

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, September 5, 2019

This Sunday, September 8 is **Rally Day**, and we return to our regular schedule:
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation
10:30 Worship Celebration

A Note About Sundays...

We are asking our Nursery volunteers and Child Care Coordinator to arrive at 9 a.m. Then our Nursery will be open from 9:15 a.m. until after worship concludes. That way, parents who want to attend one or more of our many adult Faith Formation opportunities will be able to do so from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. During worship, our young ones will be dismissed after the Children's Time. However, we are asking parents to consider something new. Pastor Vicki and Pastor Gary both believe it is important for children and youth to be in worship so they can learn the hymns and better understand our liturgy. With that in mind, we encourage parents to allow their K-2 children to remain in worship (but we understand if there are days when a healthy separation is helpful and necessary!). As Pastor Gary noted in a recent letter to parents, he and Bonnie personally found it helpful to sit closer to the front when Elijah was small, and to even talk quietly to him about what was going on (in addition to having a busy-bag and small snacks). Both of your pastors had similar experiences when they were young, and it helped them to learn more, feel better involved, and be excited by church. Of course, we leave it completely up to parental judgment, but we want you to know our youngest children are ALWAYS welcome in worship!

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

THIS WEEK:

Saturday, September 7

9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministers Meeting

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 at 9:15 a.m.
Note: Adult Faith Formation will begin later this Fall.

10:30 a.m. **TODAY WE RETURN TO AUTUMN WORSHIP TIMES**
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.

Noon Faith Formation Committee Meeting (upstairs classroom)

Noon Stewardship Committee Meeting (first floor conference room)

Tuesday, September 10

2 p.m. Senior Fellowship

Jan Jeffers will teach us how to play the Hand Bells. Come give it a try!

5 p.m. Centering Prayer

6:30 p.m. Deacons meet

Wednesday, September 11

9:30 a.m. Committee on Authorized Ministry Meeting

7 p.m. Choir Practice

COMING UP:

Sunday, September 15

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation

10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration – Rev. Gary Smith, preaching

Tuesday, September 17

5 p.m. Centering Prayer

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, September 18

7 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 19 (Pastor Vicki back from vacation)

4 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 22

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation

10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration – Rev. Quinn Caldwell, preaching

DATES TO NOTE:

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. Confirm your participation by initialing the list on our Resource Table.

Thursday, September 26 – **Let's Talk Race!**

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for the start of a sacred conversation to end racism. We begin our weekly series with the film, "White Like Me", a documentary that features anti-racist educator Tim Wise as he explores race and racism in the US through the lens of whiteness and white privilege. Our sacred conversations will continue each Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. through November 14.

Saturday, September 28 – **Story Arts Festival** in Homer

We are working with the Phillips Library to bring this all-new event to our community. Brochures will be available on our Resource Table. The Deacons are selling boxed lunches for the day.

Sunday, September 29

10:30 a.m.

5th Sunday Worship Celebration led by our youth.
Let us honor their efforts by being present this Sunday.

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Instant Potatoes, Pasta Sides, Condensed Soups, Chunky Soups, Canned Pineapple, Applesauce, Canned Vegetables, Pasta, Cereal, Kidney Beans, Pork & Beans, Jelly, Diced Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Ramen Noodles, Kids Snacks and Canned Meats

The Little York Walkers (Dora Jones, Becky Jones and Keith Palm) will be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Syracuse on Sunday, September 29th. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, you can go online to www.alz.org/walk, or you can give a cash donation or a check made out to Alzheimer's Association and give to one of these walkers. Thank you so much for your support.

**Mark Your Calendars for CROP WALK!!!
Sunday, October 27**

This year is the 50th anniversary of this vital grassroots fundraising effort that seeks to end hunger at home and around the world. To celebrate this historic anniversary, we would like to have at least 50 walkers from Homer Congregational Church who will raise at least \$50 per walker. Be part of our team as we bring God's love to the world! To register for our team and to donate, please visit:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/cortlandny/Team/View/108215/Homer-Congregational-Church>