

THURSDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, June 18, 2020

With this edition, we send our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Phyllis Wainman, who passed away on Tuesday, June 16. A private burial is planned for Monday. Our prayers surround Les, Chad and the entire family. We share your grief.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

It is Dads and Grads Sunday! During worship, we will focus on the question “Who are you?” As you prepare, read Matthew 6:25-34. Join us as we congratulate our graduates and give thanks for Dads. Go to: www.homercc.com any time after 9 a.m. on Sunday to find the link to our worship service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Plans for reopening (offered below). Based on the statistics of Covid 19 in Cortland County, we caution that any plan remains fluid. Additionally, when we gather together again, we are each responsible to uphold best practices for our safety.
- Voted to move forward with:
 - The repair of the Jones Hall roof in August. Funding comes from the Capital Project Fund within the Endowment Fund.
 - Memorial Garden work will be completed by Molly Ulrich.
 - Repair of the stairs in Jones Hall will be completed soon.
 - Repairs to the steeple clock will begin in July. Funding for the entire project has been donated as a memorial.
 - Sanctuary audio system updates will be scheduled for this summer. Funding comes, in part, from the Memorial Committee and a gift in memory of Peter Jeffers.

COMING UP

THIS SUNDAY – Dads & Grads 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 8 & 9.

Tuesday

2:00 Senior Fellowship Zoom sharing about...

...the one or two people from HCC who have had a positive impact on your life.

Wednesday

Children’s Bedtime Prayer (any time) + **Evening Prayer Service** at 9

Sunday, June 28 – Choir Sunday

Our singers and musicians will offer some of their favorites! Join us for a service of musical offerings from Belinda Burtson, Chuck Feiszli, Daniel Ford, Joseph Ford, Bonnie Haaland, Steve Jones and Pastor Vicki.

11 a.m. Adult Faith Formation, chapter 10.

TENTATIVE PLAN FOR REOPENING

NOTE: Should Covid cases rise in our area, this plan will be revised.

As we look forward and as we listen to guidance from NY State, the CDC and the United Church of Christ, the following plan for reopening our building has been accepted by our Deacons and Trustees:

From now through August 2

Online Worship continues, this includes our *God on Film* series.

August 9 – September 6

Church on the Green – under a tent and streamed online.

September 13 – Rally Day

Church in the Sanctuary begins; online streaming continues.

Our plan provides ample time to install necessary upgrades for bathrooms (touchless soap dispensers, etc.) and our sanctuary (audio and visual technology).

Considering the safety of each person, including the most vulnerable among us, we recommend:

- As a vital means of protecting the ones we love, **masks** will be mandatory for everyone ages 2 and up. Disposable masks for children and adults will be available. If you do not want to wear a mask, we invite you to take advantage of our online service until a vaccine is available.
- Whether inside or outside, we will observe **6 feet distancing** between quarantine groups. Please observe seating arrangements as marked.
- While human interaction is important to us, until further notice, there will be no coffee hour following services.

This is our shared policy. As we care for one another, observing these guidelines becomes our collective responsibility. Thank you for helping us to return to our green and then to our building even while we keep one another safe.

GOD ON FILM ~ DRIVE-IN SERIES

Summertime brings a special opportunity for this second year of our *God on Film* series. We are partnering with **Greek Peak** in watching the films drive-in-movie style. Each Wednesday in July, you are invited to come to the Adventure Center at Greek Peak to watch a movie. Themes from that movie will be considered during worship on the following Sunday. Movies will begin when it gets dark – probably about 8:45 PM.

July 1/5: Animated **Inside Out** (2015) PG 1:35

After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school.

July 8/12 Drama **Forrest Gump** (1996) PG-13 2:22

July 15/19 Classic **Mass Appeal** (1984) PG 1:39

July 22/26 Fantasy **Michael** (1996) PG 1:45

July 29/Aug. 2 Comedy **Groundhog Day** (1993) G 1:41

Just like at a movie theater, outside food and beverages are prohibited. However, you do have options! Greek Peak's concession stand will be open, selling standard movie fare (popcorn, etc.). You may also consider phoning in an order to TRAX, to be delivered to your car. Since TRAX is open, you can also consider having dinner on their deck, making it a "dinner and a movie" night. See you at the movies in July!

WATCH FOR THE ONLINE EDITION OF SATURDAY WORDS.