

THURSDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, July 9, 2020

With this edition, we send our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Gordon Johnson, who passed away on Saturday, July 4. A private burial is planned for Saturday. Our prayers surround Bev and the entire family. We share your grief.

SUNDAY WORSHIP – GOD ON FILM

Themes for worship this Sunday come from the 1994 movie, *Forrest Gump*. Using passages from Romans 12, Rev. Vicki Burtson will consider God's love and our own acceptance of those who may be "different". The link will be available on Facebook and on our web page: www.homercc.com any time after 9 a.m. on Sunday.

SYNOPSIS OF FORREST GUMP

His back is shaped like a question mark and his IQ is just below "normal". Still, leg braces and all, Forrest Gump is exceptional in his expressions of compassion, acceptance and love. Here is what the movie-makers say:

The presidencies of Kennedy and Johnson, the events of Vietnam, Watergate and other historical events unfold through the perspective of an Alabama man with an IQ of 75, whose only desire is to be reunited with his childhood sweetheart.

PREP FOR P.R.E.P. IS UNDERWAY!

We have begun preparations for our 5th Annual Back to School P.R.E.P. (Providing Resources and Essentials to Prepare kids for school) event! This year, PREP will be held on **August 29th**, following safety guidelines, and pending reopening plans.

We are asking people to sponsor a specific child(ren) and purchase a new pair of sneakers, a pack of underwear, and a pack of socks. Sponsors will be provided sizes, age and gender for each child. You can sign up at homercc.com/back-to-school-prep to be a sponsor or to donate money towards the purchasing of items. As of this writing, we have **80** children registered, and **ten** sponsors. One person who registered children wrote:

Thank you for this event -- it has literally provided for my kiddos when I could not, and I will always remain grateful to your congregation for this!

SAVE THOSE COATS!

In these summer days, we imagine you might be cleaning out closets. The Outreach Team encourages you to save those gently used coats. In October, we anticipate helping CAPCO with their coat collection. Keep cleaning – but hold onto any coats that you could donate this fall.

COMING UP

- Monday
6:30 Mission Committee meeting (the Zoom invitation has been sent)
- Tuesday
4:45 Work will begin on the repair of our steeple clock. Funding has been donated.
Deacons meeting via Zoom.
- Wednesday
4:30 **Children's Bedtime Prayer** available after 6 pm.
RESCHEDULED Worship & Music meeting
- 8:45 pm **Mass Appeal** showing at the Adventure Center at Greek Peak.
- Sunday, July 19 – *God on Film* **Mass Appeal**
- 11:00 Outreach Team Meeting
- Tuesday, July 21 – Trustees meet at 6:30 via Zoom
- Wednesday, July 22 – Drive-in Movie at Greet Peak: **Michael**

Something fun...

Hoping to help parents;
Hoping to stay connected;
Hoping to express love...
Thinking of You bags will be delivered to our children in the next few days. Here they are...full of games & chalk & puzzles & bubbles. Thanks to our Faith Formation teachers (and a few others) who purchased items to help our kids spend some creative fun time while they are home.



Financial Report

Revenues at May 31, 2020 - \$132,813, 58.2% of budget

Expenses at May 31, 2020 - \$93,589, 36.8% of budget

THIS WEEK WE WILL NOT PUBLISH SATURDAY WORDS.