

THURSDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, May 14, 2020

With this edition, we send our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Jacob and Margaret “Betsy” Schühle. Betsy died on Thursday, May 7. Jake died on Tuesday, May 12. Betsy and Jake were active members of our church since 1980. A service celebrating their lives will be scheduled sometime in Autumn. In the meantime, we offer prayers of comfort to their children and grandchildren.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

We are living in curious times. We are grieving. We are struggling with anxiety and loneliness. We are so in need of God’s presence. This Sunday, we will do what the song suggests: we will grow deeper, as we pray. Rev. Beth Stokes Jones will join us from the woods of Pennsylvania as she contemplates the cleansing attributes of water and God’s life-from-death cycle revealed in the forest. Kids, join Pastor Gary in breathing deeply. The link for the service will be available by 9:00 on Sunday at: www.homercc.com. Join us as you are able.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our **Deacons** met on Tuesday and discussed the following:

- The Mission Committee recommended that we move \$5,000 into our Angel Fund to *assist people from our church or community who are experiencing an unusual crisis*. (the purpose of the Angel Fund – established by the Deacons in 2013). In addition, \$1,000 will be donated to the United Way of Cortland County for their work in assisting non-profits that deliver services to community members affected by the coronavirus crisis. Both motions passed.
- The Outreach Team reported that they are discussing alternative distribution methods for P.R.E.P. in August. They are completing an application for Nike’s “360 Degree” program, hoping for a significant donation of sneakers.
- The Deacons agreed to read and discuss Philip Gulley’s *If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus*. Carol Costell Corbin will lead these 10-15 minute discussions at the next several meetings. If you are interested in a copy of the book, call the office. Cost is \$15.
- In light of canceling Holiday in Homer, the Deacons talked about our need to continue efforts in fundraising. Several new ideas were discussed.

Thank you

Sylvia Hammond would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, and prayers. Your kindnesses have really helped as she grieves the loss of Dale Halstead.

COMING UP

Sunday

9:00 The link for our worship will be on our web site. Watch when you can.

11:00 **Adult Faith Formation** ~ *If the Church Were Christian* by Philip Gulley
Carol Costell Corbin will lead us as we discuss chapter one.

12:30 Pastor Gary Zooms with our K-4 classes.

1:00 Pastor Vicki meeting with our college students.

6:30 Pastor Gary Zooms with Junior High Youth Group.

Monday

4:45 Homer Nursery School Zoom meeting.

Tuesday

6:30 Trustees Zoom meeting

OF INTEREST...

- If there is anyone who is still in need of tech help so you can join the various church Zoom meetings and gatherings that are happening, Elijah Smith is happy to help you get set up. He can also help with other computer, smart phone, or tablet questions. Call him at 607-344-1245 or email at elijah@elijahsmith.net.
- Members of **Senior Fellowship**...we will have a gathering on Tuesday, May 26 at 2 p.m. via Zoom. More information will be sent by email, but start thinking about your earliest church memory! We hope this will encourage you to give Zoom a try. We have folks who can help you, so have courage and plan to join us. All you need is a laptop with camera or a smartphone.



In the bulb, there is a flower...

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