

New for 2016!

VBS & Chautauqua – An Adventure in Community

Monday, August 1, 2016 – Sunday, August 7, 2016

That's right – we promise something for every age!

Our Chautauqua planning team joined forces with those planning Vacation Bible School to expand our regular format. We'll have class options for *five* days. You may choose to take a class or to join in the daily *Called to Community* discussion for adults. For parents who may have the morning off, this year you don't have to drop your children off for VBS and find something to do for those hours. Instead, choose from the day-time classes we offer. On Thursday & Friday, go get the kids and join us for a light meal before classes and VBS begin. Looking for a family outing? Join us on Saturday morning for the *Wilcox Fun(d) Walk/Run* followed by an array of activities for children and their parents. Enjoy coffee and bagels under our tent, chat with other parents while *someone else* provides games for your children. We will top the week off with an exhilarating time of worship that includes the music from the week, provided by the children from VBS. No need to figure out what's for lunch on Sunday. We're hosting a FREE community meal.

Here is the menu for the week.

Registration forms are enclosed.

Bring your friends and the whole family for this ***adventure in community!***

HCC = Homer Congregational Church

UMC = First United Methodist Church

EBH = Elizabeth Brewster House

VBS = Vacation Bible School

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

9 – 12

VBS Registration in Russell Fellowship Hall, HCC

CAVE QUEST

Embark on a VBS adventure that will light their way! Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love. Registration form enclosed. Open to children pre-K – 6th grade.

Meanwhile, for parents and other adults...

10 AM

Called to Community:

UMC

Discussions on *What it means to be the church today?*

What does it mean to be the Church?

What should the Church be doing with our call to justice and love?

What does it mean to be the Body of Christ?

What is the Church becoming?

Join **Rev. Rachel Ann Morse**, pastor at Homer First United Methodist Church, in wrestling with these questions in a series of 90-minute discussions. We'll watch short films with smart folks like Walter Brueggemann, Brian Zahn, Rachel Held Evans, NT Wright, Richard Rohr, Hannah Terry, and Malcom Guite. Together we'll share and explore our thoughts and deepen our understanding of what it means to be the church today. Can't make the discussion every day? No problem! Attend as you are able.

10 AM

Lime Hollow's Pre-school Program

Lime Hollow

Mary Faith Miller will introduce parents to the Preschool Program and Lime Hollow's new Nature Center.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

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10 AM **Card Making** Library on the 2nd floor of the EBH
Janet Angi has been stamping since the mid 90's and enjoys teaching others how to stamp and scrapbook. During this class we will learn the basics of stamping and scrapbooking, and we will make two different cards and one small scrapbook page. There is a \$7 materials fee to be paid directly to the presenter and pre-registration is required. Participants are asked to bring a picture (4x 6) of something to do with summer.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

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10 AM **Holy Cinnamon Rolls** UMC Kitchen
MJ Uttech writes, "These rolls are 'holy' because they are so forgiving." We'll learn an easy method to make delicious cinnamon rolls up to two days ahead of when we'll bake them. Attendees will go home with rolls ready to bake as well as have an opportunity to taste them in class. There is a materials fee of \$5 payable to the instructor. Pre-registration is required.

Later on Wednesday...

7 PM **Election 2016** UMC Sanctuary
Bob Spitzer is a Distinguished Service Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department at SUNY Cortland. Bob will discuss the November elections.

Check out these web sites:

WWW.CHAUTAUQUA5K.COM

WWW.HOLIDAYINHOMER.ORG

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

THINGS GET A LITTLE DIFFERENT NOW!!

- 5:00 SIMPLE MEAL for everyone. Don't have time to plan a meal? Get the kids after work and join us. We'll all eat together!
- 5:40 Announcements
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5:45 **TLC in Our Community** Tent
Trish Hansen is the Cortland Division Manager and has worked for TLC for 22 years. She will discuss our community ambulance service and how it has grown and changed over the last 25 years.

5:45 **The Future of Fish and Threats to the Global Ocean** UMC Sanctuary
Amy Simrell is former Director of the YWCA, having served in that capacity for 20 years. She is passionate about environmental issues and works hard to educate others about the issues. We will hear some amazing facts about the condition of our oceans, factors responsible, and the wide-scale (and largely unknown) consequences.

5:45 **Aerobics & More** YWCA
Have you always wanted to try an aerobics class? Come and learn some basic, easy to follow moves with Fitness Instructor **Laurie Greene** at the YWCA of Cortland. Aerobics will be followed by toning exercises, and mat work. This fitness sampler is suitable for anyone age 13 and up. Individuals under age 15 must be accompanied by an adult.
We will provide all the necessary equipment for the class. All the participants need to do is wear comfortable clothes, and sneakers. In the event it is hot, bring your bottle of water.

5:45 **Preserving the Summer: Freezing & Canning Produce** UMC downstairs
Carla Plunket enjoys helping people to eat healthfully and economically by preserving foods. She and her husband own Plunkett Farm located on Tower Road in Virgil and are active participants in the Main Street Farmers' Market in Cortland. As Carla leads this discussion, we will understand why she embraces the motto, "Eat Local."

7:00 **VBS Closing with Chautauqua's Snack & Chat** HCC Sanctuary
As the generations gather in the sanctuary, we'll sing and celebrate the daily theme and hear a review of the children's lesson. Parents with children can head home for the evening, but don't miss the next hour of classes for adults!

7:45 **Person-centered Approach for Working with People with Dementia** HCC Sanctuary

Work with people diagnosed with Alzheimer's reflects an over-emphasis on the medical model and an excessive influence from the pharmaceutical industry. However, when we work with affected individuals with dignity and respect, take a holistic approach, and focus on what is present instead of what is absent, remarkable effects occur.

Professor emeritus-psychology-SUNY Cortland and NY State licensed psychologist, **Bill Hopkins** has been working for five years with and on behalf of people with dementia issues (mostly Alzheimer's), along with their care partners. He has developed Cortland's Memory Café, a respite and tonic for people with memory issues and their care partners. Bill also is the facilitator for an Alzheimer's support group at Walden Place and recently joined the Hospice board in Cortland.

7:45 **Andrew V. Strait of Sidney, NY – The Man Who Gave Away His Clocks...and Invented Modern Advertising** UMC Sanctuary

Russ Oechsle is a Homer resident and a long-time researcher of upstate New York clocks and clock makers. He was the co-author of the 2003 National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors (NAWCC) book An Empire in Time – Clocks and Clock Makers of Upstate New York

7:45 **Robert's Rules of Order (with humor)** HCC Boardroom

Andrew Haaland is a retired professor from TC3. He has been a student of Robert's Rules of Order for more than 40 years and was an advisor to a championship team of Future Farmers of America where Roberts is an important part of the curriculum. He will present an otherwise dry topic in a very entertaining manner.

7:45 **Fermenting Vegetables for Taste, Preservation and Nutrition** UMC Kitchen

Dr. Rebecca Grace Hanlon says that fermentation creates a tangy, delicious, and convenient complement to almost any meal. Eating fermented foods each day can help to enhance one's overall immunity and helps to better digest and absorb nutrients in all food. The cost of the class is \$10.00, payable to the instructor. Advance registration is required. Participants need to bring a chef knife, cutting board and a large bowl. Each will take home a jar of food ready to ferment according to printed guidelines.

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Christ Community Church

Grace and Holy Spirit Church, an Episcopal and Lutheran (ELCA) Community

Homer Avenue United Methodist Church

Homer Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Homer First United Methodist Church

St. Anthony of Padua

St. Margaret's Church in Homer NY

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Tully United Community Church

United Presbyterian Church

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5:45 **Restoring the Hudson River** UMC Sanctuary
Dorothy Troike is a retired Professor from SUNY Cortland who grew up in Ridgefield, NJ, just a couple of miles from the Hudson River. She thanks the Hudson River fishermen for their dedicated and persistent fight to clean up a national treasure.

5:45 **Do Honey Bees Make Bad Decisions?** Tent
We will look at the honey bee hive and how decisions are made within the bee world. We will also look at the factors that may influence their decision making process.
Al Saracene worked at SUNY Cortland as director of Corey Union and then for many years he and his wife, Char, owned Nordic Sports Store on Main Street in Cortland. In retirement Al is a prolific gardener, enthusiastic bee keeper and mainstay of the Main Street Farmer's Market on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

5:45 **Living in the Present: Chair Yoga & Meditation** UMC, downstairs
Together we'll use our senses to quiet our minds; we'll use our breath to listen to our hearts. **Kim Kelchner**, the owner of Pure & Simple Yoga Studio, is a Kripalu trained yoga teacher as well as a Nurse Practitioner in Family Health. Her passion is weaving the best of eastern and western philosophy into holistic healing through movement, whole foods and mindful living. She will be taking us on a journey inward through gentle chair yoga, breath, meditation and guided relaxation.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

LATER FRIDAY EVENING...

7:45 **Trivia Night under the Tent**

Tent

Looking for a fun Friday evening with friends? Tuck the kids in bed, get a babysitter, gather your team and join **Katie Kerr** for an hour of Trivia Night. Prizes will be awarded!

Not into Trivia? We have more classes for you!

7:45 **Our National Parks, Past and Future**

HCC Sanctuary

On this 100th Anniversary of the founding of our National Park System, **Dottie Kelly** will share the story of how it came to be. The vision, passion, and courage of key players will be at the heart of this presentation. It will conclude with thoughts about the present state of the parks and what it will take to protect them for posterity to enjoy. Dottie is a long-time resident of Homer and a retired French and Spanish teacher.

7:45 **Rochester's Great Tonsil Massacre: Cortland Connection** UMC Sanctuary

During 1920-21 a public health initiative promoted by George Eastman and other industrialists was designed to safely remove the tonsils and adenoids from all of Rochester's children. The presentation will conclude with excerpts from the historical novella that resulted from Terry's research, drawn from her own experiences as a K through 12 student at St. Mary's School in Cortland: the classrooms, the basement lunch room, the playground, and the Franciscan sisters who taught in the school.

When she retired from teaching and advising in the English Department at SUNY Brockport in 2011, Terry (Teresa Kerwin) Lehr returned to her passion - researching and writing about the history of health care in New York State. Her seventh and latest book is based on fact, but it is also this social historian's first departure from non-fiction.

7:45 **Long Term Investing**

HCC Board Room

In an era where stock market risk is high and interest rates on bonds are low, investing for the long-term is difficult. **Victor Siegle** will help us discuss lessons we have learned and balanced strategies that may reduce risk. Audience participation will be encouraged. Victor explores economics, education, energy, and the environment in Cortland County. He retired from Management Software in 2013 and was a co-founder of Marietta Corporation.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Wilcox Fun(d) Walk/Run

It's a 3/5 K Walk or Run – it's up to you!
registration at 8:30 in the Bandstand
THE RACE STARTS AT 9:30 *rain or shine!*
[register for child care, as needed]

- Register yourself or your family
- Cost:
 - \$20/person ~ \$22.24 to register online
 - \$40/group of 4 ~\$43.24 to register online
 - Save \$1 when you share your registration on FaceBook

Register by July 23 and get a special tee-shirt
For more information and registration forms:

chautauqua5k.com

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

AND LATER THAT MORNING...

10:30 **Stuff for Kids & their Parents** until about noon in & around the Tent

for the kids

side walk chalk art

stories for children

water events (*weather permitting*)

plus our ever-popular **BOUNCE HOUSE**

for both kids & parents ~ family races and yard games

for parents & other adults

coffee & bagels as you watch the kids at play

chair massage

coloring for adults

Don't forget to check out the Farmer's Market!

AND LATER ON SATURDAY...

evening events are being planned,

but are not yet finalized at the printing of this brochure

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 *Here is a rare chance for community discussion on Sunday morning!*

9:30 AM **Called to Community:** What does it mean to be the church? UMC

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AND LATER THAT MORNING...

Worship on the Green

Sunday morning at 11 AM



Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams, *preaching*

Associate Conference Minister of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ

Music from **CAVE QUEST**

offered by the children & volunteers of VBS

other special music offered by Michelle Edwards-Williams

our worship experience will be followed by a

Free Community Meal

meat provided by the Council of Churches

sides provided by our area church families