

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

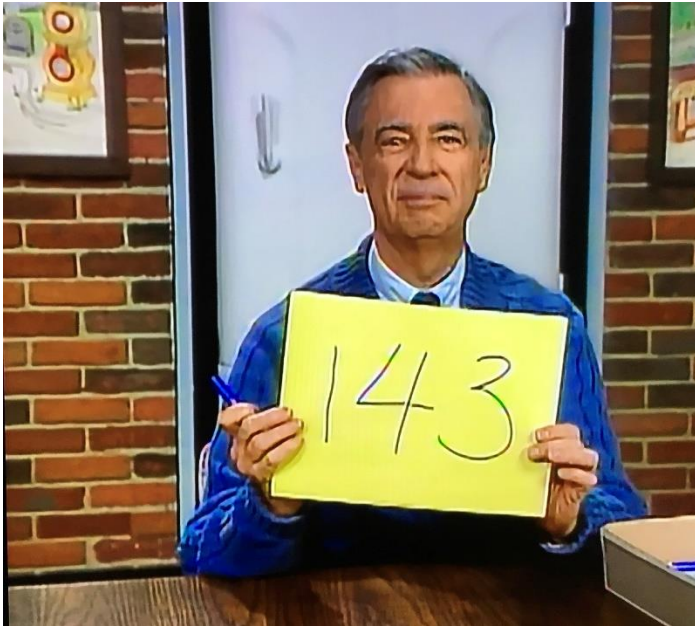
July 28, 2019

7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

God on Film

Documentary: *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*



*Gathered on the Green in 1801 -
Still Transforming and Doing God's Mission*

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Serving us in ministry today:

Terre Dennis ~ Deacon of the Month

Kathleen & Jacob Dentes
Jim & Molly Ulrich ~ ushers/greeters

Ingrid Fox ~ nursery

A bit about *Won't You be My Neighbor?*

This 2018 American documentary is about the life and guiding philosophy of Fred Rogers, the host and creator of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. The trailer for the film debuted on what would have been Rogers's 90th birthday, March 20, 2018. The film received acclaim from critics and audiences and has grossed \$22 million, making it the highest-grossing biographical documentary of all time. It was nominated for numerous awards and was chosen by *Time* magazine as one of its top ten films of 2018.

David Edelstein of *New York Magazine* wrote: "A wonderful breather from reality, from which you come back more conscious of — and dismayed by — the hate that more than ever runs the world."

Attendance July 21: 83

Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

People have said, "Don't cry" to other people for years and years, and all it has ever meant it, "I'm too uncomfortable when you show your feelings. Don't cry."

I'd rather have them say, "Go ahead and cry. I'm here to be with you."

~ Mr. Rogers

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude Chimes	All Things Bright and Beautiful	Held
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Call to Worship

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood
A beautiful day for a neighbor
Could you be mine? Would you be mine?

It's a neighborly day in this beauty wood
A neighborly day for a beauty
Could you be mine? Would you be mine?

I have always wanted to have a neighbor
just like you
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood
with you

Let's make the most of this beautiful day
Since we're together, might as well say
Would you be my? could you be my?
Won't you be my neighbor?

Prayer

O God of Grace, you child Fred believed that appreciation is a holy thing—that when we look for what's best in a person, we're doing what you do all the time. So guide our worship and help us in our sacred vocation to love and appreciate our neighbors. Amen.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Time

Good News:

Neighbors!
I am accepted!
Grace!

OUR RESPONSE

One Silent Minute

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Children of The Heavenly Father Held

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Your servant Fred believed that *at the center of the universe there dwells a loving spirit who longs for all that's best in all of creation, a spirit who knows the great potential of each planet as well as each person, and little by little will love us into being more than we ever dreamed possible.* May our gifts aid your Spirit in bringing about more than we dream possible within our community and our world. Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians #494

*Benediction

*Postlude Now In the Days of Youth Held



This Week:

Tuesday

5 p.m. Centering Prayer – led by Mary Barhite

Coming Up:

Sunday, August 4

We received word late Sunday night that the Council of Churches has canceled the traditional Ecumenical Worship on the Green for August 4. Pastor Gary will return from vacation early and will lead worship at our regular 9:30 hour next Sunday, right here in our sanctuary.

Sunday, August 11

It's **Undies Sunday**, so bring your donations of underwear for our P.R.E.P. event on August 24. During the service, we will also celebrate communion.

Pastor Gary will be on vacation from July 22 through August 3.

Pastor Vicki departs on Saturday, August 3 for Chautauqua in Western NY where she will serve as UCC Chaplain of the Week. In addition, she will attend several services and lectures for continuing education.

2019 CHURCH CAMP



**Tuesday, August 13 –
Thursday, August 15
from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Learn skills for Whiffle Ball, Pickle Ball & Soccer! Join in songs, crafts, and Bible lessons! Have supper at our Concession Stand! It's all free, of course! Register today for a *GREAT* time in August! We will celebrate the experiences of Church Camp on Sunday, August 18 during worship.

Magic on Main

Friday, August 16 from 5 – 8

We are doing something new! We will be grilling chicken spiedies to be served on a fresh tossed salad or on a bun. We will be recruiting people to help, so mark your calendar and plan to be part of this FUN fundraiser!



P.R.E.P. is August 24. Time to buy sneakers as we help our kids get back to school!

Welcome friends!

We are so glad you have joined us today. Our Greeters will be glad to answer any questions. We hope you will stay afterward for coffee hour.

Your kids are welcome, too. The nursery is available for children ages 7 and younger. Trained caregivers are provided. "Busy Bags" are available for older siblings.

Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to anyone in need. Ask our Greeters for help.

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