

WEEKDAY WORDS

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

This Saturday, United Presbyterian Church is hosting East Side Bones from Syracuse. The ensemble of trombones includes our own Phil Rumsey. The church is located at 25 Church Street and the concert begins at 1:00 PM.

THIS SUNDAY

- 9:30 Faith Formation classes, pre-K through 6th grade.
Adults will discuss chapters 5 & 6 of the Pavlovitz book.
- 10:30 **Thanksgiving Sunday**
Special organ music offered by Andrea Herzog.
In addition, we will receive another virtual choir gift.
Pastor Vicki concludes the sermon series about the Lord's Prayer,
considering the phrase about temptation.
- 11:45 Adult Bible Study in the 2nd Faith Formation Room.

THIS WEEK

Thursday The office will be closed for Thanksgiving.

COMING UP

- Sunday, November 28 Advent I
There will be no Faith Formation on this Sunday
This year, our Confirmands and their Journey Partners
will light the candles on the Advent Wreath.
Help us help others. Get a tag for the METS gifts (see below)
- 4:30 PM We begin lighting the candles on the Menorah.
Join us on the green for a brief liturgy. Everyone is welcome.
We will meet each evening at 4:30 from Nov. 28 – Dec. 5.
- Tuesday, November 30 Church Council meeting in RFR at 6:30.
All chairs of all committees should attend.
- Wednesday, Dec. 1 Worship & Music will meet at 6:30.
- Sunday, December 5
- 9:00 AM Join our Confirmation Class & their Journey Partners to green
the church, then enjoy some homemade Cinnamon Rolls and
cocoa.
- 9:30 Faith Formation prepares for the Christmas Pageant
- 10:30 Advent II and Communion
- 11:45 Bible Study upstairs; Outreach Team in the Board Room
- 3:00 The Whitechapel Ringers' Christmas Concert at UPC

OUTREACH

for the Food Pantry

This Sunday, bring dinner/dessert items:

Canned Vegetables, Pasta/Pasta sauce, Diced Tomatoes, Rice/Rice Sides,
Instant/Flavored Potatoes, Cake/cookie mixes

Sunday, Nov. 28, bring personal care items:

Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Conditioner, Laundry Detergent

Christmas Outreach

Migrant Education Tutorial Services (METS) Holiday Gift Campaign

As a special Christmas outreach, we are collecting gifts for the children of our area migrant workers. Names will be available Sunday, Nov. 28. If you are not able to attend worship next Sunday, you may contact the office to sponsor a child. Wrapped gifts will be collected at church by **Thursday, December 9** for delivery on December 10.

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Our support for the UCC sponsored mission in Honduras has been steady over time. Now, we can help in person. The NY Conference is organizing a **mission trip February 26 – March 6, 2022** to travel to the village and help with the school construction, sewing project and marketing. They have room for up to five adults or mature youth. A passport is required as well as appropriate medical inoculations. Spanish is *not* needed (there are interpreters). Our mission committee will subsidize the cost by paying for the airfare and room and board while on the mission. (There may be an additional cost to visit and view the Mayan City ~\$250.) For more information, please contact Pastor Vicki or Pete Wright (585-314-5314 or pew2@cornell.edu). We need to commit by mid-December.

MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 19 - **Christmas Pageant**

We will gather at 10 AM for a special pre-Christmas brunch of muffins and juice. Share some Christmas joy before we move to the sanctuary in time for worship on 10:30. As you depart the RFR, you will receive a bag. Once seated, open your bag to find your costume and your “part” for the Christmas Pageant. Perhaps you will be a sheep, invited to offer your best “Baaaaa” on cue. Or maybe you will be an angel, encouraged to share your “Gloria” along with the rest of your kind. Together we will hear the Christmas story, lending ourselves to the re-telling.

Friday, December 24 – **4:00 PM**

Bring the family for a time of quiet celebration of Jesus’ Birthday. We will light the candles, pause to pray during the month of our own births and sing “Joy to the World” and “Happy Birthday” to Jesus. Afterward, we will blow out the candles and have birthday cake. All are welcome.

Friday, December 24 – **7:00 PM**

Beginning in December, reserve a place for you family at our traditional service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve. We look forward to gathering in our sanctuary for this special celebration as we hear, again, the age-old story of Jesus’ birth.