

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

Feb 5, 2017

5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am Worship



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

Worship Service

Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leaders

Tracy Bertram, Darci Gumaer

Liturgist

Olivia Harrington

Acolytes

Flowers

Kathleen Waters

Nursery Volunteer

Lori Schmidt

Fellowship

Laurie Leach, Kathleen Dentes

Attendance

January 29: 82

Our giving 1/29/17:

Operations - \$3,361.00

Missions - \$329.00

Life in the Parish

Week of February 5

SUNDAY – February 5

10:30 am – Worship

Welcome, Pastor Vicki!

2:00 pm – Brewster House

7:00 pm – Youth Group

MONDAY – February 6

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – February 7

2:00 pm – Bridge Group

7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – February 8

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – February 9

11:30 am – Bible Study

FRIDAY – February 10

Office closed

SATURDAY – February 11

1:00 pm – All Church Skiing and
Snowshoeing at Lime Hollow

SUNDAY – February 12

9:15 am – The Well

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

7:00 pm – Youth Group

Service of Worship

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The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

— *Frederick Buechner*

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Now The Silence

Pelz

Chimes

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Called to be light,

Many: we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.

One: Called to be salt,

Many: we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.

One: Called to begin, again, our shared ministry,

Many: we would welcome *everyone* as sisters and brothers in this family of faith.

May the gifts we offer, Loving God, be used to fix
breakfast for hungry children, to shower others with
grace, and to patch the potholes poverty has created in
the roadways of the kingdom. Amen.

Liturgy of Communion (*musical setting found in the blue
booklet*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

When Elijah was overwhelmed, you bid him to “get up
and eat, lest the journey be too long.” On this day of new
beginnings, you provided this meal for our family of
faith. Thank you, Holy One, for the sustaining grace we
just received. We know that your grace, alone, will
nourish us as we begin this exciting journey of ministry
together. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN** #490 *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant vs. 1 & 2*

***BENEDICTION**

CHIMES

***POSTLUDE** *Prelude in G Minor* Rohlig

*Much of our liturgy today is adapted from the writing of
Thom Shuman.*

NOTES AND NOTICES

WISHES AND THANKS

Pastor Vicki and the Homer Congregational Church,

I wish you the very best on your first Sunday as pastor and congregation. May your journey together be filled with God's riches blessings.

Kathleen (former pastor)

FUNDRAISER

For those who ordered subs through the CEM **Annual Submarine Sandwich Sale**, they will be available **after worship today at 11:45am.**

STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to all who have submitted **2017 pledge cards**. Pledges are still being accepted and available in the Russell Fellowship Room. To date \$ 104,065 has been pledged: \$ 89,432 Operating, \$ 14,633 Mission. **Envelopes** for 2017 are also available in the Russell Fellowship Room. If you need to request envelopes, please contact Bev Berry at finsect@homercc.org.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP

CEM is coordinating a **cross country skiing and snowshoe trip** on **February 11, from 1-4 pm** at **Lime Hollow Nature Center**. All are welcome! If you would like more information, please contact Rachel: christianed@homercc.org.

TECH TEAM

Tech Team Developing! If you are interested in learning more about the sound technology in our sanctuary and possibly helping with the sound on Sunday mornings, please get in touch with Joe Ford at fjordjosephd@gmail.com. Help us join the 21st century!

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Free tax preparation services are offered for Cortland County residents through **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**, beginning January 23. For more information or to set up an appointment, please call (877) 211-8667 or visit cortlandfreetaxes.org.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY (Continued)

Join **Rev. Rachel Ann Morse** for a **new community book discussion program at Homer First United Methodist Church**. Each month, you are invited to read the selected book and join in a 90-minute discussion about the book. In the month of February, we will be reading *Between the World and Me*, a book by Ta-Nehisi Coates, one of the more important and profound books on race in our time. Rev. Morse will offer two times for discussion, to accommodate different schedules: **Tuesday, February 28th at 11:00am or 7:00pm**, at the Homer First United Methodist Church, 16 Cayuga Street in Homer.

Hospicare & Palliative Care Services, the hospice care provider for Cortland and Tompkins counties, **is looking for volunteers**. These volunteers offer support, companionship, and dignity to our friends and neighbors during a difficult time. Volunteers are an integral part of the team who can offer companionship, read aloud, run errands, or simply sit with patients so family members can take a break. **Anyone interested in being a volunteer can visit their website at hospicare.org/volunteers. For more information, please contact Wendy S. Yettru at wyettru@hospicare.org or by calling (607) 271-0212.**

Church Staff and Music Ministry

Rev. Vicki Burtson, Pastor
Lisa Clark, Homer Nursery School Director
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 time in the office varies each week, but she is available to visit those with special needs or to meet for any other reason. Please feel free to contact her via email: pastor@homercc.org or via her cell phone: (607) 624-9940

HCC website - homercc.com

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Monthly newsletters can be found at each entrance to the sanctuary and online at homercc.com/resources.

Our digital calendar can be viewed at 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.