

WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, December 3, 2020

THIS SATURDAY

- 11:00 Interested in decorating our sanctuary for Christmas?
Together...masked/distanced...we will hang simple decorations.
Kathy McKenna is our head coach. We'll follow her lead for about an hour.
Pizza will arrive at about noon!

THIS SUNDAY

- 9:30 Rehearsal for anchor people, stage hands and the commercial about Christmas Eve.
- 10:30 **Advent 2 worship with Communion**
Bring your own bread/juice, or use pre-packaged elements (GF available).
The Downey/Ford family will set the context singing *Dona Nobis Pacem*.
The Pedersen family will light the Candle of Peace.
If you cannot attend in person, find a link to the service at www.homercc.com

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Worship & Music met on Wednesday. Our Christmas Eve will offer two opportunities:

- A VIRTUAL service will be available to share with your family. Join us as the Christ Candle is lit. The service will include special music, a re-telling of the story of Jesus' birth and candle light. Bring candles so that you can be a part of the virtual circle of light.
- 7:00 PM – on the green in front of the church – Bring your own candle to light; wear a mask and keep appropriate distance. We will hear a portion of the Christmas story and then we will light candles and sing Silent Night. Bundle up for this brief outdoor gathering. God bless us, everyone!

We are keeping track of Covid-related recommendations. Our worship will be hybrid (live & live-streamed) for December 6, 13 and 20.

Reminder: if you have symptoms, including sniffles, it is best to stay at home.

The **Outreach Team** has coordinated a "Thanks" giving project, encouraging us to donate foods for specific meals.

This final collection Sunday, please bring dessert mixes –
Brownie/Cake mixes, Cookie mixes, boxes of Jell-O mix and/or pudding mix
All donations must be delivered to the food pantry by Monday, Dec. 14.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

End of October

Revenues at 10/31/20 - \$207,716, 91% of budget

Expenses at 10/31/20 - \$205,599, 80.7% of budget

COMING UP

Monday

5:00 Centering Prayer

Tuesday

2:00 **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ZOOM!**

This Tuesday at 2:00, bring a cup of tea and a snack to your computer. Join **Rev. Barbara Rhudy** for a Christmas gathering. From our various homes, we will share some Christmas cheer as we catch up with each other. Our focus will be about our hopes for Christmas and beyond. Watch for a special poem in your mailbox, and then join us on Tuesday. A link will be sent early next week.

6:30 Deacons Zoom

Thursday

4:30 Come **Light the Menorah**

Beginning December 10 and running for the next **8 days**, we will gather at 4:30 to observe the traditions of Hanukkah with our Jewish kin from this area. Come to the bandstand for this brief service of remembrance. ALL are welcome.

Sunday, December 13 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

10:30 Christmas Pageant: **Good News for All People**

The Dentes family will light the candle of Joy.

40 people from our congregation are participating. Don't miss it!

Monday, December 14

4:30 Menorah Lighting

5:00 Centering Prayer

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 Trustees Zoom

Wednesday, December 16

4:30 Menorah Lighting

6:30 Homer Nursery School ZOOM concert

Saturday, December 19

8 – 1 Blood Drive at Homer UMC – make an appointment: www.redcrossblood.org

THANK YOU...

Hello Homer Congregational Choir & Friends,

Thanks for the stirring rendition of "O Love." I enjoyed listening to your beautifully blended and harmonious voices. You remind me of how much I miss hearing and singing soaring liturgical music.

Huzza and Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. Be Safe. Stay well.

Ronnie Bell