

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, January 9, 2020

This Sunday, we continue the season of Epiphany and our Sermon Series, *When I Became an Adult* (see more about it below). Rev. Barbara Rhudy, Interim Director of the Council of Churches and the Interfaith Center, joins us as she preaches about “Dancing with the Stars”, which will be based on Matthew 2:1-12. During the Children’s Time, our little ones will discover the gift they bring Jesus. Anne Wingard will serve as Deacon, and Delanie and Jenna McConnell as acolytes.

Adult and Children’s Faith Formation takes place during the 9:30 hour. Our children will learn how Jesus brings people the Good News (just as they do too!). The adults will continue their discussion of *Holy Envy* (chapter 9), led by Joanne Cincotta. As we settle into 2020, we are grateful for our church family—those who are new, those who are not-so-new, and those visiting. Together we bring God’s Good News to our community and beyond!

Sermon Series during Epiphany:

When I Became an Adult

In writing to the people of Corinth, Paul said:

“When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.” (1 Corinthians 13:11)

Beginning with this first Sunday of Epiphany, eight people will offer examples and reflections about putting away “childish ways” as they grew in faith. Speakers are:

January 12	Rev. Barbara Rhudy
January 19	Rev. Barb Wright
January 26	Gary Harrington
February 2	Rev. Gary Smith
February 9	Bonnie Smith
February 16	Carol Costell Corbin
February 23	Rev. Quinn Caldwell

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES TO NOTE:

- **A Call to Annual Meetings: Sunday, January 26** Homer Congregational United Church of Christ and the First Religious Society of Homer, NY will meet to receive reports and make important decisions about our ministries in 2020. Snow date is Sunday, February 2.
- **2020 Envelopes** are ready for pick-up from our Resource Table.

THIS WEEK:

THIS Sunday, January 12

9:30	Faith Formation for Children (K – 8 th) Adult Faith Formation – <i>Holy Envy</i> chapter 9 (led by Joanne Cincotta)
10:30	Worship – Rev. Barbara Rhudy – <i>Dancing with the Stars</i>
Noon	Mission Lunch – NY/HELP Honduras – Judy Toner will share about the work that’s been done during the past year in this vital ministry that we support.

Noon Faith Formation Committee Meeting
6:00 Junior High Youth Group (in **PREBLE**)

Monday, January 13

9:30 Staff Meeting
4:45 Disciple I
5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday, January 14

2:00 Senior Fellowship – BINGO!!!
5:00 Centering Prayer
6:30 *Combined* Deacons & Trustees meeting

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, January 16

4:00 Endowment Committee

COMING UP:

Next Sunday, January 19

9:30 Faith Formation for Children (K – 8th)
Adult Faith Formation – *Holy Envy* chapter 10

10:30 Worship – Rev. Barb Wright preaching

Noon Outreach Committee Meeting

Monday, January 20 (**OFFICE CLOSED – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**)

10:00 Sewing Class – Interested in making a re-useable grocery bag? Bonnie Haaland will show you the pattern and teach you how to make it. Bring your sewing machine. Don't have one? Come anyway – there will be extras, and several folks who can coach you!

4:45 Disciple I (Disciple II has the day off)

Tuesday, January 21

2:00 Bridge
5:00 Centering Prayer

Wednesday, January 22

7:00 Choir Practice

Soon, Pastor Gary will lead a four-week discussion about Islam with the *Mystics Group* and anyone else wishing to participate. After viewing a short video on the TV in the RFR, discussion will follow. ALL are welcome to join. This Sunday, indicate your preferred time for meeting on the newsprint in the RFR. Watch for more details.