and breads. **Kelly McKenna** will share pictures and reflections about her recent trip to **Belize**.

Tues., Feb. 28

**Community Meal at 6 PM**

We are expanding on our tradition of a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday by making this our first community meal of 2017! The Outreach Team and CEM teamed up and have invited the families of Homer Elementary School to share the meal with our congregation. Plan to attend to welcome our Homer neighbors in the spirit of fellowship and community! Pancake races will still occur!

A free will offering at the meal will not be taken. However, if members of the congregation would like to help support the meal, a free will offering will be taken at coffee hour after worship on Sunday, Feb. 26.

Wed., March 1

**Ash Wednesday Service – begins at 7 PM**

The season of Lent begins with a special service in the form of “Prayers and Music of Taizé.” This contemplative style of worship includes singing, scripture, candlelight and silence. Special musicians will help to enhance your experience.

Sun., March 26

**A Celebration of Installation & Ordination – begins at 3 PM**

Don't miss this important day in the life of Homer Congregational Church! Members of the Council of Churches, the Susquehanna Association and the New York Conference will join us as Pastor Vicki is installed as our settled pastor. In addition, our own Rachel Ditch will complete her *five-year journey* toward ordination and she will also be installed into her various settings of ministry. It will be a day of great celebration, special music and joy.

# NOTES AND NOTICES

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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP**

Join in the **Interfaith March for Tolerance!** Come together as a community to march in the name of peace, hope, positivity, and above all tolerance. The march will begin **today at 4 pm at the Cortland LGBTQ Center at 73 Main Street in Cortland** and walk to the Temple Brith Shalom at 117 Madison Avenue, Cortland. If you are unable to march the whole way, please join the candlelight vigil at Temple Brith Shalom at 5:30 pm. See the bulletin insert for more details.

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Community Meal**

**Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 6:00- 7:00 pm**

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## **OUR WIDER COMMUNITY**

The **Homer Methodist Church Food Pantry** is in need of the items below. Donations may be placed in the gray bins in the Russell Fellowship Room. Thank you!

- rice sides
- 1# bags of rice
- instant potatoes
- Manwich
- potato sides
- pasta sides
- canned meats

## Church Staff and Music Ministry

Rev. Vicki Burtson, Pastor	Rachel Ditch, Director of Christian Education
Joseph Ford, Director of Music	
James N. Shultes, Organist	Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells
Gary Harrington, Sexton	Sheila Shea, Church Administrator

### Church Office Hours:

Mondays through Thursdays, 9am-Noon, closed Fridays.

Pastor Vicki's office hours are Monday 10 am - 2 pm, Tuesday 9 am -12 pm, Wednesday 9 am -12 pm *and* 3 pm -5 pm. You may call for an appointment or drop in. She will also be glad to meet at other times, by appointment. Please feel free to contact her via email: [pastor@homercc.org](mailto:pastor@homercc.org) or via her cell phone: (607) 624-9940.

HCC website - [homercc.com](http://homercc.com)

Follow Homer Congregational Church on Facebook!

Monthly newsletters can be found at each entrance to the sanctuary and online at [homercc.com/resources](http://homercc.com/resources).

Our digital calendar can be viewed at [homercc.com/calendar](http://homercc.com/calendar).

Contact the office to receive our mid-week email, *Weekday Words*.

Welcome! We are glad that you have chosen to join us for worship this morning. If you would like additional information about HCC please speak to the pastor or worship leader and plan to join us for refreshments and community time after the service.

Children - We believe children of all ages have a place in worship and in the life of the church. A children's bulletin and "Busy Bags" are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Nursery care is available.

Prayer request sheets are placed at each entrance. Prayers will be offered later in today's service.

Accessibility - Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to any in need. Contact one of the ushers for help.

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.