

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, November 7, 2019

During the past few weeks, Kurt Schmidt, Tim Sandstrom, Jack Bertram, and Carol Costell Corbin shared a Stewardship message about why our church's ministries are important to them. We now invite you to come and celebrate **Stewardship Sunday** as we pledge our financial support to these wonderful ministries. Stewardship materials, including a pledge card, have already been distributed. We ask that you prayerfully consider our plans for ministry in 2020, and then bring your completed pledge card to church. During worship, we will hear Psalm 8, which proclaims God's trust in us as the stewards of Creation (including the many ministries at our church!). Jim Ulrich continues as Deacon of the Day. Alex and Luke Bertram will serve as acolytes and Kurt Schmidt will lead a Children's Moment. Adult and Children's Faith Formation (K-8th grade) starts at 9:30 a.m. Carol Agate will lead the adults in a discussion on chapter three of Barbara Brown Taylors Holy Envy, while our children learn about the Adam and Eve.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
Adult Faith Formation - *Holy Envy* – chapter three (led by Carol Agate)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Stewardship Sunday
- Noon Faith Formation Committee Meeting

Monday – **Veterans Day – Office Closed** – Disciple I will meet at 4:45.

Tuesday

- 2 p.m. Senior Fellowship – Jaff Harris – sharing historical photos of Homer
ALL are welcome to join us!
- 5 p.m. Centering Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday

- 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsing Christmas Music

Thursday

- 6:30 p.m. Sacred Conversation to End Racism (Final Session)

COMING UP:

NEXT Sunday, November 17

- 9:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation – Noah and the Flood
Adult Faith Formation - *Holy Envy* – chapter 4 led by Quinn Caldwell
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 6 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

Tuesday, November 19

- 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Thursday, November 21

- 4 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 24 Thanksgiving Sunday Rev. Barbara Wright – preaching
Recognizing the blessings of our lives, we will receive a special offering for
Hurricane Dorian Relief in the Bahamas. With funds from the Dorothy Jane
Andrews Mission fund, the Mission Committee will not only *match* our offering, but
they will *add* another \$1,000!

GETTING READY FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS:

Saturday, November 30 **Decorating for Christmas Party**
Bring the whole family at 4:00 for a pot luck dinner and decorating for Advent and
Christmas. Will you win for wearing the best Christmas hat?

Sunday, December 1 **Advent I – Communion Sunday**
no children’s faith formation today.

Sunday, December 8 **Advent II – regular worship**
Children’s Pageant rehearsal at 9:30
Faith Formation meeting at noon

Sunday, December 15 **Advent III – Children’s Pageant**
Our children will do a modern take on the Nativity Story.

Sunday, December 22 **Advent IV – Choir Sunday**
Christmas Party in Children’s Faith Formation

Christmas Eve 4:00 – **Birthday Party for Jesus**
Jack Bertram is baking the birthday cake
Join us for this special family-friendly celebration

7:00 – **Lessons, Carols and Candlelight**
Celebrate Christmas in quiet beauty

Is Spiritual Direction for You?

Spiritual Direction is an ancient ministry in the church. In Spiritual Direction, a director helps a “directee” become more aware of God’s presence in their daily lives. Through this sharing, a person can help deepen their relationship with God, and help find greater balance in one’s life. Spiritual Direction sessions are held in a private, confidential setting. There is no fee for this service. If you are interested, or wish to learn more, please telephone Terence Cahill at 607-597-9575 or email terencecahill@mac.com. Terence is a local community member who is currently in the Horizons Program, a two-year training program for new spiritual directors, which is taught at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Syracuse. Terry is also on the board of directors for the Newman Center at SUNY Cortland.

The Little York Walkers express sincere appreciation to everyone who donated money or sent thoughts of support for us during the Walk to End Alzheimer's that we participated in on September 29th in Syracuse, NY. With your support, as well as our friends, family and our own donations, we raised \$750 for this worthy cause. Thank you so much.
Becky Jones, Dora Jones and Keith Palm.