

THURSDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, April 23, 2020

With this edition, we send our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Carl Edlund, who passed away on Sunday, April 19. Carl's funeral will be live-streamed from Wright-Beard funeral home tomorrow (Friday.) A photo tribute will begin at 1:30 with the service beginning at 2:00. Burial will follow at the Cortland Rural Cemetery. Our prayers surround Jane and the entire family. We share your grief.

To watch the service, go to Wright-Beard's Facebook page. **NOTE: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A FB ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO JOIN IN THE SERVICE.** Google "Wright Beard Facebook", and there should be an "OPEN" button in the upper right hand of the page.

SUNDAY - FAITH IN ACTION

This Sunday, as you gather for worship, wear your HCC shirt!

Even in the midst of NY PAUSE, we are called to be "doers of the word" (James 1:22). Likewise, Jesus teaches that "everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Rev. Vicki Burtson and Rev. Gary Smith will reflect on living a congruent life. As we celebrate the third Sunday of Easter, you are invited to consider ways to put your faith into action. Our worship video will be available on Sunday, beginning at 9:00 a.m., on our website: www.homercc.com Come, celebrate, and then go and BE the church!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our **Mission Committee** met on Monday evening from our homes. Following a general check-in, we heard updates on the mission projects of the last several months: Days for Girls, NY Help Honduras, Heifer Project International and the Homer Food Pantry. Recognizing the immense needs within our community, nation and world, the group agreed to move forward with two projects:

- Exploring current needs in Honduras, and
- Reinvigorating the Angel Fund which was established in 2013.

Pending consultation with NY Help Honduras and with our Deacons, the Mission Committee hopes to provide financial support for both projects.

On Tuesday evening our **Trustees** met from their homes. Business included:

- Discussion of two bids for repairs of the roof on Jones Hall. We voted to accept the Goddard bid.
- Russ will follow up with First Choice about filling holes in the driveway at the manse.
- Beard Electric completed the lighting project under both balconies in the sanctuary. Funds for this project came from the Memorial Fund.
- There was a lengthy discussion about Holiday in Homer. Several area festivals, the summer season of Cortland Repertory Theater and all summer events at the C4Arts have been canceled. In addition, area businesses have been deeply impacted by our "shelter at home" status. We talked about our event sponsors and recognized their need to recover from current financial strains. And so, with reluctance, the Trustees have voted to *cancel Holiday in Homer for 2020*. We will look forward to Holiday in Homer in 2021.

COMING UP

Sunday, April 26

9:00 The link for worship will be available on our web site: www.homercc.com
Watch as you are able!

11:00 Book Discussion – chapter 7 of Brené Brown’s *Daring Greatly*

Wednesday

6:00 Mystics Group Zoom

THANK YOU...

...Carol Costell Corbin, Bonnie Smith and Jim Ulrich for working in the Homer Food Pantry on Thursday evenings. During this time of pandemic, the Pantry is open from 5 – 7, providing for the needs of folks in the Homer community.

...to everyone who has been supporting the Homer Food Pantry through donations of food and/or money.

...to Bonnie & Andy Haaland for donating a new ladder for the Bell Tower. This provides easier and safer access for those who will soon begin work on the clock.

...to Gail Brennan, Bonnie Haaland, Jeanine Rose and others who are making and donating masks. While these masks are not the “official” N95 masks, they do help protect those whom you encounter at stores or on the street. If you need a mask, call the office to arrange a time when you can stop by and get one.

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