

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, October 24, 2019

What were you doing in 1969 (the year the CROP Walk was created)? Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the CROP Walk. Pastor Vicki will use Jeremiah 31:31-34 and James 1:22-25 as we remember the Reformation, and how often the church has been reformed by those who are “doers” of the Word. Adult and Children’s Faith Formation (K-8th grade) starts at 9:30 a.m. Alex Faulkenbury will lead the adults in a discussion on chapter one of Barbara Brown Taylors Holy Envy. Bonnie Smith continues as the Deacon of the Day. Jenna and Delanie McConnell will serve as acolytes for the service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Last Saturday, 17 people gathered in the Russell Fellowship Room to accomplish our **Mitten Project** – making mittens for people in need. Along with several adults, Luke & Alex Bertram participated in cutting the fabrics. There were six sewing machines running, resulting in 49 pairs of mittens in various stages of completion. Thanks to some additional work at home, all 49 pairs will be finished by the end of this coming week. Our thanks to Gail Brennan who guided the process and to Bonnie Smith who helped coordinate the food. By contributing a snack to share, Bertrams won the prize of a bag of Hershey miniatures!

Welcome New Members! Last Sunday, we welcomed five new members into the Homer Congregational family of faith: Bettie Brown, Donna Riley, Carrie Scheibner and Nancy & Timothy Sandstrom.

Congratulations Longtime Members! Last Sunday we celebrated with many of our long-time members. Certificates of recognition went to:

10 years ~ 2009: Pat Buchholz and Gwen Hayne

20 years ~ 1999: Andrew & Laurie Leach, who were unable to attend.

25 years ~ 1994: Kathleen Alvord and Barb & Peter Wright

40 years ~ 1979: Clay Benedict and Lee & Terre Dennis

60 years ~ 1959: Nadyne Harris

76 years ~ 1943: Jaff Harris and Don Lawson ~ our longest-standing members.

Blessing upon our Acolytes! Last Sunday our acolytes (grades 3 – 6) received their finished stoles as symbols of their leadership role. Made during their training in September and finished by Kathy McKenna, Pastor Gary led us in a prayer of blessing for stoles and acolytes.

Thank you, James Shultes! Last Sunday we thanked Jim for his **40 years** of making music. He performed the anthem, and Bonnie Haaland brought him forward to a standing ovation, followed by words of tribute. **Thank you, Jim** for sharing your gifts with this congregation.

THIS WEEK:

TONIGHT:

6:30 p.m. Sacred Conversation to End Racism

THIS Saturday:

9 a.m. Stephen Ministers Retreat (United Presbyterian Church, Cortland)

Our Stephen Ministers will be joined by their colleagues from five area churches as they worship, pray, support and discuss their ministry. Bill Masterson & Belinda Burtson will lead a discussion. Pastor Vicki is leading the closing worship.

ALSO THIS Saturday:

10 a.m. Kids' Used Clothing Swap
People have been dropping off clothing throughout the week, and in exchange, they have received a ticket. Beginning at 10 on Saturday, anyone with a ticket may take clothing for their children. Beginning at noon, all clothing is available for anyone. Our thanks to Carol Costell Corbin and Alex Faulkenbury for coordinating this wonderful "recycling" project.

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
Adult Faith Formation
Alex Faulkenbury leading chapter one of *Holy Envy*
10:30 a.m. Worship – dedication of CROP Walkers
1 p.m. **50th Anniversary CROP WALK** (Grace Holy Spirit Church, Cortland)

Monday

5:15 p.m. Disciple Bible Study II

Tuesday

5 p.m. Centering Prayer

Wednesday

2 p.m. Unveiling Ceremony – Homer Elementary School Bicentennial Marker
(*In front of the school. All are welcome!*)
7 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

Happy Halloween! NO Sacred Conversation to End Racism

COMING UP:

Sunday, November 3

9:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
Adult Faith Formation - *Holy Envy* – chapter two
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion, served in the pews
Noon Outreach Committee Meeting
2 p.m. Brewster House Service
6 p.m. Junior High Youth Group at HCC

Sunday, November 10 **Stewardship Sunday**

Stewardship materials will be passed out this Sunday. Please prayerfully consider our plans for ministry in 2020, and then bring your pledge card to church.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry is preparing for their **Thanksgiving Baskets**. They need:

Green Beans	Cream of Mushroom Soup,	Stuffing
Chicken Broth	Fruit Cocktail	Jell-O
Pumpkin Pie Filling	Evaporated Milk	Cranberry Sauce
Corn.		