

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, January 23, 2020

This Sunday, Gary Harrington will preach as part of our continuing Epiphany Sermon Series, *When I Became an Adult* (see more about it below). His sermon, "Selfishness then Selflessness" is based on I Corinthians 13. Terry Pedersen will serve as Deacon, and Alex and Luke Bertram will assist as acolytes.

Also this Sunday – our Annual Meeting! Join us for the meetings of the Homer Congregational United Church of Christ and the First Religious Society of Homer, NY as we make important decisions in the life of our church. The meeting includes a dish-to-pass lunch, and **we invite you to wear your HCC tee shirt!**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Last Sunday, our **Outreach Team** met. Decisions included:

- During Lent, we will coordinate a special food collection for the Homer Food Pantry.
- We will move our annual bread distribution and Easter invitation to coincide with Faith in Action day, scheduled for March 29.
- We will, again, hand out candy bags, prizes and coffee to the people who participate in the Easter Egg Hunt on the Green on April 11th.

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)

Since the beginning of Epiphany, a different person has been preaching each Sunday about letting go of "childish ways" as they became an adult in faith. Upcoming speakers are:

THIS SUNDAY	Gary Harrington
February 2	Rev. Gary Smith
February 9	Bonnie Smith
February 16	Carol Costell Corbin
February 23	Rev. Quinn Caldwell

THANK YOU!

From the Homer Food Pantry:

We wish you a Happy New Year and want to thank you for the wonderful support given to our community food pantry. We couldn't have done it without you and all the caring folks who donated food, money, labor, etc. Thirty- six families requested assistance at Christmas. We now have our food pantry restocked and anticipate another busy year. Thanks again for your continued support.

From the Migrant Education Tutorial Service:

So many thanks for participating in our annual gift drive! The family was blown away by your generosity and sends their many thanks. Mom said it was the best Christmas the kids have ever had! ~ Cortland METS

THIS WEEK:

This Sunday, January 26

- 9:30 Faith Formation for Children (K – 8th)
Adult Faith Formation will not meet this Sunday.
- 10:30 Epiphany Series: Gary Harrington preaching
- 11:30 Annual Meetings with dish-to-pass
- 6:00 Senior High Youth Group (in Preble)

Monday, January 27

- 5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday, January 28

- 5:00 Centering Prayer

Wednesday, January 29

- 5:15 Mystics Group & friends
ALL are welcome to join Pastor Gary in a four-week discussion about Islam. After viewing a short video on the TV in the RFR, discussion will follow. This second session focuses on: Women and Islam.

Saturday, February 1

- 9:30 Stephen Ministers Meeting

COMING UP:

Sunday, February 2

- 9:30 Faith Formation for Children (K – 8th)
Adult Faith Formation – Mary Barhite leading *Holy Envy* chapter 11
- 10:30 Worship w/ communion;
Epiphany Series: Rev. Gary Smith preaching
- 11:30 **Chili Cook-off** and Disney/Football Trivia! Fun for the whole family!

Monday, February 3

- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 4:45 Disciple I
- 5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday, February 4

- 5:00 Centering Prayer

Wednesday, February 5

- 5:15 Mystics Group & friends
ALL are welcome to join Pastor Gary as he leads the third session about Islam. After viewing a short video in the RFR, discussion will follow. This third session focuses on: Islam—A Hijacked Faith.
- 6:00 Worship and Music

Tuesday, February 25

- Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Spud Fest

Wednesday, February 26

- 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service