

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT...INTO MISSION

As the heat of summer winds down (hopefully), many of us are gearing up for our next season: Fall! The beginning of new schedules, cooler temperatures, apple cider, pumpkins, changing leaves, open windows...and a few of us are heading out on a mission trip to Guatemala in a few short months... Whoa! Hold up! Before I get too far ahead, I want to share a VBS moment from this summer.



With over 20 volunteers, and 50+ kids in attendance, this year was even bigger than last year. I am pleased to share that we were able to collaborate with the First Baptist and Park Congregational churches in Worcester, and we had children attend from other areas of Worcester. The word had spread and before we knew it, we had friends, relatives, and folks who saw our sign or website bringing their children to this wonderful event! I would like to extend an extra special thank you to Jeremy Berry from First Baptist and Lisa Fagerstrom and all our volunteers. The spirit was alive that week! I feel truly blessed to have been able to offer this free, spiritual camp to the children of our community.

The children (and adults) learned that Jesus is the light of the world during the week-long camp. We “spelunked” through each (hot) evening with dinner and snack, crafts, experiments, energetic games, interactive Bible lessons, enlightening videos... and last but not least, fellowship...all while sharing in Christ’s lessons of hope, courage, direction, love, and power.

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LIGHTINGS AND ALTAR FLOWERS

The Tower lighting for August is in loving memory of Kathryn W. and Melvin T. Thomas by Wayne, Susan, Kathryn, and Emily Thomas.

The Rose window lighting for August is given in loving memory of Rena Stephenson by Mark and Cindy Muncey.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

- ✠ Evans Enyim whose birthday was August 13th. We thank God for all the blessings showered upon him. Amen.
- ✠ Pierre Bellil who will have a very hopeful surgery on this foot on Tuesday. Pray for those who will be working with him.
- ✠ Gabrielle Adams who left for college in Texas.
- ✠ Thanking God for a safe trip to Ghana for my fathers burial.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hello Church Members,

We the church staff are looking for volunteers to wash down and clean the church pews, including the ones in the balconies. This will take a number of volunteers and maybe 2 separate days. You can make this a family day!

These wood pews have been turning blackish over the years from our hands and from many First Night's, weddings, funerals, and church activities. I will be looking into the best products for cleaning the wood.

I will be putting together a volunteer sheet out in Brewer Hall. Please leave your name and number and email to be reached. I will pick a day/date that will accommodate all volunteers. We will split up into teams, some working the balcony and others the sanctuary, including the pulpits and choir area pews in back of the pulpit. I plan on making this a fun day of fellowship as well as it should be, with Christian music and hopefully lunch.

Please consider this call of service. Let's keep Wesley Church looking beautiful and clean. If you are feeling this calling, please contact me, Gerard Piscitelli, or any other staff member to sign up, or sign up on the sheet in Brewer Hall.

Gerard Piscitelli

Following the Light continued...

As part of the week we had an evening that focused on an ongoing mission project: Guatemala Grace. Gerard Piscitelli shared about his previous trips to help Salud Y Paz and the families in central Guatemala. Salud Y Paz's mission is to help empower, heal, and educate the people of central Guatemala.

Again in October, a group of people from churches of the New England Annual Conference will be traveling to Guatemala to assist with construction of a preschool and work at the health clinic. The children in VBS helped prepare "Bible fun" activity packs which the team will bring with them. The team will also bring toiletries and handmade book bags (courtesy of the Wesley Prayers & Squares).

A crew from Wesley will be joining this mission to Guatemala: Gerard Piscitelli, Christian and Jean Grant, and possibly a few others. To add to the funds we have already raised, we are seeking additional donations to help defer the costs associated with the travel/accommodations for this week-long trip. We will be hosting a table during the Ministry Fair on September 11th, where people will have an opportunity to support the trip.

Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for this trip. We appreciate your prayerful support on this important mission.

With gratitude,

- Jean Grant, Dir. of Children's Christian Ed.

To learn more: <http://www.saludypaz.org/> and <http://guatemalagrace.org/>

HERALD VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help put the Herald together on Wednesday mornings. They begin around 8:30/9 am and finish by 10:30. Often we will gather for coffee, snacks, and fellowship time afterwards.

Upcoming Herald mailing dates are: Wednesdays, August 31 and September 21.

If you have a couple of hours every other Wednesday (sometimes a Thursday) and would like to help, please speak with Debi in the office. Thank you.

BRING A FRIEND/ NEIGHBOR/ CO-WORKER TO CHURCH

In an ideal world, every Sunday is Bring a Friend or Neighbor or Co-worker to church Sunday. This year, however, on *Sunday, September 11*, I would like to challenge you and encourage you to invite one person to worship with you that Sunday. Just one person! It can be a friend, a neighbor, or co-worker, or it can be someone whom you have noticed has not been worshipping with us for some time. If anyone declines your invitation, *do not* be discouraged! Pray that God will lead you to someone else and extend the same invitation to them. “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try, try again.” :)

When you make your invitation, offer to give them a ride or to meet them in the church parking lot or the church entrance so you may sit together. When they come, be sure to introduce them to at least three people from Wesley, and be sure you reach out to someone else’s guest yourself. Then after their visit, call them up and ask them out for a cup of coffee and ask them what they thought about worship. Then, invite them back for a second time.

In the beginning of the gospel of John, we find Jesus inviting people to discipleship who in turn extend invitations to others. To Andrew Jesus said “*Come and see*” (John 1:39). Andrew in return went and invited his brother, Simon, saying “*We have found the Messiah*” (John 1:41). To Philip Jesus also said, “*Follow me*” (John 1:43); and Philip in turn found Nathaniel and invited him saying, “*We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph of Nazareth*” (John 1:45).

While every Sunday is Invite Someone to Church Sunday, I thought I would give you a practice run, in case you haven’t been doing it all along. :) I look forward to meeting your guests!!

In faith and hope, Pastor Shandi

MISSION AND MINISTRY FAIR: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

This year’s Mission and Ministry Fair is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th, beginning at 9:30 AM. This is an opportunity for you to share with the congregation information about your ministry, mission, or work area. BE CREATIVE! You want people to be as excited as you are about the work you do. So find fun and engaging ways to tell your story.

Bible Studies, Small Groups, Mission groups, etc, this is an opportunity for you to also reach out to others and invite them to join you in the work you do. But, for church Committees, the Lay Leadership Development Committee is responsible for filling out open vacancies on our administrative and ministry committees. You need not recruit people to your committee but you simply need to tell the story of your work area.

You are all invited to participate. If you need a table, please contact the church office and let us know by Thursday, September 8.

MESSAGES FROM THE CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Hi everyone. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and have been able to cope with this heat and humidity! I just returned from a lovely vacation, and I can't believe how quickly we will be back to our regular schedule in just a couple of weeks! I have several items I would like to share with you in the meantime.

Floor Refinishing

As you know, Phil Johnson, our Building Superintendent, has been out on disability since January 1. We miss him terribly, and have been challenged to cover some of the work he does for us. This year we hired a company to do the refinishing of the East Hall and Brewer Hall floors, and we also included the stage floor. The work was scheduled for the week of August 8. During this week, the East Hall floor and the stage floor were completed, but they ran out of time to get the Brewer Hall floor done. Because of a number of events that are already contracted, we had to reschedule Brewer Hall to August 29. Please note that the hall will not be available for the entire week. It will be ready for use on Sunday, September 4, 2016 for walking traffic only so it can cure.

Year to Date Financial Results through July 2016

<u>Profit and Loss Statement</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Budgeted Income	339,226	354,529	- 15,303
Total Non-Budgeted Income	9,261		9,261
Total Income	348,487	354,529	- 6,042

<u>Profit and Loss Statement</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Budgeted Expense	374,250	388,704	- 14,454
Total Non-Budgeted Expense	10,000		10,000
Total Expense	384,250	388,704	- 4,454
Total Difference	- 35,763	- 34,176	- 1,587

Women's Mini Harvest Results

Donations received	1,350
Expense	- 199
Net Result	1,159

Request for Assistance - Carpentry

We are looking for a part time helper to do some light carpentry work on an “as needed” basis. If you know of anyone in the church, or who might be a friend or family member that might be interested, please have them call me at 508-799-4191, x100.

Request for First Night Co-Leader

Our First Night leader last year will not be able to participate this coming December. I am looking for someone to help with the shopping for First Night. If you can help and be available for the entire evening, please let me know. Other volunteers will be solicited in October. Again — my phone number is 508-799-4191, x100.

Reminders

Please remember to **turn off all lights** when you leave a conference room, or any space in the church at the end of the day. Lights are often found left ‘on’ in the morning and this is an expensive waste of money. Even with energy-efficient lighting, our electric bill averages about \$1,200 a month! Your help in reducing this cost is appreciated!

Please remember **to close all windows** when you leave the building!!! Most of the windows **do not have screens**, and we have had many instances over the years where bats come in at night and fly around the church trying to get out. Please help us keep the church free of bats!!

Chairs and tables may be borrowed—but you must go through the office to put a deposit on them. Once the items are returned, you will receive your deposit back.

The **State Street door** is often left ajar. Please make sure when you are leaving the building that the doors are closed and securely locked. If you push on one or both doors, they should not open once they are locked. If they do open, it means they have not been locked or have not been shut correctly.

*Thanks and peace,
Lorna*

FROM CARTY CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY

We are looking for a volunteer to take the broken down cardboard to the recycling center in Worcester. The day we take our cardboard to be recycled is Wednesday. We also have another volunteer opportunity.... we are in need of a person to do the set up for distribution on Friday mornings. You must be able to lift grocery bags of food and cases of bread and pastries, and produce. The set up time is 8:30 AM and it takes about 45 minutes. If you are interested in helping out with either opportunity please call Nancy Spencer at 508-887-1481.

Now in August we are asking for backpacks for kids in grades K thru 12 both girls and boys. In each backpack we ask that you put an age appropriate item for coloring, from crayons for the little ones to markers or colored pencils for the older ones. These tend to be more expensive than pens and pencils and usually are not bought when our client's funds are tight.

Thank You for taking the time to think of those kids in need! It is a wonderful thing to see the happiness of a girl or boy when they get their very own new backpack with a surprise inside!

Food items needed to help fill bags at Carry Cupboard at this time are.....

Meals in a can....like baked beans, pasta, and stews

We are also in need of jelly in plastic please.

Thank You!

~ Nancy Spencer

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Fall will be here before we know it! Some important dates & events:

- ☞ **August 28th** – The kids will be making some jam for our mini-harvest in the kitchen during 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.
- ☞ **September 4th** – Labor Day weekend – there is **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**. Childcare will be available.
- ☞ **September 11th** – The kids will be baking bread for our mini-harvest in the kitchen during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.
- ☞ **MINISTRY FAIR – September 11th** – please come visit our table during the coffee hours to learn what's going on in our Children's Christian Education ministry! Interested in volunteering? Come on over. :)
- ☞ **Children's-led Worship, September 18th**- Children and Youth will be leading the 10:30 a.m. worship service, along with hosting a mini-harvest offering. Bibles will be presented to children who do not have them yet, to preschoolers/toddlers (a Bible story book), or to youth that have transitioned to middle school.

Seeking Volunteers!

- ☞ Like to work with the littlest members of our congregation? We are looking for some youth and adults to help assist in our infant-preschool childcare room. Contact Jean Grant(grantgirl05@yahoo.com) . All helpers (over 18) need to be CORI-checked.
- ☞ Closet clean up! Running Sunday School comes with stuff. Stuff piles up over time. I could use some volunteers to help me tackle a few of our Sunday School closet areas. Got a few hours to spare? Drop Jean Grant a line! Thanks!!
- ☞ Interested in volunteering in another way? Teaching, assisting as a helper or greeter, mission/field trips, bigger events (Pageant, VBS, etc)... let Jean know.

MISSION MATTERS

Beverages for the Basketball Team... The Wesley basketball team are practicing on Thursday evenings and playing league games. Players will be thirsty! If you're able to donate juices, lemonade, water, etc. please tell Peter Hansen or coach Alex (aneild23@gmail.com). Please write "basketball" on the caps, if you can chill the drinks in a Wesley refrigerator.

August 27th Supper... Kimberly Lindsey-Amoah will be leading the August 27th Community Supper. She has enough cooks, but needs volunteers to set up and serve. The menu will be homemade mac and cheese, broccoli, rolls and salad, bread pudding and beverages.

Worcester Fellowship Fundraiser at Wesley on September 17th... Worcester Fellowship, the outdoor mission on Worcester Common, is offering an all-you-can-eat dinner of penne and homemade sauces, meatballs and sausages, drink and dessert. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 for children ages 5 to 10. The meal is in Brewer Hall, Saturday September 17th, 5 to 8 pm. Info on how to register is posted in Brewer Hall.

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. There will be a carton in Brewer Hall for (unwrapped) donations, and on it is a list of suggested items. Just about all kinds of useful housewares, clothing, etc. are listed, if you're at a great sale. Nancy Cook will deliver to Epworth UMC any gifts left by August 21st. Any donations left after that will be sent on the November truck.

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 Wednesday, August 21.**

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).

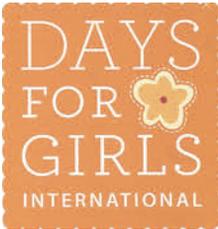
Household and General – Blankets/comforters, sheets, pillows, bath/kitchen towels, toaster, mixer, other kitchen appliances, pots and pans, utensils, glasses, dishes, bowls, hot pads, radios, clocks, thermometers, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, small hand/power tools, cleaning supplies, snow shovel, 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.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Notre Dame Academy's Open House for prospective students will be held on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 pm. Students currently in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade are encourage to attend. NDA's Entrance Exam for their applicants will be help on Saturday, November 5th at 8:30 am. Pre-registration is encouraged for the Open house and is required for the Entrance Exam.

If you are interested in attending NDA's Open House,m taking their Entrance Exam, or spending an academic day at NDA, please contact their Office of Admissions at 508-757-6200, Ext. 229 or send an email to admissions@nda-worc.org. NDA is the only Catholic private and independent college preparatory school for young girls in grades 7-12 in Central Massachusetts. Please visit their website at www.nda-worc.org to learn more about the NDA experience.



DAYS FOR GIRLS
North Worcester MA Team
United Methodist Women
Lorraine Kronberg, Team Leader

The theme of DFG (Days for Girls) is stated very simply. Every Girl. Everywhere. Period. It is difficult to believe that girls stay home from school five days a month because they do not have supplies for basic feminine hygiene once they start their menstrual cycle. It is very common for these girls to drop out of school and never get the education that could change and enrich their lives.

The DFG solution is a kit that includes the basic items for this monthly need. The kits last up to three years. Our dedicated team of workers who meet every Friday morning are committed to being a part of this solution by making the kits. Every work space is filled with someone working on a component of the kit.....shields, pockets, liners and bags. If you want more information about this important mission that our women have undertaken please contact:

Lorraine Kronberg (508) 852-6629 or e-mail Lorrgeo@aol.com

This mission will not succeed without the help of Wesley women. We have something for everyone to do. Visit us on one of the mornings listed below and find out how you can help. Shield kits are available to take home and sew.....wonderful easy directions are included.

Next sewing times: Fridays 10:00 AM - 1200 PM: August 19, August 26, September 9, September 16. (Church closed September 2)

EVERY GIRL... EVERYWHERE... PERIOD

1 Thessalonians, *In Context* (1 Thess 5:1-28)

{notes from the Brewer Hall Study Group, June 12-19, 2016}

Previously (Chapter 4), Paul had urged the Thessalonian Jesus group to exhibit God-pleasing conduct, to mark their group identity as belonging exclusively to God, distinctive, honorable, and above reproach by outsiders. This conduct would include maintenance of interpersonal purity. Then he alleviated their concerns for the fate of group members who died prior to the “soon” expected *parousia* – the “day of the Lord”.

Concerning the Time of God’s Intervention

(vv. 1-2) “Times and seasons” is a figure of speech for some specific time. Paul states that they needed no further precision of the time of God’s intervention (the arrival of Jesus as Lord with power), beyond “soon”, i.e., the proximate/foreseeable future.

The allusion of Jesus’ arrival with power to “the day of the Lord” refers to the day that would mark God’s restoration and salvation of Israel (Isa 2; Ezek 30, 34, 36; Joel 2, 3; Zeph 1; Zech 14). The “thief at night” metaphor refers to suddenness.

(v. 3) Paul characterizes Israelite opposition in Thessalonica (“they”) as overly reliant on the empire’s “peace and safety”, echoing the attitude of their ancestors (Isa 39:8; Jer 6:14; Ezek 13:10, 16), and similarly subject to sudden destruction.

(vv. 4-7) {Continuing the thief/darkness theme}, Paul informs the Jesus group that “they” are in darkness, children of the night/darkness (vv. 4-5), drunk and asleep (vv. 6-7), whereas “we” are children of light/the day (v. 5), awake and sober (v. 6), and thus “that day (of the Lord)” will not surprise us like a thief (v. 4).

(v. 8) Paul then introduces another metaphor for readiness – that of the familiar Roman army presence in every city of the East. But the image is rooted in Isa 59:17, where God wears metaphysical war gear (breastplate of righteousness, helmet of salvation, garments of vengeance, and mantle of fury) to take vengeance on those who dishonor him, for outcomes of justice, peace, and security. However, Paul’s use of the war gear metaphor isn’t about God’s honor, but about the Jesus group’s maintenance of their characteristic faith, love, and hope – ready for any contingency (as soldiers).

(vv. 9-11) Because only Israelites have a covenant with their God (God of Israel), only Israelites are obliged to serve and defend his honor. Therefore, if Israelite sinners break this covenant, i.e., shame God, they can expect God to take satisfaction (“wrath”). Wrath is waived (i.e., salvation is obtained) for Jesus-group members (despite any past personal dishonoring of God) who believe that God’s raising Jesus (Israel’s Lord and Messiah) signaled a new stage in Israel’s corporate history – an Israelite theocracy, i.e., the “kingdom of God” (1 Cor 15:50; Rom 14:17). The phrase, “that we may live with him” (i.e., Jesus) means new life both now and in the proximate

theocracy. The phrase, “comfort one another” ends this section of the letter, as with the previous section (4:18).

Group Advice

(vv. 12-13) Those “laboring among you and taking the lead in the Lord and admonishing you” are the group’s opinion leaders, capable of informally influencing the attitudes and overt behavior of the group members. Although they have no formal or jural authority, they have interpersonal skills and connections to the change agent (i.e., Paul). Paul notes that those with charge over the group deserve to be honored with loyalty and solidarity due to their function. The request to “be at peace among yourselves” refers to ingroup harmony, as would befit fictive kin.

(vv. 14-22) Paul now lists the attributes/values intended to mark off/define the Thessalonian Jesus group, in the form of advice directed to all members of the group:

(v. 14), admonish the idle, console the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all;

(v. 15), don’t seek revenge, but do good (to all – both insiders and outsiders);

(vv. 16-18), adopt a permanent pattern of joy, prayer, and gratitude;

(v. 19), sustain group experiences of altered states inspired by God’s spirit; and

(v. 20), cherish prophetic speech that occurs in these experiences.

Moreover, they are not to be gullible, but must test everything, choosing what is good and avoiding what is evil (vv. 21-22).

Invocation and Letter Closing

(vv. 23-24) Paul begins the letter closing with an invocation – that God keep the Thessalonians totally sanctified (i.e., holy), and the entirety of their being – *pneûma* (“spirit”), *psuchê* (“soul”), and *sôma* (“body”), blameless (i.e., mentally, morally, and physically healthy) at the arrival of the Lord Jesus. Because their calling is from God, who is trustworthy and reliable, this is assured.

(vv. 25-28) He then requests prayers on behalf of himself and his colleagues (likely to ask God for assistance and endurance in their task). The “holy kiss” is an ingroup marker of fictive kinship in Christ. Finally, he invokes his authority to command that the Thessalonians receiving the letter have it read to any of the group who might not hear it at its first reading. The wish for God’s *châris* (“favor”, “grace”) mediated by the Lord Jesus Christ beomes a distinctive, conventional Jesus-group letter closing.

Marshall A. *The R.S.V. Interlinear Greek – English New Testament. The Nestle Greek Text with a Literal English Translation.* London: Samuel Bagster and Sons Ltd., 1958.

Malina BJ, Rohrbaugh RL. *Social- Science Commentary on the Letters of Paul.* Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2006. pp. 51-56.

DID YOU KNOW?

This coming Sunday the Old Testament lectionary reading tells the story of the call of the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah is, of course, only one of many prophets in the Bible. In the traditional division of the Hebrew Bible a distinction is made between the earlier historical books such as Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, and 1 and 2 Kings, which are referred to collectively as the *Former Prophets* and the prophets who were called after the division of the kingdom of Israel and are known as the *Latter Prophets*. The classic age of Hebrew prophecy was the 400 years of Israelite history during which the books of the Latter Prophets were written. The Latter Prophets are further divided into the *Major Prophets*—Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel—who wrote longer books, and the *Minor Prophets* (or simply the *Twelve*, as that is how many there are)—Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Biblical scholars have identified several components as being traditionally characteristic of the commissioning reports of the prophets—divine confrontation, introductory word, commission, objection, reassurance, sign¹. Did you know that the call of one of the Major Prophets (Isaiah) is depicted in the stained glass of Wesley's sanctuary? The three large windows on the upper side wall of the sanctuary on the lectern side each depict stories of God's manifestation to well known Old Testament figures, and the window closest to the front of the sanctuary is based on Isaiah. The main central panel represents Isaiah's vision of God, in which he received his commissioning as a prophet. If you look closely at the panel on the right you can see the angel's cleansing of Isaiah's lips with the burning coal (Is 6:6-7).

In the Christian tradition the prophets are considered to have been predictors of the future whose words foretold the coming of Jesus as Messiah and also spoke of future events in the culmination of history. The concept of the prophet as someone who is a channel of communication between God and humanity permeates the Old Testament. There are actually several different prophetic titles used in the Old Testament. The etymology of the word *prophet* is unclear, but possibly means "one who calls" or "one who is called". Other closely related terms used in the Bible include *visionary*, *seer*, and also the simple title *man of God* (although not all prophets were male!) The prophets came from many different walks of life and from many different geographic locations within Israel. What they had in common was the task of delivering God's messages to the people, messages that still speak to us centuries later as we hear their words read in worship.

Submitted by, Deborah O'Driscoll

¹ Petersen, David L. "Introduction to Prophetic Literature." *The New Interpreter's Bible Isaiah - Ezekiel* (Volume 6). (Abingdon, 2001.)

2016 HERALD SCHEDULE

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

Article Deadline Date	Herald Mailing Date
Mon., Aug 29	Wed., Aug 31
Mon., Sept 19	Wed., Sept 21

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

office@wesleyworc.org

ALTAR FLOWERS on Sundays are available for donation in honor, celebration or in memory of a loved one or friend. Stop by the office and reserve the date in the Altar Flower book. 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 or member/friend in the hospital or in rehab. 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.



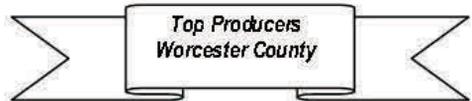
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