

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, January 2, 2020

A great big THANK YOU to our college students – Kaitlyn Clune, Marleah Dentes, Olivia Harrington, Matthew Pelowski, Evan Ulrich, and Molly Ulrich – for leading a wonderful worship service last Sunday. The service was filled with beautiful music, laughter and thought-filled words from Preacher Evan. Another highlight of the service was receiving Matt, who chose to officially join our family of faith. To all the college students - we hope you have a great semester when you return to college in this new year!

This Sunday, we celebrate Epiphany as we gather for worship with Communion. Pastor Vicki will preach on 1 Corinthians 13 as she kicks off our Epiphany Sermon Series entitled, *When I Became an Adult* (see more about it below). During the Children's Time, we look forward to a visit from Michael the Mouse. Terry Pedersen will serve as Deacon, and Anelia Corbin and Daniel Ford as acolytes. Communion servers include Kathleen Dentes, Cindy Stout and Jim Ulrich.

Adult and Children's Faith Formation returns during the 9:30 hour as our children learn about Jesus' baptism. The adults will continue their discussion of *Holy Envy* (chapter 8), led by Carrie Scheibner. As this new year begins, we ask God's blessing on our church family as we continue to discern the many ways God is calling us to serve the Homer-Cortland community and beyond!

Sermon Series during Epiphany:

When I Became an Adult

In writing to the people of Corinth, Paul said:

“When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.” (1 Corinthians 13:11)

Beginning with this first Sunday of Epiphany, eight people will offer examples and reflections about putting away “childish ways” as they grew in faith. Speakers are:

January 5	Rev. Vicki Burtson
January 12	Rev. Barbara Rhudy
January 19	Rev. Barb Wright
January 26	Gary Harrington
February 2	Rev. Gary Smith
February 9	Bonnie Smith
February 16	Carol Costell Corbin
February 23	Rev. Quinn Caldwell

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES TO NOTE:

- **Reports for Annual Meeting are due by this Sunday, January 5.** This allows the church office time to compile, print and publish the written materials two weeks ahead of annual meeting. Your help is greatly appreciated!
- **A Call to Annual Meetings: Sunday, January 26** Homer Congregational United Church of Christ and the First Religious Society of Homer, NY will meet to receive reports and make important decisions about our ministries in 2020. Snow date is Sunday, February 2.
- **2020 Envelopes** are ready for pick-up from our Resource Table.

THIS WEEK:

TONIGHT at 7:00 Choir Rehearsal – preparing for the Epiphany Choir Festival

Saturday, January 4

9:30 Stephen Ministry Meeting

Sunday, January 5 – **2nd Sunday After Christmas**

9:30 Children's Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation - *Holy Envy*, chapter 8 led by Carrie Scheibner

10:30 Worship with Communion – Rev. Vicki Burtson – *When I Became an Adult*

3:00 Epiphany Choir Festival – United Presbyterian Church, Cortland

Our choir is participating!

Wednesday, January 8

6:00 Worship & Music

7:00 Choir Practice

COMING UP:

Next Sunday, January 12

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation for Children (K – 8th)

Adult Faith Formation – *Holy Envy* chapter 9

10:30 Worship – Rev. Barbara Rhudy – *Embodying Epiphany*

Noon Faith Formation Committee Meeting

6:00 Junior High Youth Group (in **PREBLE**)

Monday, January 13

9:30 Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 14

2:00 Senior Fellowship – BINGO!!!

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 *Combined* Deacons & Trustees meeting

Interested in making a re-useable grocery bag? Come and join other folks who sew on **Monday, January 20 at 10 a.m.** Bonnie Haaland will show you the pattern. Bring your sewing machine. Don't have one? Come anyway – there will be extras, and several folks who can coach you!

Happy January Birthdays to:

Don Lawson	January 3
Barb Wright	January 5
Kathleen Dentes	January 6
Gloria Lawson	January 12
Elaine Olson	January 16
Lorraine Place	January 16
Sherri Masterson	January 18
Tracy Bertram	January 20
Marie Rumsey	January 24
Doris Brohard	January 25
Janice Wheeler	January 25

Financials:

Revenue to 11/30/19 -
\$214,603, 84.3% of budget

Expenses to 11/30/19 -
\$224,736, 88.3% of budget