

THURSDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, June 11, 2020

SUNDAY WORSHIP

During a month of rich traditions, this Sunday we will celebrate a year of Faith Formation for all ages. We will remember the wisdom of First Corinthians 13, and our adults will share some of the things they learned through their studies. In addition, our children will offer creative expressions based on their year—from the classroom to the Christmas Pageant, and from youth group to life lessons from the Bible. We will sing, pray, and celebrate; and you may even read a Haiku! Join us as you are able! Go to: www.homercc.com any time after 9 a.m. on Sunday to find the link to our worship service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our **Deacons** held their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening. Items for discussion included:

- Debriefing of our online worship services. We continue to be grateful for Brian Cornwell's work in recording the services.
- The protest march last Saturday was peaceful and, for those who participated, powerful. Given the planning that occurred prior to seeking our permission, we did all that we could to support marchers, store owners and our local police. Most of the 400+ people in attendance wore masks and the policies of our Green were observed.
- The tentative date for P.R.E.P. is Saturday, August 29. Plans are underway to gather sneakers, socks and underwear and to distribute them safely. Flyers have been distributed to area schools. A pre-registration form will be available so that items can be packaged for pick-up.
- When the Homer School District reopens, the Homer Nursery School will reopen with at least eight students. We are eager to include more students. If you know any children age three, we hope you will recommend our nursery school to their parents.
- Terry Pedersen and Pastor Gary reported about summer options for our children. Due to COVID-related restrictions, the Faith Formation Committee has developed some wonderfully creative alternatives to our regular Church Camp experience.
- The possibility of re-opening our church is under discussion.
- Our "God on Film" series is being planned for the month of July. We hope to see the films via Greek Peak's "drive in movie" set-up. Watch for more details.

COMING UP

THIS SUNDAY – Faith Formation Sunday

9:00 The link will be available on our web page and on Facebook.

11:00 *If the Church Were Christian* by Philip Gulley – discussing chapters 6 & 7.

3:00 Susquehanna Association Ecclesiastical Council – Pastor Vicki, Pastor Gary and Belinda Burtson (who is the chairperson of our Committee on Authorized Ministry) will attend.

Tuesday

6:30 Trustees' Meeting

Wednesday

Children's Bedtime Prayer

Pastor Gary will post a bedtime prayer for our kids on **Facebook**. Watch it whenever you are getting ready for bed that day, kids!

Evening Prayer Service

At 9 p.m., we will hold another brief prayer service. Bring a candle and join us, via Zoom.

6:30 p.m. Pastor Gary will lead "New and Right Spirit: Let's Talk Race" via Zoom through the Phillips Free Library in Homer. The sessions will last for 90 minutes and continue through July 15. If you are interested in learning more about the history and impact of racism, and how you can do something to make a difference, please email the library to register at: office@phillipsfreelibrary.org. A Zoom link will be emailed to you a day or so before the sessions start.

Sunday, June 21 – Dads & Grads Sunday

We have six young people who have received diplomas or degrees. Join us as we celebrate them. We have even more Dads! Pastor Vicki is requesting pictures of your fathers. Please email her by Wednesday morning. Our service is taped on Thursday, and she needs enough time to format the PowerPoint. Thanks, everyone!

11 a.m. Adult Faith Formation, chapters 8 & 9

Tuesday, June 23

2 p.m. Senior Fellowship via Zoom – we will once again share our stories with one another. This month's question is: Tell us about one or two people from HCC who have made a positive impact on your life. A Zoom link will be sent to you a day or so prior to our gathering.

THANK YOU...

- ... to all our HCC leadership on Deacons and Trustees for sharing your wisdom and guidance during meetings about re-opening, the recent Black Lives Matter marches, and for everyone helping your pastors plan activities for the summer that are safe and engaging!

We have received word that Mark Twentyman is doing much better. Mark was hospitalized over a month ago with the COVID virus. If you would like to send Mark a greeting, you may mail cards to:

Mark Twentyman
Sea Pines Rehabilitation Hospital
101 E. Florida Avenue
Melbourne, FL 32901

WATCH FOR THE ONLINE EDITION OF SATURDAY WORDS.