

## WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ  
Thursday, March 19, 2020

We are in the midst of a new “normal”! Of utmost importance, we need to love one another enough to allow the distance that is necessary to keep all of us as safe as possible. And so we offer this edition of Weekday Words to update you about our movement forward.

**This Sunday**, we will **not** gather in our sanctuary; however, we look forward to staying connected. On Sunday morning, gather the family and go to our website: [www.homercc.com](http://www.homercc.com) to find a link for worship. We are working on a service for you to experience at home – with the invitation to sing-along, to listen, to join in prayer and to give of ourselves. We’ll be glad to hear your reactions and suggestions for ways that we can make the experience even better for March 29.

**Prayer requests** can be submitted to Pastor Vicki via mail, text, phone call or email ([pastor@homercc.org](mailto:pastor@homercc.org)). In order for your requests to be included in Sunday prayers on March 29, please send them by Wednesday, March 25.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

While the **Trustees** did not meet in person, they did share reports and have been discussing our needs:

- We continue to gather quotes for repair of the roof of Jones Hall.
- During this recess of activities at church, Brian Cornwell is helping us with the extra needs of technology.
- We encourage everyone to mail or drop off weekly offering. As soon as possible, we will establish a means of electronic donation that does not require an extra fee. (We currently receive gifts through PayPal, but they take a small fee from each gift.) We will let you know as soon as this donation option is available.

### **Reaching Out:**

#### Zoom

We now have a Zoom account that will allow up to 100 people to connect at once! Beginning next week, we will provide instructions for Zoom meetings/gatherings. Pastor Vicki is looking forward to sharing some time with small groups. The first groups to get together will be Deacons and then the Trustees – as test-runs. All one needs is a laptop, tablet or smartphone and we will be able to hear and see one another right from our own homes. Get ready for *Zooming with the Pastor!*

#### Children’s Faith Formation

Pastor Gary has been talking with the Faith Formation teachers. Watch for materials in the mail that will include Biblical stories and activity sheets for the kids in Faith Formation.

#### Adult Faith Formation

Watch for details about how the discussions of Brené Brown’s *Daring Greatly* will continue.

We certainly are living a new “normal” and we are doing our best to develop new ways of connecting. We hope you will keep reading **Weekday Words**, for it has become a major means of communication. God’s peace to you and yours.