

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, September 26, 2019

This weekend is a 5th Sunday, and members of our Youth Group will lead worship on a topic of their choosing: climate change. It's a very timely subject as we witnessed millions of people walk out of work and school on Friday, September 20 to demand urgent action on climate change. In addition, sixteen year-old Greta Thunberg spoke boldly in the days before the United Nations Climate Action Summit. Come and support our youth as they speak about an issue that is important to them (and to all of us). Anelia Corbin and Isabella Sisting will serve as acolytes for the service.

THIS WEEK:

TONIGHT: Thursday, September 26 – Kick off to a Sacred Conversation to End Racism
6:30 p.m. Documentary and Discussion – *White Like Me*
These conversations will continue for six Thursdays, 9/26-11/14/19

From Pastor Gary, who is leading this series:

Before we start, I want to stress that this is about transforming people's understanding of race and historical racism. It is about providing the opportunity to discuss this critical issue in a peaceful way (even if disagreements occur). And it is about building unity among all people within our community. It is okay if you have to miss a session or two. So don't let that hold you back from participating!

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 are available on our Resource Table. The Deacons are selling boxed lunches for the day.

9 a.m. Susquehanna Association Fall Meeting (in Elmira)

Sunday, September 29

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation (K-4 will have class, 5-8 will practice for worship)

10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration – led by members of our Youth Group

Noon Outreach Committee

4:15 p.m. Youth Group (7-12th grade) – Camp Owahta Ropes Course and cookout

Monday, September 30

4:45 p.m. Disciple Bible Study I

5 p.m. Disciple Bible Study II

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 1

5 p.m. Centering Prayer

Wednesday, October 2

6 p.m. Worship and Music Meeting

Thursday, October 3

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

COMING UP:

Sunday, October 6

- 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation
- 10:30 a.m. World Communion Sunday with *Neighbors in Need* offering
- 1:45 p.m. Brewster House Service
- 4:15 p.m. Junior High (7-8 grade) Youth Group @ Preble Congregational UCC

Monday, October 7

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:45 p.m. Disciple Bible Study I
- 5 p.m. Disciple Bible Study II

Tuesday, October 8

- 2 p.m. Senior Fellowship – Kathy McKenna leads a Halloween Craft
- 5 p.m. Centering Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

- 9:30 a.m. Committee on Authorized Ministry Meeting
- 7 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11 – **Roast Pork Dinner/Harvest Festival**

Sign up TODAY to donate and/or to be a part of the fun!

- Beginning at 4:30 p.m. we have games for the family.
- 5-8 p.m. – dinner is served!
- Succulent roast pork plus some new items!
- Only \$15 for adults; \$8 for kids, and 4 & under are free! Takeout available!

DATES TO NOTE:

Sunday, October 20 – **Membership Recognition** & receiving new members.
Pot luck luncheon following worship.

Sunday, October 27 – **CROP Walk** 50th Anniversary Walk!
We hope to have 50 people raising \$50 for the 50th Walk!

FROM THE TREASURER

- Operating Revenues at 8/31/19 - \$154,571, 60.7 % of budget
- Operating Expenses at 8/31/19 - \$164,359, 64.6% of budget

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Kathleen Alvord
 Connie Applegate
2 Virginia Knobel
4 Franklin Hoffmann
5 Steven Cinquanti
 Linda Lansdowne
7 Kaitlyn Clune
8 Nancy Hopkins
9 Tracy Durkee
10 Russell Oechsle

11 Don VanSlyke
13 Nicholas Dentes
15 Evelyn Cornwell
 Amelia Cornwell
 Jacob Durkee
17 Lynn Olcott
22 Kellie McConnell
23 Olivia Harrington
 Gary Harrington
24 Marc Settineri
28 Frances Armstrong

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Brownie Mixes, Pasta Sides and Rice Sides