

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, October 10, 2019

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the 18th Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Vicki will preach on Luke 17:11-19, which is the story of ten lepers healed, but only one returns to offer Jesus thanks. Bonnie Smith is our Deacon of the Day, and Daniel Ford will serve as acolyte for the service. After worship, join us for a **Mission Lunch** where we will learn about Days for Girls. Jeanette Mulford will be here to discuss this global movement that prepares and distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions for girls. These solutions help women continue school or work, and maintain their dignity. HCC gave a \$300.00 contribution to DFG in 2018 (from the Dorothy Jane Andrews Mission Fund).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **Faith Formation Committee** met last Sunday. They discussed the schedule for Christmas Pageant practices, and what this year's theme will be (besides the birth of the Christ!). They also discussed the Thanksgiving Faith Formation schedule, and looked over the FFM budget. Decisions included:

- Inviting our younger children to participate in the shorter CROP WALK route on October 27.
- Advertising first by word-of-mouth for a new Child Care Coordinator to succeed Brianna Darling, who resigned last month to start seminary. Alyssa Grunfelder is still with us as our primary Child Care Coordinator.

Highlights from the **Deacons'** meeting on Tuesday include:

- Voted to transfer another \$7,500 to the Trustees in support of the Associate Pastor's salary.
- Voted to send our annual contribution in support of Loaves and Fishes and the Council of Churches.
- Voted to receive a special Thanksgiving Offering on November 24. The offering is for relief from Hurricane Dorian. The **Mission Committee** will match the offering *and* provide another \$1,000 from the Dorothy Jane Andrews Mission Fund.
- Agreed to pay for another order of Homer Congregational Tee Shirts to ensure that as many people as possible have our tee shirt (the tee shirts will look the same as the first order.) A sign-up sheet is on the Resource Table. The tee shirts are free (donations would be accepted). Sign up and become a walking advertisement for our church!

THIS WEEK:

TONIGHT: Thursday, October 10

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

We will explore how we learned about race and what that said to us. We will also begin to discover the history of how "race" came into being. All are welcome!

TOMORROW NIGHT

5 p.m. Roast Pork Dinner/Harvest Festival

Bring your neighbors and friends. Going to Senior Night Football in Homer? Come and eat beforehand. Cost is only \$15 for adults; \$8 for kids, and 4 & under are free. Takeout is available.

THIS Sunday

9:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
10:30 a.m. Worship
Noon Mission Lunch – **Days for Girls**
Noon BRIEF NEW MEMBERS GATHERING in the Board Room

Monday Office Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day (formerly Columbus Day)
Disciple Bible Studies will not meet.

Tuesday

5 p.m. Centering Prayer
6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Thursday

4 p.m. Endowment Committee
6:30 p.m. Let's Talk Race

Saturday

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.

COMING UP:

Sunday, October 20

9:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation + **Kick-off:** Adult Faith Formation –
Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor
Books are available for \$20 (scholarships are available)
10:30 a.m. Worship – **Membership Recognition** & receiving **New Members.**
6 p.m. Senior High Youth Group (meeting at Preble Congregational)

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.

Sunday, October 27 – **CROP Walk** 50th Anniversary Walk!

We hope to have 50 people raising \$50 for the 50th Walk!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry is preparing for their Thanksgiving Baskets. The following items are needed: Green Beans, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Stuffing, Chicken Broth, Fruit Cocktail, Jell-O, Pumpkin Pie Filling, Evaporated Milk, Cranberry Sauce and Corn.