

## WEEKDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ  
Thursday, January 21, 2021

With this writing, we offer support and comfort to the family of **Janice Wheeler**, who passed away on January 10. Janice joined our church in 1979. Our prayers are with her family.

### **THIS SUNDAY** **ANNUAL MEETING**

*We rose to the occasion!* That was the kernel used in the 2020 Stewardship campaign. We remembered how, throughout the maze of difficulties presented to us, God was with us. Perhaps the most striking difference has been our growing use of the gifts of technology. We have called. We have zoomed. We have worshipped virtually. On Sunday, technology will help us, once again, as we come together for a “hybrid” Annual Meeting. You have options for attending the meeting, as follows:

#### **ZOOM:**

We encourage as many as possible to attend our meeting via Zoom. A link has been sent to our “All Church” email list. Cameras will be set up in the sanctuary, enabling all business in the room to be seen via your zoom link. In addition, zoom participants will appear on a large monitor so that people in the room will be able to see you.

- We are asking you to bring papers for voting: one that reads “YES”, one that reads “NO” and one that reads “ABSTAIN”. (While Zoom allows the option of raising hands, we believe that this method will allow fuller participation in voting.)
- Please be sure to turn off TVs, radios or any other sound-producing devices.
- As you set up at home, be sure that there is a source of light in front of you. We ask you to leave your video “on” so that you can be seen.
- In our experience, it is best to mute everyone. When you wish to speak and are called upon, unmute yourself, offer your question/comment and then mute yourself again.

#### **IN PERSON:**

For those without zoom technology, we invite you to join us in person – wearing a mask and sitting socially distanced in the pews. All communication will need to be made through our microphone system.

This means of meeting is new, and so we ask for extra patience. Given varied Wi-Fi speeds from home, we anticipate potential delays. Our Zoom experience has taught us to take these delays in stride. We are doing all that we can to set things up – including having a rehearsal for our leaders on Saturday.

Recognizing this as worshipful work, our songs and prayers for worship will be woven into the Annual Meeting agenda. We look forward to seeing you via Zoom or here at church as, together, we celebrate our ministry in 2020 and prepare for 2021.

**NOTE: Our Annual Meeting will not be live-streamed or recorded to YouTube.**

#### **CURRENTLY ON OUR KITCHEN COUNTER FOR YOU TO PICK UP:**

Reports for our Annual Meeting

Bags for our Kids: includes activities for the *10 Commandments* series in Faith Formation

**K-2 Zoom Check-in – THIS SUNDAY at 9:30 AM**

Copies of the devotional *These Days* for January – March  
2021 offering envelopes (for those who requested them)

## COMING UP

Monday *Happy 94<sup>th</sup> birthday Doris Brohard!*  
Cards can be sent to: 61 Copeland Ave., Homer, NY 13077

Sunday, January 31 Virtual worship; Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Mark 1:21-28  
9:30 Faith Formation Zoom Check-in for grades 3 – 5 with Jan & Tracy Bertram

Wednesday, February 3  
6:30 Worship & Music

Sunday, February 7 Virtual Communion; Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39

Monday, February 8  
4:00 Faith Formation Committee

Tuesday, February 9  
2:00 Senior Fellowship with Rev. Barbara Rhudy

6:30 Deacons meeting, including everyone elected at Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 14 Virtual worship - 2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### **Fiction Doesn't Mean It Isn't True**

Throughout this winter and spring, join us for a fiction reading group focused on Black authors and Black experience in America. Each month, we'll read a book and then gather for a single session (via Zoom, at least at first) to discuss it. Our first book will be Zora Neale Hurston's seminal 1937 book *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Get your own copy however you best like to get books, and read or listen to it before February 14, when we will gather to discuss. More details about the meeting to come!

#### PRAY FOR:

Allen  
Pat Buchholz  
Gary Homer  
Dorothy Hopkins  
Granddaughter Addie  
Granddaughter Elise  
Our United States  
People in need  
People who are grieving



Sunset on the Aegean Sea – by Tara Hopkins