

The Hard Reality of Hospitality...

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear...” 1John 4:18

It has been impossible to read a news report or hear a news program this week without a reminder of the racially motivated incident in Charleston, SC where nine black people were killed at a Bible study at Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal church by a 21 year-old white man. Even as I marvel at the people of Emmanuel AME who have steadfastly affirmed the spirit of hospitality that welcomed this young man into their midst last Wednesday evening, I have been moved by the human tragedy of it all...and moved by the call on my heart for continued work for inclusion, equality, love, and acceptance of all of God’s children.

My heavy heart seems to cry out...“What does this all mean? What can I do?”

As these questions swam in the sea of my thoughts and in the midst of all of the daily demands of life last week, I read a post by a white pastor, Suzanne Woolston Bossert, who grew up in South Carolina and was/is herself searching for meaning and answers:

“[Removing the Confederate flag] is just the beginning. You know that, right?”

Maybe, just maybe, we are bearing witness to a marvel. As the South rises to this moment...even now the throngs of protest are swelling!..... may we all, in every state, look not to throw our angry stones but rather stare in our own mirrors, acknowledging that the beast of hatred prowls from sea to shining sea, as far as the eye can see, in you and in me...

...I say this with a voice still edged with an unmistakable southern accent: thank God the flag is coming down.

Then the hard work will really begin, for a flag is just a symbol. Are you ready? We are all in this together. Let the prophets decry and galvanize, but then let us set aside the alluring intoxication of indignation and anger, because we need to truly unite to finally find out how to truly heal and truly change...”

Amidst all of the “flag talk” and commentary and rhetoric and opinions this week, a friend of mine suggested that we need another symbol...a new banner that unites us rather than dividing us. I found that a compelling point to ponder here at Wesley—so far removed from Charleston, SC; yet connected to our kindred there as children of God and branches of the same Methodist tree. What does this all mean to us...as individuals who are part of a community of faith seeking to live in unity and love with one another and offer hospitality to ourselves and to our neighbors?

LIGHTINGS AND ALTAR FLOWERS...

The Tower lighting for June is given in loving memory of Hazel and Sherman Langille by The Bellil Family.

The Rose window lighting for June is given in loving memory of our fathers, James Muncey and Claude Stephenson by Mark and Cindy Muncey.

The Tower lighting for July is given in loving memory of Mable and Luther Marsh, and Evelyn & Martin Samanen by Carol, Dave, Steve and Jeff Samanen.

The Rose window lighting for July is given in loving memory of Lois and Bill Bird and Paul Carlson by Timmy and Charlie Bird.

The August Tower and September Rose window lightings are available for dedication. The cost is \$40 for the month. If you are interested in one of these lightings, please contact Debi in the office at 508-799-4191, ext. 102. Thank you.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

- ✠ Elizabeth Robinson now at the Lutheran Rehab & Skilled Care Center, 26 Harvard St, 2nd floor, Worcester, MA 01609.
- ✠ Persons struggling and in need of health and healing
- ✠ Brian who has suddenly had to go on disability and stop working due to an unknown illness
- ✠ Family seeking a new beginning, and those seeking to leave abusive situations
- ✠ Sam Drajesk as he moves to Wisconsin and starting a new job after graduating college
- ✠ The acceptance and welcome of people who live with mental illness
- ✠ The members of Emmanuel AME Church in South Carolina, for healing and to continue their hospitality
- ✠ All fathers for their support and guidance they provide to their children
- ✠ The Wesley Youth Group and adults as they travel for Youth2015 in Orlando, Florida.
- ✠ Emmanuel Okrah on this birthday on June 20th and to all fathers in the world.
- ✠ Nana Boadi Amoah will hold a thanksgiving lunch after church on Sunday, June 28th. All are invited.
- ✠ Family and friends of Virginia Prouty who died on June 21st.

Here at Wesley, if we were to create “a new banner” of love and inclusion and hospitality and unity...what would it look like? What would we choose as our symbols? What would it mean to who we are as “we” not as “us and they?” How would living into the ideals of the banner change us and shape our actions, our relationships, our ministries?

Perhaps Easter and the image of resurrection is brought to mind with the idea of a new beginning—a new banner. Certainly, that is a wonderful image to hold. However, this week I hear the strains of a Christmas carol as well...“O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sins and enter in, be born to us today... Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!”

I invite you to ponder all of these things in your heart; to be open to the Lord Emmanuel being reborn this day in your heart; to consider being a part of “a new banner”; to pray, to love, to forgive, to act.

For the next few Sundays, we will have an opportunity to create “a new banner” with words, quotes, pictures, symbols. Maybe we’ll send it to Emmanuel AME in Charleston as a symbol of solidarity. Maybe we’ll use it to encourage and empower us on our journey as God’s people at Wesley UMC. Maybe it will simply be our prayer for forgiveness, unity, hope, love, and faithful action.

“Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!” *With hope for the journey, Lisa*



INVITATION TO VISIT THE WORCESTER ISLAMIC MOSQUE...

The congregation of the Worcester Islamic Mosque has cordially extended an invitation to Wesley members to a presentation during the Islamic observance of Ramadan. This is their holiest time of the year spent in prayers, doing good works, visiting the sick, and feeding the needy. The invitation includes a presentation on Ramadan and a tour of the mosque followed by an ethnic dinner. We have been seeking fellowship with members of the mosque and establishing connections and friendships with them.

The mosque is located at 248 East Mountain Street. The presentation will be given on Thursday, July 2 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event, but we are asked to make reservations so that we can establish a head count. If you and/or members of your family would like to attend, please contact Margaret Watson by Thursday, June 25 at margjkw@gmail.com or call (508)-856-0862 (OK to leave message).

MEMORIALS... There are many ways to honor those who have died recently or in the past. Birthdays, graduations, and weddings are reminders. At Wesley, a gift to Memorial Gifts Funds or flowers on the altar, or lights to brighten the church at night can honor those in the past. Speak with those at the Welcome Office for guidance.

TRAVELING TO A NATIONAL PARK THIS SUMMER? Encounter God in a truly awe-inspiring wilderness setting! Did you know you can worship in many of the country's major national parks this summer? Look for notices about Sunday services provided by A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP). ACMNP is an interdenominational ministry that embodies and extends the ministry of Jesus Christ to those who live, work, and vacation in our national parks. For more information, ask Allison Hansen or visit acmnp.com.

FROM CARTY CUPBOARD.....

Due to the ongoing parking lot construction the Carty Cupboard Food Pantry will continue with the shortened schedule of being open only on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00PM and Monday June 29th and July 13th from 6:00 to 7:00PM.

At this time our donations of food and personal care products are way down on the following items.....**condiments, diapers, deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste.** To everyone who continues to donate we really do appreciate your thoughtfulness. To those who do not donate on a regular basis now is your chance to step up and help out a great mission

Thank You! ~ Nancy

MISSION MATTERS

JUNE 27 COMMUNITY SUPPER... Kimberly Lindsey-Amoah is in charge of the Saturday, 6/27 Community Supper (4 to 6 pm). The menu will be hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, green salad, watermelon and beverage. Donations of cupcakes and cookies will be much appreciated. Come enjoy this indoor picnic!

FUTURE COMMUNITY SUPPERS... Jean and Chris Grant are partnering with Deanna and Bill Wong to bring us the July 25th Community Supper. Lisa Fagerstrom will be leading the August 29th supper, and Linda D'Acri has volunteered for September 26th. Thank you all for stepping out in faith to offer Wesley's hospitality to our neighborhood!

For any person or group considering making this contribution of time and effort, there are in the Welcome Office newly updated explanations of what's involved. Members of the Mission Committee and Wesley Staff will assist you before and during the event.

MESSAGES FROM THE CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

PROJECT UPDATES

RETAINING WALL

Construction on the retaining wall has now resumed. At this writing, there are 4 rows of blocks installed for a portion of the lower wall. Because of the landscape, the construction needs to take place in sections to avoid hitting the wires overhead. It's exciting to see it move along!

AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENER – STATE STREET RAMP DOOR

The installation date has been set for Monday, July 13, 2015.

THE NATHANIEL WHEELER TRUST GRANT

The \$3,700 in grant money has been received. We are now working with a landscaping company to help finalize our plans. Lawn work will be done in the Fall.

THIRD FLOOR MEN'S ROOM REPAIRS

Work has begun to repair the leak in the roof that has caused water damage to both the wall and the flooring in the third floor men's room. Our roofing contractor has reviewed the area and is ready to begin. Two of the Trustees are looking at the space to determine an approximate cost for repairs and will report back at the next meeting.

ROOF LEAK

We experienced a problem with a roof leak after the heavy rains on Sunday. It caused water to fall alongside the organ pipes near Brett's office (no damage to the pipes at this point). Our roofing contractor has evaluated the issue and will be presenting his proposal for repair in the next week or so.

CHANCEL LIGHTING

Also on the project list is the replacement of lighting in the ceiling of the chancel. Many of the lights no longer work, and the wiring is also in need of repair in some of the areas. The height of the chancel ceiling is approximately 60 feet, so we need an electrical company to do this work with the proper ladders and safety equipment. We will be seeking quotes for this work in the next couple of weeks.

DOWNSPOUT DRAIN CLEANING

The trustees have approved a project to clean out all 20 of the downspout drains around the church building and the work will be done by Gustafson Plumbing.

OTHER NOTES

As we begin our summer season, I would like to remind you about some things. Many folks will be heading off for well-deserved vacations. Please remember to send in your pledge payments to help with our cash flow during the summer. It is often tricky to manage July and August bills and payroll to keep everything on schedule. Also, please remember you can make your payments through the Wesley website — just click on the donations button. :)

Also, when you are at church, just a reminder to shut off fans and lights when you are finished using any of the conference rooms or Sunday School areas, and to close all the windows. We're trying hard to keep our electric bill as low as possible and to keep bats and birds out of the building—yes, we do get them from time to time and Phil has to chase them with the bat net!!

I hope you have a wonderful summer and can finally enjoy some of this warm weather!

Regards, Lorna

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's VBS time! We are seeking donations to make Vacation Bible School a fun success! Our theme this year is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Power." Each day will be filled with activity: dinner, Bible expeditions, Glacier games, Mountaintop Treats, Imagination Station, and more as our crews trek through Everest! Below are items we need. Please see Jean if you need an item returned that is loaned (so that she can label it to ensure return to the rightful owner). Be on the lookout for a collection tub in Brewer Hall June 28th and July 5th. Please email Jean with questions: grantgirl05@yahoo.com. PS... there is still room for more children – see Jean for registration! Thank you!

Supplies:

5 pillows (medium or bed sized)	Lantern(s)
Beach towels	5 sand buckets (large)
20 splash balls	11 Orange plastic cones (small)
Medium-large cardboard boxes (6-7)	Cardboard tubes
4 x 4 wood pieces (2, 5 ft each in length)	Newspaper
Climbing Rope or thicker rope	Wet wipes (10 containers)
Thicker twine/rope	Bubble solution
5 mop buckets	5 medium blankets
Shower curtain liners (2)	Beige canvas tarp or sheet
solid brown paper bags (grocery store size)	Newspaper (for filling bags)
Green pool noodles (3-6)	Dark sheet
Large dark (navy blue) blanket or fabric	Clear duct tape

Flicker “candle” lights (dozen)
Hula hoops

White gauze ribbon (larger width)

Dried pineapple (3 bags)
Raisins or dried cranberries (2 containers)
Sunflower seeds (2 bags)
Shredded coconut (2 bags)
Banana chips (2 bags)
Chocolate chips (2 bags)
Strawberry yogurt (4 large containers)
Granola (2-3 bags)
Plain rice cakes (3 bags)
50 hamburger buns
Ketchup (1)
Spaghetti (7 boxes)
Bread (8 loaves, wheat or white)

Whipped cream cheese (4)
Honey (1)
Angel food loaf cakes (6-7)
Cool whip (6 containers)
Rainbow sprinkles
Maraschino cherries (2 jars)
Chocolate syrup (1)
Whipped cream (spray) (3)
Mini bagels – 7 bags
6 cans tomato sauce (in can, not jar)
Applesauce (6 large containers)
Jars tomato/pasta sauce (9 jars)
Chips (5 bags)

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY STARTS SEPTEMBER 20,2015!

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 9-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make Bible based money decisions to help you achieve your financial goals. We’ll walk you through the basics of **budgeting, dumping debt, planning for retirement and college tuition, understanding all kinds of insurance, and much more.** Stop wondering where your money went and start telling it where to go!

FPU offers financial hope to newlyweds, young families, families with college bound children, and retirees. It is not just for those who are in debt but offers more.

Stop the money fights.

Create a plan that gives you freedom.

Be free to give like you’ve always wanted.

Know your kids are taken care of.

For more information or to sign up for the program, contact Bill Wong at bill922@gmail.com or (508) 320-5620. Classes begin September 20, 2015 at 5:30pm in East Hall, for 1.5 to 2 hours each time. Through a special grant, FPU now only costs \$50 (a \$149 savings) per family for Wesley Church attendees in which the book “Total Money Makeover,” workbook, audio CDs, and starter envelope system are provided. Child care will be provided.

For more information about Dave Ramsey and FPU, visit www.daveramsey.com and look for Financial Peace University.

JOSEPH WILSON NAMED LAYMAN OF THE YEAR!

Joseph Wilson received the Layman of the Year award during the 10:30 worship service on June 21st.

Joseph came to America in the 1970s, he settled in western Massachusetts and immediately became involved in the local Methodist church, just as he had been in his home country of Ghana. Once settled in the States he attended and graduated from Springfield College. He moved to Worcester and became a member of Wesley Church in 1996. As a member of Wesley Church his contributions of time, talent and energy soon became apparent and his skill at uniting different cultures has served us all well. He continued his education in Worcester and went on to graduate with a degree in accounting from Quinsigamond Community College while working full time at Norton Company. Somehow along the way he found the time to attend Johnson and Wales University and earn a degree in culinary arts.

Joe has served as the chair of the Ghanaian Association, worked tirelessly in support of the choir, he was, and continues to be, instrumental in retaining our Ghanaian choir master. He presently is a member of the Wesley Hospitality team, a member of the Men's Fellowship group, a leader of a Sunday morning study group and the leader of a Sunday afternoon service. He has led the effort for our annual Harvest Sunday on more than one occasion. Joseph recently dedicated much time and effort, as did many of our Ghanaian members, to making it possible for Wesley-Worcester to successfully host this year's Ghanaian choir conference.

Most recently he has attended the New England Conference School of Licensed Local Pastors and is currently enrolled in the General Board of Higher Education's "Course of Study program". He attends Course of Study classes at Duke University for several weeks each summer.

Joe is a big man in stature, which must have been an asset in his earlier work as a policeman in Ghana for four years, however we really know him best for being a man with a great big heart. He is described by his lovely wife Margaret and many others, as one who always wants to be doing something to help others.

With this well-deserved award Wesley thanks Joseph Wilson for all that he has done and continues to do.

IT'S CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST...

Once again we are coordinating a “*Christmas in August*” drive for the Economic Ministry in Salem, Maine. This year our goal is 1,500 new toys and other items.

We need your help! How?

♥ Take advantage of sales you see to acquire items that can be used for the Ministry’s Christmas Shop—clothing, housewares, toys, sports items, batteries, videos, personal care items, tools, gift cards, etc. ♥ If you do not want to “shop” and would rather make a donation, we will be happy to shop for you. ♥ We have a red and green box in Brewer Hall where you can leave your **unwrapped** gifts. A general gift list is below, otherwise a complete list of gift ideas is on that box. **Please bring your new, unwrapped gifts to the church by Saturday, Sept. 6.** ♥ Or you could deliver your gift directly to the truck at Epworth UMC parking lot on Saturday or Sunday, September 6 or 7, from 9 am to 1 pm.

Items For All Ages - socks, underwear, sleepers/pajamas/nightgowns, slippers, robes, shirts, pants/jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts/pants, (warm clothing) coats, gloves, hats, scarves, personal care items, books, music CD’s, music players, videos/DVD’s, McDonalds/Burger King coupons. **NO MUSIC WITH FOUL OR VIOLENT LYRICS.** (Please include batteries when needed.)

Children - Toys for boys and girls from infant through pre-teens stuffed animals, dolls, board/card/handheld games, skates, sleds, sports toys, stocking stuffers. **NO GUNS OR WAR TOYS.**

Youth/Teens – Games, watches, hair dryers, curling irons, razors, brushes, hair accessories, purses, wallets, luggage, sports items, phone cards.

Adults/Elderly - Work gloves & hats, gas cards, phone cards, gift certificates, postage stamps, watches, razors, hair dryers, Bibles, cans of nuts, popcorn, candy (some sugar-free).

Household and General – Blankets/comforters, sheets, pillows, bath/kitchen towels, toaster, mixer, other kitchen appliances, pots and pans, utensils, glasses, dishes, bowls, hot pads, radios, clocks, thermometers, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, small hand/power tools, cleaning supplies, snow shovel, ice melt, sand pail, ice scraper, dry gas, deicer, lamps, flashlights, home decorating items, batteries for necessary items, Walmart gift cards.

If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Pennino or Donna Hirtle of the Mission Committee. Thank you, in advance, for your gifts.

John in Ultra-High Context: John 9

(notes from the Brewer Hall Study Group, June 14—21, 2015)

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Jesus' Rescue of a Man Born Blind

This incident parallels the healing of the lame man (5:2-20), also mentioning the pool of Siloam ("having been sent"), also occurring on a sabbath, and also about to generate controversy. In John's chronology, this occurs directly after Jesus leaves the temple area at the Feast of Sukkot, and continues Jesus' revelation to the Judeans as the **light** of Israel (in first century thought, restoration of sight = restoration of light).

Introduction (vv. 1-5). Stereotypical thought at the time was that, given the justice of God, suffering could only be the result of sin (conscious or unconscious). However, punishment from birth was a special case. Although personal sin was ruled out, collectivistic sin (including parental misconduct) was not (cf. Ex 20:5). In antiquity, light was {a self-caused entity}. Light in a human being (made of fire), emanating from the eyes, enabled a person to see. Such was "living" light, as opposed to the light of the sky. To be blind was to have darkness emanating from the eyes, thus, preventing sight. Light is associated with life (John 1:4; Job 33:30; Ps 56:13). Jesus' claim to be the "**light** of the world" (8:12) meant that he enabled Israel to see the way things really are, and was also the source of Israel's **life**.

The healing (vv. 6-12). Jesus' behavior was typical of ancient folk healers. Use of saliva reflected the widespread belief that it was protective (especially from the evil eye – which many would have assumed the blind man possessed. Many believed that sharing saliva was a form of a protective "blood covenant". John's interpretation of "Siloam" as meaning "sent" lacks a clear etymological basis, but "sent" language re Jesus is used 51 times in John's Gospel.

The first exclamations of surprise are from the healed man's neighbors, who were familiar with his begging. The disagreement over his identity (v. 9) suggests his tenuous ties to the larger community. One might assume that he had heard about Jesus (and therefore learned his name) while begging.

First interrogation of the newly sighted man (vv. 13-17). The Pharisees are caught between their concern for the disregard of the work prohibition on a Sabbath, and their internal division (v. 16). The healed man's consideration of their question to him about Jesus' significance (v. 17) leads to his further enlightenment – identifying Jesus as a prophet. That the Pharisees even considered asking him (one of lower social status) his opinion on such an important question is extraordinary {and indicates their desperation to find an answer}. The healed man is now himself "sent" into a broker role.

Interrogation of the parents (vv. 18-23). The divided opinion among the Pharisees on the ideology of reward and punishment (vv. 1-2) leads them to interrogate the healed man's parents for an explanation of the healing. [The fear of the parents that they might be expelled from the

synagogue for a “wrong” answer (v. 22) is usually thought to be an anachronism {in the latest layers of John’s Gospel} reflecting the debate then current between the {followers} of Jesus and those of Moses (alluded to in vv. 28-29)].

Second interrogation of the newly sighted man (vv. 24-34). In their second round of interrogating the healed man, the Pharisees’ {opening ploy} is to have him publically praise God for his healing (i.e., to recognize God as his patron) while accepting their claim that Jesus is a “sinner” (and therefore incapable of being God’s broker).

{The healed man deftly avoids their trap by restricting his answer to the fact of his healing, and when the Pharisees cross-examine him on the details of the healing mechanism, he responds with the statement that he already explained the mechanism – and couples this with what could be interpreted as a sarcastic challenge: “Do you too want to become his disciples?” (v. 27c). Essentially, he’s beginning a game of challenge-riposte with someone above his social status, to which they respond in a manner typical of their higher status, i.e., with scorn.} The Greek verb used here (v. 28) is *eloidórēsan* (“they reviled”) which in this context means to speak publically in a highly insulting manner. They follow this (again) with a comment about Jesus’ unknown origins (v. 29). The man’s rejoinder (vv. 30-33) is a skillful logical argument to the effect that God listens to those who do his will – therefore a sinner could not possibly perform such a sign {Jesus’ sixth sign of self-revelation}. Having lost the game of wits with the healed man, the Pharisees resort to violence (“And they cast him out”).

Conclusion (vv. 35-41). This passage brackets the introduction in reverse order, forming a chiasmus to the scene as a whole: (A) 9:1-2; (B) 9:3; (C) 9:4-5; (C’) 9:35-38; (B’) 9:39; (A’) 9:40. In antiquity, such chiasmi facilitated remembering how the document went when recited aloud.

In asking the healed man if he believes **into** the Son of Man, in effect Jesus is asking if the man is prepared to join his antisociety. Use of the title “Sir” (vv. 36, 38) is the customary way of addressing a patron. The term *proskyneō* (“worship”; RSV, NRSV) describes the act of falling down before a person and kissing the hem of his garment, his feet, or the ground on which he walked. This was the gesture of clients when asking favors of a patron. At this point, the healed man becomes a full member of Jesus’ group.

Jesus’ concluding comments (vv. 39-41) complete the theme of reversal – the blind see and the seeing have become blind (cf. Isa 6:10; 42:19-20; John 12:40). The grammatical construction of v. 40 implies that the Pharisees expected a negative answer to their question. Jesus credits them with enough sight to be held accountable, but his use of the verb *menei* (“remains” or “abides”; RSV, NRSV) in this context is contrary to his traditional use of the term within his antisociety, where it describes group solidarity. This contrary use draws a sharp boundary between the Pharisees and the followers of Jesus.

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Did You Know?

Narthex

You may have noticed that there is a new carpet on the floor of the gathering space outside the main doors to the sanctuary. On Sunday mornings most of us enter the sanctuary worship space through this “lobby” outside the sanctuary, which is often referred to as the *narthex*, a term that might be unfamiliar to church visitors.

The word *narthex* means “enclosure” in Medieval Greek, and its earlier derivation is from the ancient Greek word for “box”, translated literally as “giant fennel,” as such boxes in ancient times were made of hollow stems from the plant. In our space the narthex is adjacent to the main worship space of the sanctuary but physically separated from it by a wall. In early Christian worship spaces the narthex was closed to the exterior but opened into the nave (the main space for the congregation) and was defined as a separate space by columns, a railing, or a screen. It originally was a place for the catechumens (those preparing for baptism) who were not admitted into the nave proper. It also became a place where people waited before services began and has evolved into our place for gathering.

Did you know that the first act of worship following the basic order of worship in the United Methodist Book of Worship is “Gathering”? Before corporate worship can happen we must be transformed by our gathering from many individuals into the body of Christ. The process of gathering actually begins before we arrive at the physical building of the church, as we prepare to leave our homes and the routines of our everyday lives for our weekly encounter with the living God in worship. The act of gathering continues in the narthex, where in our recognition and greeting of one another we realize that God already is present among us. Finally the culmination of our gathering occurs as we enter into worship as the body of Christ. Each week as we gather for our worship may we remember that we live out our faithfulness to our God in our hospitality as we gather for worship as much as in our formal liturgy.

*Submitted by,
Deborah A. O’Driscoll*

2015 HERALD SCHEDULE

Below are the next Herald mailing dates along with the deadline dates.

<u>Article Deadline Date</u>	<u>Herald Mailing Date</u>
Mon., July 20	Wed., July 22
Mon., Aug 3	Wed., Aug 5

If you have an article, please email it as a Word attachment to:

office@wesleyworc.org

2015 ALTAR FLOWER calendar is now available in the Welcome Office. If you would like to donate flowers on a particular Sunday in honor, celebration or in memory of a loved one or friend, stop by the office and reserve the date. You can reserve the chapel or the sanctuary. After church you are welcome to take the flowers home to enjoy or you may leave them to be delivered to a shut-in. The cost for the two arrangements in either the chapel or sanctuary is \$50. Please be sure to complete a form with the dedication and return it to Debi with the payment as soon as you are able.



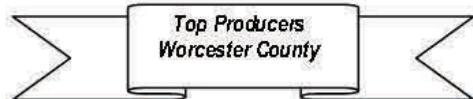
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