

WEEKDAY WORDS

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

Today we express our care for the family of Richard Allis, who passed away this past weekend. Richard is **Sue Urban**'s father. In the midst of your grief, may you know God's comfort. Your family of faith is holding you in prayer.

THIS SUNDAY

Worship is IN PERSON & Live-Streamed

Our seating is distanced and we request that you wear a mask as we gather for worship at 10:30 AM. It is Communion, so bring your own bread and juice or take a pre-packaged kit. Gluten-free kits are available. Pastor Vicki will reflect on John 2:13-22. Jim Ulrich is the Deacon for the day. The service will be live-streamed and then it will be available online by noon. Find the link for our service at: www.homercc.com.

- **One Great Hour of Sharing** envelopes will be in the pews and the offering will be received next Sunday. By supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, we *let love flow* into communities worldwide by providing hope in adverse times. When we share our resources, it also gives us a tangible way to be present in the world and to serve beyond our local communities. OGHSS supports sustainable development, disasters, and refugee initiatives.
- We hope you will drop off your donations for the Food Pantry. This week, we are collecting **Easter Dinner** items, including: Canned Hams, Scalloped Potato Box, Instant Potatoes, Canned Vegetables
- For kids in grades K-5 – Be sure to pick up your bags for the next unit of **Faith Formation**. Materials for each activity are in the bags, so please take one home with you. *Grandparents* – you are welcome to deliver the bags to your grandkids. Thanks for your help in distributing the bags!

THIS WEEK

Monday

5:00 Faith Formation Zoom meeting.

6:00 Area faith leaders (clergy & laity) zooming with Chief Pitman of the Homer police department.

Tuesday

2:00 Senior Fellowship – choose an option!

- Come to the Russell Fellowship with your mask and fold paper cranes (a description of the project is below). Belinda Burtson will be our folding coach! We will sit distanced and fold for about an hour.
- Zoom with Rev. Barbara Rhudy for a TED Talk and discussion to follow. A link will be emailed on Monday.

6:30 Deacons Zoom – to prepare, be sure to watch the TED Talk:
Why Good Leaders Make You Feel Safe

The gifts of Palms & Flowers

We are receiving donations towards palms for Palm Sunday and flowers for Easter Sunday. Watch for more information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our **Outreach Team** met last Tuesday and made the following decisions:

- **Notes of Connection and Hope**

During these times of social isolation, The Outreach Team welcomes you to write note cards of hope and connection to be distributed to **Meals on Wheels** recipients. Our goal is to collect **225 note cards by March 21**. Use your own note cards and drop off at church (leave the envelope blank). Or come early to worship on Sunday and fill out a few cards in the fellowship room. Children and youth are invited to draw a picture and write a message. Out of respect for the variety of faith traditions of the recipients, we encourage you to refrain from religious messages.

An example:

“This is a note to let you know that someone is thinking of you and wishing you all the best today. May the increasing sunshine and warmth of spring offer you hope and bring you peace. *Your name*, part of the family at Homer Congregational Church”

Looking ahead –

- If you plan on doing any spring cleaning, we will be collecting gently used kitchen items (pots, pans, dishes, utensils, etc.) in May. More information on the project is coming!

COMING UP

Sunday, March 14 One Great Hour of Sharing offering

We welcome **Rev. Barb Wright** as worship leader. Peter Wright will offer the Children’s Time. We look forward to hearing from both Wright’s!

As we prepare for Easter, Joseph Ford invites everyone to participate in another recorded song. Dates are coming for you to participate in singing Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus”.

“FLOCKING FOR HOPE” PROJECT

Origami cranes are being folded and collecting by members of the community. Flying as a flock, they show that together we can be strong, resilient, and hopeful. The cranes will take flight on April 10 on our green, in the trees near Main Street.

Lenten Food Pantry Collection

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

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

Focused Prayer

This week, please pray for:

Joy: Birthday parties and engagement parties and wedding parties!

Concerns: Carrie, Carolyn, Chris, Gary, Linda, Nick and Pat.

The family of Richard Allis.