

## WEEKDAY WORDS

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ  
Thursday, December 9, 2021

### THIS SUNDAY

- 9:15 Confirmands with Pastor Vicki, Buzz and Kurt at the Menorah on the green.
- 9:30 Faith Formation classes – preparation for Children’s Pageant Adults, will discuss chapters 9 & 10 of our book.
- 10:30 Advent III  
Daniel Ford, Matthew Stapleton, Stef Fellows and Jim Ulrich will light the Advent candle of Joy.  
Read Luke 3:7-18 and ponder the Baptizer’s message.
- 11:45 Bible Study upstairs
- 3:00 Choral Union Concert – Rose Hall, Church St. in Cortland.  
Our own Jim Ulrich and Chuck Feiszli are singing!

### NEXT WEEK

Tuesday  
2:00

**Senior Fellowship** Christmas celebration  
Join us in sharing favorite Christmas memories.  
Bring a favorite Christmas ornament or another memento from childhood.  
We’ll sing and then share special Christmas refreshments and hot beverages.

6:30

**Deacons** meet via Zoom  
**Trustees** meet in person in the RFR.  
Both groups will finalize budgets for 2022.

### COMING UP

Sunday, December 19 - **Christmas Pageant**

- 10 AM Join us in the RFR for a special pre-Christmas brunch of muffins and juice.  
10:30 We move into the sanctuary for worship, including a pageant for everyone.

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve options

- 4:00 PM A **Family Christmas Celebration** complete with cupcakes, candles and a special telling of the Christmas story.

7:00

**Lessons and Carols** – We will celebrate the birth of the Christ Child through scripture, music, and candlelight. As we did for Easter Sunday, we are taking reservations for this service.

Sunday, December 26 – Come as you are...

- 10:30 Come as you are to celebrate worship.  
Pastor Vicki will be assisted by our young adults who are home for Christmas.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**

Reports from all Committee Chairs are due in the office by Monday, January 3.

Reports should be submitted in Word format - Font: Georgia, size 12

**CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Revenue to November 30, 2021 - \$325,915, \*144.7% of budget

(includes \$125,104.66 Harris Estate contribution)

\*89.2% of budget without estate contribution

Expense to November 30, 2021 - \$226,993.27, 91% of budget

**THANK YOU**

Tis the season of preparation and transformation. Last Sunday before service, the Confirmands, Journey Partners, and several church members, gathered to transform the sanctuary and Russell Fellowship Room with boughs and bulbs. Following the Hanging of the Greens all were treated to hot cocoa and coffee, and fresh Cinnamon Buns prepared by Linda Homer. Thank you so much Linda. The buns were so yummy! More than once that morning I heard, "The sanctuary is beautiful." Thank you to the Confirmands, Journey Partners, and all who came to decorate. Kathy McKenna

**ADVENT PRAYERS...**

As you spend time in prayer this week, please remember:

Gary Homer, Mike Magee, Karen's brother - Jim, Paul, Tyler, Eugene Wright

The family and friends of Kitsie Demeree.

Amelia, CJ, Daniel, Delanie, Jack & Jack, Maddie, Matthew

Jean Cadwallader heard from Charlotte King's family. Charlotte is in Hospice care. Cards can be sent to her:

Charlotte King

c/o Newton County Nursing Home

610 Court St. Rm 111

Jasper, AR 72641

This is a season of holly-jolly; however, we acknowledge that we are not always filled with joy. It is okay to feel exactly what you feel. God understands more than anyone! May this snippet of poetry by Diane Jarrett bring assurance and understanding your way...and perhaps a bit of peace to your soul.

If this is a time,  
When you're struggling through.  
Just do what you can,  
For what matters, is you.

There's no need to be merry,  
There's no need to bright.  
Just do what you can,  
It will all be alright.

**Blue Christmas Service** – Grace & Holy Spirit Church  
Sunday, December 12 at 4 PM – All are welcome.