

**The Homer Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ**  
**June 25, 2017**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**10:30 am Worship**

**BE THE CHURCH**

*Protect the environment.*

Care for the poor.

**Forgive often.**

**Reject racism.**

**Fight for the powerless.**

*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*

Embrace diversity.

**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

*God is still speaking.*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday, UCC!**

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

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

***Worship Leader***  
Anne Wingard

***Ushers & Greeters***  
Belinda Burtson,  
Bonnie Haaland

***Nursery***  
Courtney Stafford, Cindy Stout

***Fellowship***  
Belinda Burtson,  
Bonnie Haaland

***Attendance***  
June 18: 80

**Our giving 6/18/17:**

Operations - \$1,636.50  
Missions - \$356.00

**Life in the Parish**  
**Week of June 25**

**Sunday – June 25**  
10:30 am –Worship  
*60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the UCC*  
12:00 pm – Stephen Ministry  
(after worship)

**Monday – June 26**  
7:00 pm - WWIC  
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

**Tuesday – June 27**  
2:00 pm – Bridge Group  
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

**Wednesday – June 28**

**Thursday – June 29**  
9:30 am – Collating Committee  
11:30 am – Bible Study Group  
4:45 pm – Outreach Committee

**Friday – June 30**  
Office Closed

**Sunday – July 2**  
**9:30 am –Worship**  
*Summer hours begin!*  
5:00 pm – Bell Festival at  
Onondaga Community College

Service of Worship  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 25, 2017 10:30 am

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For Quiet Meditation

Our faith is 2,000 years old. Our thinking is not.

~ "Who We Are" from the UCC website

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*\*those who are able, please stand.*

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude                      Trumpet Tune "Cebell"                      Purcell

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Good morning, Church!

**Many: Good Morning Anne!**

One: Happy Birthday, United Church of Christ!

**Many: Happy Birthday everyone – and many more!**

\*Hymn #82                      His Eye is on the Sparrow

Centering Prayer

**God of Grace, we gather today seeking your presence during this hour. Hear us, as we lift our voices in silence to you.**

*A time of silence is kept.*

One: For your Spirit which makes us one,

**Many: We give you thanks, O God. Amen.**

Reception of New Member

*Today we welcome Courtney Stafford.*

Pastor to the congregation:

Will you welcome Courtney into this family of Homer Congregational UCC, embrace her gifts, her needs, and her dreams? Will you recognize that her presence and participation will change the shape of the body and help it grow in new ways? Will you support her in her journey, and assist her in her part in our ministry?

Congregation:

**In the name of God, we welcome you. We covenant with you to fulfill our church's mission, written on our wall:**

**to welcome everyone, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey, and to share God's love for all people through ministries of fellowship, worship, nurture, service and mission.**

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

Children's Moment

Anthem                      Allegro from the Sonata for Two Flutes  
Beethoven

Scripture                      Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon                      Can't We All Just Get Along?

## **GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

Silence is kept

\*Hymn #70                      God of the Sparrow (vs. 1 -3)

Litany #11                      Names of God

Prayers of the People  
Our Lord's Prayer

Offering

Invitation

Offertory Minuetto and Trio from the Sonata for Two  
Flutes Beethoven

\*Doxology #379

**Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and  
of clay,**

**transform them into blessings on those we  
serve today.**

**Rekindle deep within us all, a passion to  
fulfill**

**the ministry disciples have, empower'd to do  
your will.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, in the midst of our anniversary  
celebration, we bring these gifts. We bring but  
a portion of our blessings, seeking to make a  
difference in our world. May our gift-giving  
generate hope. Amen.**

**GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Hymn #70 God of the Sparrow (vs. 4-6)

\*Benediction

\*Chimes

\*Postlude Trumpet Finale Roman

# NOTES AND NOTICES

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## THIS WEEK...

Today

(during worship)

### **Special Music**

We are delighted to welcome **Nan Pasquarello and Jeanine Rose**. Thank you so much for the gift of your flute music.

Today through  
Thurs., June 29  
5:30 pm – 8 pm

**VBS at United Presbyterian Church** (25 Church St., Cortland)  
United Presbyterian's "Hero Central" VBS will begin at 5:30 each evening with a free supper in their Fellowship Hall and concludes at 8 pm. They will have special Bible lessons, storytellers, guest local "heroes," music, crafts, and lots of fun! There will be classes for adults at 6:30 pm in the Archives Room. All are welcome!

## COMING UP...

Sun. July 2  
at 5:00 pm

The **2017 Bell Festival** will be held at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse on Sunday, July 2 at 5:00 pm. This is your chance to hear the multiple bell choirs including the Whitechapel Ringers perform.

Sat., July 8  
7:30 pm

**The Barnstormers in Concert**  
The Barnstormers male chorus will be performing at Groton Community Church, 204 E. Cortland St, Groton. For more information, please visit <http://barnstormersmc.webs.com> or call (570) 828-2288

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Next week we begin our “summer hours”.** Worship will **begin at 9:30 am.** We plan to return to 10:30 worship on Rally Day, Sept. 10.
- **Your turn to pick hymns!** During the summer, we will sing some of your favorites. Please fill out the insert in your bulletin and put it in the offering plate. You may also email your suggestions to [pastor@homercc.org](mailto:pastor@homercc.org).

## **Welcome friends!**

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like more information about our church, please let Pastor Vicki, the worship leader, or one of the greeters know. We hope you will choose to stay for refreshments and conversation following our service.

You should also know that we believe children of all ages have a place here. One of our greeters can bring you a children's bulletin and a "busy bag." After the Children's Time, small children may head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers and a fruit snack for the wee ones.

## **Here's how to reach out to us...**

Rev. Vicki Burtson, Pastor [607.624.9940](tel:607.624.9940) (cell/text)  
[pastor@homercc.org](mailto:pastor@homercc.org)

Rev. Rachel Ditch, Christian Nurture [christianed@homercc.org](mailto:christianed@homercc.org)

Joseph Ford, Director of Music

Bev Berry, Financial Secretary

Andrea Herzog, Treasurer

James Shultes, Organist

Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells

Gary Harrington, Sexton

Sheila Shea, Office Administrator [office@homercc.org](mailto:office@homercc.org)

Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9 am – noon

phone: [607.749.2604](tel:607.749.2604)

web site: [homercc.com](http://homercc.com)

Our digital calendar is at [homercc.com/calendar](http://homercc.com/calendar)

## **Service information**

- Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to anyone in need. Ask our greeters for help.
- Prayer request sheets are at each entrance. Your prayers will be offered later in today's service.