

WEEKDAY WORDS

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, February 4, 2021

THIS SUNDAY

Worship is Virtual

In the midst of a winter pandemic, what provides energy enough to keep one going? Rev. Vicki Burtson's sermon focuses on Isaiah 40:21-31 with reference to Mark 1:29-39. This is Communion Sunday, so bring some bread and juice as you prepare for worship. Find the link for our service by 9:00 AM on Sunday morning at: www.homercc.com.

THIS WEEK

Monday

4:00 Faith Formation Committee will meet via Zoom.
Kathy McKenna has agreed to chair the committee for 2021.

Tuesday

2:00 Senior Fellowship with Rev. Barbara Rhudy
Joy makes life whole and holy. ~Diane Mariechild

Thinking about you and our upcoming Sr. Fellowship gathering next week, I remembered a quote on my February calendar from my undergraduate days: "**February is short, but its misery is long.**" I couldn't recall the source, but, obviously, the quote stayed with me. The day happened to be windy, snowy and GRAY, a disappointment after the previous day, which was beauty-full, sunny, with clear blue skies, the snow on the ground twinkling in the sunlight. I smile even now, remembering it. It was then that I thought about exploring JOY and the question: "What brings you joy?" I remembered an article on **the relationship between joy & resilience** that came out early in the pandemic. I started exploring "joy" online~ which was remarkably joyful; so much so, that my husband came over to join me. So, I'm hoping you, too, will join me and the rest of our circle of 'elders,' to engage with recalling, and perhaps even rekindling, joy in your own life.

COMING UP

Sunday, February 14 Virtual worship - 2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9

11:00 Book discussion of *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
Email pastor@homercc.org if you wish to receive the Zoom link.

Fiction Doesn't Mean It Isn't True

Throughout this winter and spring, join us for a fiction reading group focused on Black authors and Black experience in America. Each month, we'll read a book and then gather for a single session (via Zoom, at least at first) to discuss it. Our first book will be Zora Neale Hurston's seminal 1937 book ***Their Eyes Were Watching God***. Get your own copy however you best like to get books and read or listen to it before February 14. We will gather at 11 AM on Sunday the 14th for a Zoom discussion.

DEACONS' PLANNING RETREAT

In lieu of a meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Deacons will gather via Zoom on Saturday, February 20 beginning at 9 AM. If you have ideas for ministry in 2021, be sure to be in touch with one of our Deacons or with Pastor Vicki. Your ideas are important to us.