

THURSDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, June 25, 2020

SUNDAY WORSHIP – GOD ON FILM

This is Communion Sunday and the start of our *God on Film* series. During July, we will highlight a different film each week, including film clips and themes related to our faith. The animated film, *Inside Out* provides themes for our worship on Sunday (see a synopsis below.) As you join us for worship, don't forget some bread and juice. The link will be available at: www.homercc.com any time after 9 a.m. on Sunday.

SYNOPSIS OF INSIDE OUT

This is a film that contains something for every age group! An animated film implies something for kids – and they surely will enjoy the array of fantastic characters. Adults will recognize a familiar life journey: from days of blessing and joy through periods of deep grief and sadness. In the end, we all recognize the array of emotions in life and the importance of acknowledging each one. Here is what the movie-makers say:

Riley is a happy, hockey-loving 11-year-old Midwestern girl, but her world turns upside-down when she and her parents move to San Francisco. Riley's emotions -- led by Joy -- try to guide her through this difficult, life-changing event. However, the stress of the move brings Sadness to the forefront. When Joy and Sadness are inadvertently swept into the far reaches of Riley's mind, the only emotions left in Headquarters are Anger, Fear and Disgust.

PREP FOR P.R.E.P. IS UNDERWAY!

We have begun preparations for our 5th Annual Back to School P.R.E.P. (Providing Resources and Essentials to Prepare kids for school) event! To ensure kids have the ability to be healthy and active, we provide free new sneakers, socks, underwear, and personal hygiene products to children entering K-12 grades. This year, PREP will be held on **August 29th**, following safety guidelines, and pending reopening plans.

Due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, we are distributing items differently this year. We are asking families to pre-register their children, and we will prepare bags, making distribution much more efficient.

Due to the economic hardships brought on by COVID, we anticipate a greater need this year. Our congregation has been extremely generous in the past, and we are seeking your support again!

We are asking people to sponsor a specific child(ren) and purchase a new pair of sneakers, a pack of underwear, and a pack of socks. Sponsors will be provided sizes, age and gender for each child. You can sign up at homercc.com/back-to-school-prep to be a sponsor or to donate money towards the purchasing of items. Thanks in advance for your support of PREP and our area's children!

The devotional, *These Days* for July, August, September has arrived. You may pick your copy up just inside the kitchen door.

COMING UP

- Saturday Happy July 4th, everyone!
- Sunday **Communion Sunday**
9:00 The link for worship will be available on our web page and on Facebook.
- Monday
6:30 Faith Formation meeting (the Zoom invitation has been sent)
- Tuesday
4:30 Re-opening Task Force via Zoom
- Wednesday
4:30 Worship & Music
- 8:30 pm **Children's Bedtime Prayer** available after 6 pm.
Forrest Gump showing at the Adventure Center at Greek Peak.

Sunday, July 12 – *God on Film* **Forrest Gump**

Monday, July 13 – Mission Committee meets at 6:30 via Zoom

Tuesday, July 14 – Deacons meet at 4:30 via Zoom

Wednesday, July 15 – Drive-in Movie at Greet Peak: **Mass Appeal**

OF INTEREST...

Fifteen cars took in the drive-in movie **Inside Out** last night (Wednesday). It was dark enough to see the screen by 9 pm. Some watched from the front seats. Some cars backed into the space and the movie was viewed from the comfort of blankets and pillows piled in the back of the van. Before the movie began, masked people greeted one another with virtual hugs and the chance to catch up – from six-feet of distance. There were even three dogs who enjoyed the movie. Together we ponder how our “Still Speaking God” was heard through the emotional characters of this movie.

And this...

The Memorial Garden is being spruced up. Someone planted flowers around the sign. There are beautiful ferns in the white urns out front. The food pantry continues to provide food for those in need. Our bills are being paid. Cards of care continue to be sent. Some of our folks are in life transitions – selling houses, buying houses, sorting through belongings, cleaning, cleaning, cleaning. Decisions for mission and ministry continue to be made. Some of our loved ones are grieving and others are dealing with health issues. Prayers are constantly being offered. In truth – the best and the worst of life continue to happen every day. And the good news is this: there is not one single iota of our lives which God has NOT seen, heard and been very present. We may not *feel* it, but it is still true.

WATCH FOR THE ONLINE EDITION OF **SATURDAY WORDS**.