

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, January 30, 2020

This Sunday, Pastor Gary will preach as part of our continuing Epiphany Sermon Series, *When I Became an Adult* (see more about it below). His sermon, "The Long and Winding Road" will include several stories about his not-so-straight spiritual journey, including one based on this week's text, Deuteronomy 30:15-20. Terry Pedersen will serve as Deacon, and Asa Caldwell and Daniel Ford will assist as acolytes.

After worship, join us for our annual Super Bowl Chili Cook-off! This fun event will include some great homemade chili (good luck contestants!), and it will test your knowledge of football trivia, as well as your familiarity with the wonderful world of Disney. Feel free to wear your team colors! Also, please consider bringing in a canned good for the Homer Food Pantry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Last Sunday was our **Annual Meeting**. At least fifty people watched a Power Point review of 2019, voted to receive reports from the Deacons and enjoyed a dish-to-pass luncheon. After lunch, Jim McKenna provided a Power Point presentation that summarized the work of the Trustees through the past year. After a comprehensive discussion of finances, the proposed budget for 2020 was passed. At the conclusion of each meeting, outgoing committee members were thanked and the nominations for each organization were approved. We are so grateful for the leadership of Bill Masterson ~ chair of Deacons, Jim McKenna ~ chair of Trustees and Rev. Barb Wright ~ our Moderator.

THIS WEEK:

Saturday				
9:30	Stephen Minister Meeting			
Sunday				
9:30	Faith Formation for Children (K – 8 th) Adult Faith Formation – Mary Barhite leads chapter 11 of <i>Holy Envy</i> .			
10:30	Worship with communion Epiphany Series: Rev. Gary Smith preaching			
11:30	Annual Chili Cook-off – Get ready for the Super Bowl with chili, football and Disney trivia, plus a lot of fun fellowship!			
Monday				
9:30	Staff Meeting			
4:45	Disciple I	5:15		Disciple II
Tuesday				
5:00	Centering Prayer			
Wednesday				
5:15	Mystics Group & friends ALL are welcome to join Pastor Gary in viewing a short video on the TV in the RFR followed by discussion. This session focuses on: <i>Islam - A Hijacked Faith</i>			
6:00	Worship and Music			

COMING UP:

Sunday, February 9

9:30 Faith Formation for Children (K – 8th)
Adult Faith Formation – Alex Faulkenbury leading the last chapter of *Holy Envy*.

10:30 Worship
Our Epiphany series continues with Bonnie Smith preaching

6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group in Homer

Monday, February 10

4:45 Disciple I 5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday, February 11

2:00 Senior Fellowship – We'll share stories about moving from childlike to adult faith plus have some great goodies!

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

5:15 Mystics Group & friends – Final session: *Islam and Christianity*

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)

Remaining speakers in the series include:

February 9 Bonnie Smith
February 16 Carol Costell Corbin
February 23 Rev. Quinn Caldwell

New members will be received on Sunday, February 23. If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Pastor Vicki.

Happy February Birthdays:

2/3 Matthew Dentes & Gordon Johnson
2/10 Donna Riley
2/11 Dorothy Hopkins & Susan Urban
2/15 Jaff Harris
2/19 Anne Barnes
2/21 Christina Cincotta
2/24 Betty MacNeill
2/26 Dale Halstead
2/28 Becky Jones