

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, October 17, 2019

Join us this Sunday as we do a lot of celebrating!

- First, we will recognize people marking a church membership anniversary—from ten years all the way to 76 (that would be Jaff Harris and Don Lawson!).
- Then we will welcome Bettie Brown, Donna Riley, Tim Sandstrom, Nancy Sandstrom, and Carrie Scheibner as they join our church family.
- We will honor our new acolytes and present them with a tie dye stole that Kathy McKenna helped them make during their training.
- **James Shultes** has been our organist for 40 years. We will thank him and enjoy his special gifts of music.

Pastor Vicki will preach on Psalm 100, a song of thanks that reminds us of “God’s faithfulness to all generations”. Bonnie Smith is our Deacon of the Day, Asa Caldwell and Daniel Ford will serve as acolytes, and Anelia Corbin will lead the scripture reading. After worship, join us for a pot luck meal as we celebrate our honored guests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

On Tuesday, our **Trustees** met. Highlights of the meeting include:

- A report that the NET for the Roast Pork Dinner was \$2,229. Thanks to Paula Harrington, Don VanSlyke, Kathy McKenna and everyone who helped with the project.
- Buildings & Grounds:
 - Received an estimate for the roof of Jones Hall. One more estimate will be sought before a decision is made.
 - Received an estimate to fix the driveway of the manse. The work is tentatively scheduled for May, 2020.
 - Received a report about the security alarm system. Several alarms need to be replaced.
 - Received an estimate to fix the lights under the balconies in the sanctuary. This project may be submitted for support from the Memorial Fund.
- The Stewardship Campaign is underway. Plans for ministry in 2020 are also underway. During the next several weeks, we will hear Stewardship Moments during worship. **Stewardship Sunday** is November 10.

THIS WEEK:

TONIGHT: Thursday, October 17

6:30 p.m. A Sacred Conversation to End Racism

THIS Saturday, October 19

9 a.m. **Mitten Making**

Working with Gail Brennan, our congregation will cut and sew wool mittens for people who are homeless. All are invited to come at 9 for coffee. Bring a snack to share and you may receive a special prize! We will break for lunch (pizza provided) and finish by 2.

THIS Sunday

9:30 a.m. Children’s Faith Formation + **Kick-off of Adult Faith Formation**
Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor (read the introduction)
Books are available for \$20 (scholarships are available)

10:30 a.m. Worship – **Membership Recognition**, receiving **New Members** and **thanking James Shultes** for 40 years (and counting) as our organist. A special pot luck luncheon will follow!

6 p.m. Senior High Youth Group (meeting at Preble Congregational)

Monday

4:45 p.m. Disciple Bible Study I

5:15 p.m. Disciple Bible Study II

Tuesday

4:45 p.m. Homer Nursery School Board Meeting

5 p.m. Centering Prayer

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Sacred Conversation to End Racism

Saturday, October 26

10 a.m. Kids' Used Clothing Swap

Donate used clothing sizes newborn – kids' size 14 and you will receive a ticket. Bring your ticket between 10 & noon and take what you need. Nothing to swap? No problem! Come at noon and all items left will be given away. Drop off clothing during our office hours Monday-Thursday (9 – 12) or Friday evening between 5-7.

COMING UP:

Sunday, October 27

9:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Faith Formation - *Holy Envy* – chapter one

10:30 a.m. Worship – dedication of CROP Walkers

Noon Outreach Committee Meeting

1 p.m. **50th Anniversary CROP WALK** (Grace Holy Spirit Church, Cortland)

Sunday, November 3

9:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Faith Formation - *Holy Envy* – chapter two

10:30 a.m. Worship – Communion Sunday – served in the pews

Sunday, November 10 **Stewardship Sunday**

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry is preparing for their **Thanksgiving Baskets**. They need:

Green Beans	Cream of Mushroom Soup,	Stuffing
Chicken Broth	Fruit Cocktail	Jell-O
Pumpkin Pie Filling	Evaporated Milk	Cranberry Sauce
Corn.		

Special Note:

Last week, the church received a lovely thank you note from the Food Pantry. In addition, at the Roast Pork Dinner WE received a financial donation from the Homer Food Pantry as an expression of thanks for our support throughout the year!