The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

August 11, 2019

9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship



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:

Anne Wingard ~ Deacon of the Month
Janice Bacon & Jean Cadwallader
Bry Meyka, Bonnie Haaland ~ ushers/greeters
Cindy Stout ~ nursery
Gail & Nick Brennan ~ coffee hour

THIS WEEK!

2019 CHURCH CAMP



THIS WEEK! ~ Tuesday – Thursday THIS WEEK! ~ from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Whiffle Ball
Wednesday - Pickle Ball
Thursday - Soccer
EVERY DAY - songs, crafts, Bible lessons
Have supper, too!
It's all FREE, of course!
We will celebrate the experiences of Church Camp
next Sunday, August 18 during worship.

Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

For reasons no one may ever understand, God decided it would be helpful for people to be different instead of the same, if only because it would slow them down a little bit. God decided it would be good for them to have to stop on a regular basis and say, 'Could you say that a different way, please? I don't understand what you mean' or 'Can you show me with your hands?' God decided it would be good for them to stop taking their communication for granted and work a little harder at trying to understand each other.

— Barbara Brown Taylor, Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others

WE GATHER *those who are able, please stand

Welcome

Prelude Chimes	Melcombe	Parry
Call to Worship		#279
*Hymn	God is Here (vs. 1 - 3)	#280

Prayer of Presence

Joe & Karen Downey-Ford and Vicki & Belinda Burtson

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Time

Special Music

Daniel Ford & Karen Downey Ford - trumpet

Scripture

Sermon

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory I Will Sing The Wondrous Story 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

Giver of all Blessings, may these gifts bring grace into the lives of your children around the globe. This is our humble prayer. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Liturgy of Communion Preparing the Table

Grace is Served

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks for the grace we have received, Holy One. Empowered by this meal, send us forth to seek justice, love kindness and continue our walk with you. Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn God is Here (vs. 4) #280

*Benediction

*Postlude Cortege Young

This Week:

Tuesday

5:30 CHURCH CAMP BEGINS!

It is Whiffle Ball night!

Wednesday

5:30 CHURCH CAMP CONTINUES!

It is Pickle Ball night!

Thursday

5:30 CHURCH CAMP CONCLUDES!

It is Soccer night!

Friday

6 - 9 *Magic on Main*

Join us for Chicken Spiedies and/or Tossed Salad. Join us on Main Street as we serve up some HCC goodness and hospitality.

Coming Up:

Sunday, August 18 Celebrating Church Camp! As we worship, we will enter into the celebration of the past week – from the music to the Bible lessons.

11:00 Outreach Team meets

Monday, August 19

9:30 Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 20

5:00 Centering Prayer – Pastor Vicki leading

6:30 Trustees meet

Saturday, August 24



P.R.E.P. - Bring your donations of sneakers and leave them in the bins (according to size) in the Russell Fellowship Room. Socks & underwear go in the bin under the big TV.

Coming up this fall...

We are hosting a six-part series of *Courageous Conversations about Race* with members of the wider community. Some people have already signed up after they saw *Driving Miss Daisy* (directed in June by Jack Carr). YOU may signal your interest soon. Pastor Gary will lead the 2-hour sessions that will include small-group discussions, videos and plenty of reflection.

Take note:

A draft of the **Nursery Schedule** for this fall is on the Resource Table. Please check the dates you have been assigned. If you *cannot* cover those Sundays, let Pastor Gary know.

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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