WEEKDAY WORDS

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ Thursday, December 23, 2021

TOMORROW IS CHRISTMAS EVE!

4:00 Birthday Party for Jesus

Bring the kids! There will be cupcakes, carols, candles, presents and a special visit from Michael the Mouse. Wear your mask and join in the wonder of Christmas.

7:00 Lessons and Carols and Candlelight

Our celebration of the birth of the Christ Child includes scripture, music, and candlelight. We are grateful to our musicians: Jacob Dentes, Karen Downey, Daniel Ford, Joe Ford, and Jeanine Rose. The choir has some new anthems to offer. There is still room, so make your reservation, wear a mask, and come, let us worship!

CHRISTMAS DAY

Happy Christmas, everyone. Hold your loved ones close today. We give thanks for the assurance that Immanuel is born – God with us.

THIS SUNDAY

10:30 It is the day after Christmas. As we gather, we will reflect on the holidays. Bring your favorite gift...or your favorite memory. Let's tell our stories and sing the songs of the season. So that our tech team can relax this Sunday, our service will <u>not</u> be live streamed.

NEXT WEEK

The church office will be closed for the week. Messages and email will be periodically checked.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

COMING UP

Monday, January 3 Staff Meeting at 10 AM.

Tuesday, January 4 Trustees Meet at 6:30 PM.

Sunday, January 9 New Members will be received, and Roosevelt will be dedicated.

We will welcome Julie Freeman, Laurel Harte-Westover,

Amanda McCaslin, and Sheri Saddlemire.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Reports from all Committee Chairs are due in the office by Monday, January 3. Reports should be submitted in Word format - Font: Georgia, size 12

This is the last Weekday Word of 2021.

We have walked one another through another year. Surely, God has been with us!

THANK YOU

This congregation is so generous. Many of you have left gifts, cards, and other expressions of gratitude for our Ministry Team. We love the work we do for this family of faith, and your demonstrations of support bring an extra blessing.

Pastor Vicki and Belinda also thank you for your extraordinary generosity over this holiday. For all your remembrances at Christmas – thank you!

WEEKLY PRAYERS...

As you spend time in prayer this week, please remember:

Our Confirmands: Amelia, CJ, Daniel, Delanie, Jack & Jack, Maddie, Matthew

All who are dealing with Covid, including those who will sacrifice their holiday celebration to care for people who are sick.

All who are away from home this holiday as they serve our country.

In need of God's presence:

Gary Homer, Mike Magee, Karen's brother - Jim, Paul, Tyler

Those who are grieving:

The family of Patty Burtner.

The family of Becca Mercik.

And thank God for...

- ...toes that finally were able to wiggle.
- ...surprise mystery gifts.
- ...the gift of medication that brings balance to our lives.
- ...singing.
- ...those who create the visual affects that cause us to catch our breath and reminds us that, indeed, love came down at Christmas.
- ...our congregation a chosen family of faith who demonstrate God's love born anew.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 1 Jacob Dentes
- 2 Bonnie Haaland, Nate Ulrich
- 3 Donald Lawson
- 5 Barbara Wright
- 6 Kathleen Dentes
- 12 Gloria Lawson
- 16 Elaine Olson, Lorraine Place
- 18 Sherri Masterson
- 20 Tracy Bertram
- 21 Gary Homer
- 24 Marie Rumsey
- 25 Doris Brohard