

WEEKDAY WORDS

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, March 18, 2021

THIS SUNDAY...

...is an exciting Sunday!

- 9:30 **K – 5** Faith Formation meets, **in person**, in the Russell Fellowship Room! Joanne Cincotta and Kathy McKenna are ready to check-in about the Good Samaritan story and then everyone will work on folding origami cranes for the “Flocking for Cranes” project. Each family will have a table and we will wear our masks. We have asked one parent to be present with each family’s table. If time permits, you may also draw a picture or write a note to be included in our Meals on Wheels greetings. If you have not reserved a spot, email pastor@homercc.org or call the office and leave a message.
- 10:30 5th Sunday in Lent
Jeanine Rose and Joseph Ford will usher in the presence of the Spirit. Pastor Vicki will focus on Jeremiah 31:31-34. The symbol on the gourd comes from John 12:20-33. Read it and ponder what might be our symbol. Brian Cornwell is our Trustee of the month. Our service will be live-streamed and then it will be available online by noon. Find the link for our service at: www.homercc.com.

NURSERY RETURNS! Please make a reservation. Our Child Care Coordinator, Mark Bertram will be on hand this Sunday to provide nursery care with these guidelines:

- Following the Children’s Time, children ages **infant – 3 years** will go to the RFR with Mark and Jan Bertram.
- All adults will wear a mask.
- If your child will be in the nursery, please bring a favorite toy for her/him. Your child’s toy will not be shared with other children.

1:00 Zoom discussion of *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas.

And finally, this Sunday, be sure to drop off:

- Donations for the Food Pantry. This week, we are collecting **Snack/Dessert items**, including: Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Muffin mixes, Brownie mixes
- Your greetings for the *Notes of Connection and Hope* are due today. Our notes will be distributed to **Meals on Wheels** recipients.

Lenten Food Pantry Collection

We have just one more week of our collection for the **Homer Food Pantry**:

Sunday, March 28: Dinner items, including: Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Rice/rice sides,
Diced tomatoes, Beans

Focused Prayer

This week, please pray for:

Gratitude: For the chance to be in-person with our children.
Safe travels and new beginnings.

Concerns: Brian, Carrie, Chris, Jason, Julie, May, Nick, Pat and Patty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our **Trustees** met on Tuesday. Highlights included:

- Made committee assignments:
 - Buildings/Grounds: Brian Cornwell, Chuck Feiszli, Linda Homer, Gene Wright
 - Finance: Bev Berry, Bonnie Haaland, David Rutherford
 - Technology: Brian Cornwell, Shelly Hilts, David Rutherford
- Met with Village representative Patrick Clune to hear questions in reference to the Little White Church.
- Holiday in Homer is progressing under the able leadership of Paula Harrington. Sub-committees were formed:
 - Pulled Pork luncheon (outside): Bev Berry, Linda Homer, Kathy McKenna
 - Cake Wheel and/or other fundraisers: Shelly Hilts, David Rutherford
- Approved the listing of Concerts on the Green submitted by Zach Pollack.

PLANS FOR PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK:

Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 Palm Sunday

We will gather for worship as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. As we did last year, we will share our palms with the wider community. They will be distributed inside during worship and outside for any passers-by.

Thursday, April 1 at 7 PM Maundy Thursday

Together we will meet Jesus around our table in the sanctuary. Our service will end with prayers and symbols of the garden.

Friday, April 2 at 5 PM Good Friday

We will remember seven last words with an array of seven herbs. The service is planned to be brief and deeply meaningful.

Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday (by reservation, please)

No one should be turned away on Easter Sunday, so we are requesting that you make reservations for worship at 10:30 AM. If we exceed the numbers our sanctuary can safely hold, we will have a 2nd service at 8:30 AM. The decision will be made in advance based on the reservations we receive. Hey kids – come and meet Pastor Peeps!

AS OF THIS WRITING, 10 MORE SECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- **The gifts of Palms & Flowers** - We are receiving donations towards palms for Palm Sunday and flowers for Easter Sunday. Your donations can be in honor or memory of your loved ones. Forms will be in the pews on Sunday.
- **From the Outreach Team** – If you plan on doing any spring cleaning, we will be collecting gently used kitchen items (pots, pans, dishes, utensils, etc.) in May. Hold onto these items and plan to bring them whenever the actual collection is announced.
- Joseph Ford invites everyone to participate in creating our own version of Handel's **Hallelujah Chorus**. To schedule a time to record, see Joe.
- On Sunday, April 18 at 3 PM, Ralph Dudgeon will be in concert in our sanctuary. Plan to come early or stay late so you can stroll through the display of cranes on our green and then settle in for some marvelous trumpet and organ music. Be sure to tell your neighbors and friends. A free-will offering will be received to benefit the Homer Food Pantry.