

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, March 5, 2020

We extend our love, care and prayers to our Moderator, Rev. Barb Wright at the death of her mother, Mariba Wright. Please hold Barb, Peter and their entire family in prayer. Details of Mariba's funeral are below.

Our journey through Lent continues on this second Sunday of the season as Rev. Vicki Burtson preaches about "Nowhere Man", which is based on John 3:1-21. Faith Formation for children (K-8) and adults begins at 9:30 a.m. Our children will learn about Jesus being anointed by Mary, while the adults will explore chapter 2 of Brené Brown's *Daring Greatly*. Carol Costell Corbin is the Deacon of the Day, and Asa Caldwell and Daniel Ford will serve as acolytes. We hope you will pause before entering the sanctuary, to add sunflower seeds to the container – one seed per kindness you have committed this week. In addition, during Lent we are gathering specific meal items for the **Homer Food Pantry**. This Sunday, bring **lunch foods**, including peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, soups, etc.

THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 7 10 - 2 Pastor Gary will attend the UCC-NY Youth Retreat
Sewing Group (bring a bag lunch)

Sunday, March 8

9:30 Faith Formation for Adults and Children (K-8)
Adults will discuss chapter 2 of *Daring Greatly*
10:30 **Lent 2** ~ Worship
Noon Faith Formation Committee Meeting
6:00 Junior High Youth Group (Preble)

Monday, March 9

4:45 Disciple 1 (last gathering)

Tuesday, March 10

2:00 Senior Fellowship – Movie – *I'll Push You*
This is a wonderful film about two lifelong friends who embark on an epic, five-and-a-half-week, 500-mile-long journey to hike Spain's famed El Camino de Santiago.
5:00 Centering Prayer – led by Joanne Cincotta

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 *Courageous Conversation on Race* – Pastor Gary leads at Philips Free Library
7:00 Choir Practice

Saturday, March 14

11:00 Calling hours for Mariba Wright at Homer Congregational UCC
12:30 Celebration of the Life of Mariba Wright

COMING UP

Sunday, March 15

9:30 Faith Formation for Children (K-8) and Adults
10:30 **Lent 3** ~ Worship

Tuesday, March 17

5:00 Centering Prayer
6:30 Trustee's Meeting

Wednesday, March 18

4:30 Personnel Committee meeting
6:30 *Courageous Conversation on Race* – at Philips Free Library

Thursday, March 19

4:00 Endowment Committee Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, March 22

12:30

Combined Youth Group Trip to WonderWorks

Everyone in Junior and Senior High Youth Group is invited to have fun at WonderWorks in Destiny USA in Syracuse. Cost is \$10 and includes unlimited access to all attractions including laser tag, ropes course, and 4D motion simulator. Scholarships available if needed!

Sunday, March 29

5th Sunday Faith in Action

March 29 is Faith in Action Sunday! If you have housework that you would like done, there is a sign up in Russell Fellowship Room, or you can call the church office.

3 p.m.

Festive Music for Trumpet and Organ

Ralph Dudgeon, trumpet and Ken Herman, organist
A freewill offering will benefit a church community project.

Monday, March 30

6:30 **Church Council** meeting

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Isabel Coon 3/1
Justin Dermott 3/1
Phyllis Adams 3/5
Carl Applegate 3/5
Anne Wingard 3/5
Kelly McKenna 3/10
Terre Dennis 3/11
Terry Howell 3/15
Janice Bacon 3/18
Carrie Gumaer 3/21
James D McKenna 3/22
Pat Buchholz 3/25
Shelly Hilts 3/25
Stephen Hoffmann 3/29

Financials as of 1/31/20

Revenue - \$27,113, 11.9% of budget
Expense - \$18,474, 7.3% of budget