

WEEKDAY WORDS

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, February 18, 2021

THIS SUNDAY

9:30 K-2 Zoom check-in about the 10 Commandments; Jan & Tracy Bertram are the hosts!

Worship is Virtual

This Sunday, worship will, again, be virtual. During the season of Lent, we will focus on symbols of faith, carved by Kathy McKenna onto dried gourds. Based on the story from Mark 1:9-15, this week the symbol is a dove. Rev. Vicki and Belinda Burtson will provide music to gather. The Children's Time will feature Jan Bertram and her grandson, Jack. Find the link for our service by 9:00 AM on Sunday morning at: www.homercc.com.

We hope you will drop off your donations for the Food Pantry. This week, we are collecting **Breakfast** items, including: Cereal, Oatmeal, Juice, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Canned Fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday
6:30 Mission Committee Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

At their first meeting of 2021, our **Trustees** welcomed new members Shelly Hilts, Linda Homer and Gene Wright. They also elected new officers:

Chair: David Rutherford
Vice Chair: Paula Harrington
Secretary: Bonnie Haaland

Highlights of the meeting included:

- A sub-committee of Bonnie Haaland, Chuck Feiszli and Jim McKenna will continue exploring the use of solar panels on our church.
- A new computer was purchased for Pastor Vicki's use. The old computer has been cleaned up and will be used for technology in worship.
- Holiday in Homer is scheduled for July 17. Vendor packets are out. The event will require Covid restrictions, including masks. If we offer a luncheon, it will need to be outdoors. Plans move forward even as we monitor the Covid numbers in Cortland County. If you are able to help with the planning, please contact Paula or Pastor Vicki.

Last Sunday, **Adult Faith Formation** held a terrific discussion of Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. The next book will be Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give*. Get your copy in whatever way works best for you and start to read. The discussion will occur on a Sunday morning in March – date to be decided.

Thanks to all who attended our **Ash Wednesday** services. Between the two times (7 AM and 7 PM), we saw nearly 40 people participate. In addition, a full liturgy was sent to our members who do not use computers. Special thanks to Jacob Dentes for preparing the ashes.

COMING UP

Sunday, February 28

9:30

3 – 5 Zoom Check-in about the 10 Commandments
Jan Bertram and Tracy Bertram are the hosts!

Worship will be virtual, focusing on Mark 8:31-38. Read it and consider what symbol might be on the gourd for that Sunday.

“FLOCKING FOR HOPE” PROJECT

At their meeting on Tuesday, the Trustees approved the use of our green for the *Flocking for Hope* project. Origami cranes are being folded and collected by members of the community, including some Art classes in Homer and Cortland schools. Flying as a flock, they show that together we can be strong, resilient, and hopeful. The project is also a means of acknowledging the Health Care workers who have been on the “front line” of care during this pandemic. We expect that the display of cranes will involve the trees on the green near Main Street and will appear on April 10. If you have questions or wish to be involved, contact Belinda Burtson, Barbara Rhudy or Pastor Vicki. Watch here for more information!

Lenten Food Pantry Collection

We continue our collection of foods for the **Homer Food Pantry**. Use this list to guide your purchasing:

Sunday, Feb. 28: Lunch items, including:
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Soup, Mac & Cheese, Canned Ravioli,
Tuna/Canned Chicken

Sunday, March 7: Easter Dinner items, including:
Canned Hams, Scalloped Potato Box, Instant Potatoes,
Canned Vegetables

Sunday, March 14: Toiletry items, including:
Shampoo, Conditioner, Laundry Detergent, Toilet paper

Sunday, March 21: Snack/Dessert items, including:
Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Muffin mixes, Brownie mixes

Sunday, March 28: Dinner items, including:
Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Rice/rice sides, Diced tomatoes, Beans

If you have difficulty dropping off your donations at church, please let us know. Members of the Outreach Team will be glad to come and pick up your contributions. In addition, your monetary gifts help buy eggs, meats, breads, cheese and fresh vegetables.

This week, please pray for:

Our Deacons as they participate in a planning retreat on Saturday morning.

Our new Trustee leaders: David Rutherford, Paula Harrington, Bonnie Haaland
Carrie, Carolyn, Gary, Nick, Pat

Maureen Tarry-Hilts and her family. Maureen’s father died on Tuesday.