

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, March 26, 2020

With this edition, we send our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Leslie Wright, who passed away on Tuesday, March 24. A private burial is being held this week. When we are able to gather again, there will be a celebration of dear Leslie's life and faith. Our prayers surround Gene and the entire family. We share your grief.

This Sunday, gather the family and go to our website: www.homercc.com to find a link for worship. We hope you will sing-along, join in prayer and consider the ways we can give of ourselves. Pastor Vicki's reflection, called *Honest!*, is based on holy writing from Dr. Seuss, Mary Oliver and various writers of the Psalms.

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation will again meet via Zoom this Sunday, March 29 at 11 a.m. The group will continue to discuss chapter 4 of Brené Brown's book, *Daring Greatly*. If you have not yet paid for your book, please send a \$10 check to the church office with "Daring Greatly" in the memo line.

Hey parents of Children's Faith Formation: Pastor Gary will send lesson pages via email this week. That way they will arrive without the risk of germs! For families with children in multiple classes, the pages will arrive clearly marked by grade level. In addition to the lesson pages, Pastor Gary is coordinating an intergenerational activity for the children's participation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our **Trustees** met on Sunday via Zoom – which allowed Lee Dennis to join us from Florida!

- We celebrated with Jim that, after some difficulty, Kelly is now home safely from England. As a result, the McKenna family will be self-quarantined for the next two weeks.
- The roof of Jones Hall requires repair. We have one quote from Ferro. Paula will check with Goddard for his updated quote. Chuck & Russ will consult with Complete Construction Concepts for additional contacts/quotes.
- Due to generous contributions, the clock on our steeple will be repaired this spring. Money will soon be transferred and needed parts will be ordered.
- Due to issues of health, during this season of isolation, Bonnie Haaland will make the weekly deposits.
- We encourage everyone to mail or drop off weekly offerings. We can receive gifts through PayPal. There is a PayPal button on our web site.

Our **Deacons** met on Monday via Zoom – which allowed Terre Dennis to join us from Florida!

- Feedback about the worship service, Weekday Words and passing the peace via a phone tree was positive. We will continue to provide these means of communication.
- The Homer Food Pantry is currently open on Tuesday mornings. In light of current needs, we are discussing having it open one evening – perhaps Thursdays from 5 – 7 p.m. Carol Costell Corbin and Bonnie Smith are working with Tiny to determine the feasibility of this additional time.
- Pastor Gary reported that eleven of our **Youth Group** met on Sunday evening via Zoom. The check-in was helpful for our young people. Additionally, the children in our Sunday Faith Formation received activity pages through the mail.
- Belinda Burtson and Bonnie Smith held the **Adult Faith Formation** discussion on Sunday at 11 a.m. At least 10 people took part in the discussion.
- Pastor Vicki reported that more than 65 people viewed the worship opportunity from this past Sunday. Between passing the peace, emails, mail and calling, at least 88 family units have been reached during this past week. We are doing our best to stay connected to one another.

Dale Halstead was released from the Veteran's Hospital to Loretto. He would really enjoy hearing from our family of faith. His address is:

Dale Halstead
Loretto Fahey Rehab
700 East Brighton Ave.
Syracuse 13205

When you send a card, Dale will have better access to it if you seal the envelope with a simple sticker rather than the usual complete seal.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2: David Rutherford, Caroline McMullen, Lindsay Richards, Marissa Urban
3: Anelia Corbin, Elijah Smith
8: Beverly Berry
11: Jordan Pedersen
12: Ryan Pedersen
14: Peter Hoffmann, Russ Pedersen
15: Richard Schmidt
19: Dora Jones
22: Eugene Wright, Peter Wright
23: Kathleen McKenna, Melina Settineri
25: Darci Gumaer
27: Rev. Vicki Burtson, Carla Walsh

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