

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, August 22, 2019

The family of Dave Barnes, who died on August 6th want to express our gratefulness to all in the church who supported us in our time of need. We thank you for the telephone calls, cards, food and condolences. It is so comforting during this sad bewildering time to be surrounded by loving, compassionate and kind people. ~ *Love to all, Anne Barnes*

Join us for worship this Sunday morning at 9:30. Pastor Gary will preach using readings from Jeremiah (1:4-10) and Luke (13:10-17) as he raises the question: "Who will you set free?" We look forward to hearing a brief summary about the PREP event on Saturday. Nursery care is available, and coffee hour will follow worship. Come and enjoy the end of summer with your HCC family!

COMMITTEE REPORTS (FROM THOSE WHO MET THIS PAST WEEK):

The **Outreach Team** met last Sunday to finalize all the details for this Saturday's PREP Event! This event will provide sneakers, underwear, haircuts, socks, and other important supplies to families in need as they get their children ready for school. In addition, a variety of local agencies will be on hand with information helpful to families. PLEASE NOTE: If you are able to help anytime between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. with setup, the event, or cleanup, please contact Bonnie Smith, 607-423-6457!

On Tuesday, the **Trustees** met. Decisions and highlights follow:

- The new copier was installed and is working well. This copier has options to fold, staple and three-hole punch. A dedicated outlet will be installed soon.
- Conversations regarding the clock repair continue. It is hard to find people who are willing and able to accomplish the repairs within a reasonable price range.
- Holiday in Homer raised over \$5,000.
- The Magic on Main fundraiser brought together our Pastors, members of the Trustees and members of the Outreach Team. The chicken spiedies were sold out by 7:30. We raised just under \$1,200 (expenses yet to be subtracted). Thanks to all who set up, grilled, served and cleaned up.
- Homer Nursery School begins on September 4. One of the students has significant food allergies; therefore, the Trustees voted to make the two Nursery School rooms (including those bathrooms) a *Nut Free Zone*. With this vote and in order to maintain the nut-free zone throughout the school year, we request that no food be taken to the nursery on Sundays.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Pastor Gary will preach with Steve Jones providing special music.
11:00 Faith Formation Teachers' Meeting

Tuesday

5 p.m. Centering Prayer

Wednesday

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal + desserts

Thursday
11 a.m. Homer Nursery School Open House

The Burtson's will be on vacation at the St. Lawrence River until Friday, August 30.

COMING UP:

Sunday, September 1 **(LAST 9:30 a.m. Service!)**
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
Rev.s Barb Wright & Vicki Burtson will provide special music.

Monday, September 2 OFFICE CLOSED – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3
5 p.m. Centering Prayer

Wednesday, September 4
a.m. Homer Nursery School begins

7 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 5
3:00 p.m. All Staff receiving Sexual Harassment Prevention Training (mandated and led by New York State.)

Saturday, September 7
9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministers meet

10 a.m. Acolyte Training – *It is more than just lighting the candles now!*
All children in 3rd to 6th grade will prepare for serving in an expanded role as an acolyte. During training, children will make stoles with their names on them for use when they are acolytes. Then we will have pizza and go for ice cream with Pastor Gary.

Sunday, September 8 **RALLY DAY!**
9:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation Begins!!! Nursery available starting at 9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m. **(NOTE THE RETURN TO AUTUMN WORSHIP TIME)**
Join us for worship as we consider Faith Formation for all ages! Pastor Gary, Carol Costell Corbin, Rev. Barb Wright, and Peter Wright will reflect on why Faith Formation has been important throughout their lives.

DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday, September 10 – **Senior Fellowship**
We kick off at 2 p.m. with Jan Jeffers teaching us how to play the Choir Bells!

Monday, September 23 – **Disciple Bible Study I & II**
Disciple I (beginning at 4:45 p.m.) will study the New Testament and Disciple II (beginning at 5) will focus on Luke/Acts.

Monday, September 30 – **Church Council** will meet at 6:30.