

Greetings from Kennebunkport, Maine! I am here with fellow worship team members Lisa Fagerstrom and Debbie O'Driscoll for a three-day conference on worship planning with Dr. Marcia McFee. In this Worship Design Studio, we're gathering tools and techniques for creating unique worship services at Wesley. We have participated in a Call to Worship with drum and piano accompaniment, we've learned 4-part songs in a matter of minutes, and we've looked at ways of pulling out themes to create unified worship services.

It's exciting to learn about new ways of doing familiar things, but I have to say that much of the excitement comes from the sheer potential of all that we can do with our present congregation and our church building at Wesley. We have an exceptional richness of resources and people – the sky is the limit.

This will shock nobody, but I am often particularly sensitive to the musical aspects of a worship service and think about ways to use music to best serve the congregation. This is not a solo mission, however: I can only do what I do because of the singers and bell ringers who give of their time week after week.

The Ghanaian Choir has been singing praises each week over the summer, rehearsing on Saturday mornings from 10-12 in the Ghanaian Choir room downstairs. After taking the summer off, the Wesley Choir and Ringers will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9 (bells at 6:00 in Mary Ellis, choir at 7:00 in the upstairs choir room). Meanwhile, I've been working with Jean and Lisa to integrate the children's music program with the curriculum they will be following. Music for the children will resume on September 20.

I hope you will consider trying one of these groups this fall. All of the groups here at Wesley aim for high musical excellence, but each time we gather to rehearse is an opportunity for fellowship and growth. It's a pretty amazing way of nurturing yourself and giving back to the congregation at the same time.

Please consider pushing beyond your comfort zone and trying one of these groups in the fall. We're friendly musicians here and newcomers are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you in a rehearsal soon! And a quick word to returning musicians – I've missed working with you and am looking forward to picking up where we left off!

*Bret Maguire, Director of Music*

## ***LIGHTINGS AND ALTAR FLOWERS...***

**The Rose window** lighting for September is given in loving memory of Ralph W. Ellis.

**The Tower** lighting for September is given in loving memory of Lois and Bill Bird and Paul Carlson by Timmy and Charlie Bird.

**The Chapel altar flowers** on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> are given in God's love, mercy and grace for Gladys Adu-Poku and her children after Robert A. Poku's passing.

**The Sanctuary altar flowers** on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> are given in loving memory of Joyce D'Ambra by Al D'Ambra and family.

**The Sanctuary altar flowers** on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> are given in loving memory of Rev. Roland Sundberg by Chloe Nester Sundberg.

## ***WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...***

- ✠ Tim that he may find strength and healing during a difficult time in his life. May he feel God's love to get him through.
- ✠ Ann Fuller who has been in UMass Memorial SICU as she battles with pneumonia.
- ✠ Our students who are returning to school this fall, and especially college students who are beginning their first year of college and those who will be graduating at the end of the year.
- ✠ Janice Capen's best friends daughter-in-law who was diagnosed with Leukemia and will be at UMass for four weeks getting chemotherapy.
- ✠ The souls of George Hammond and Doreen Sey, members of the Ghanaian Choir who are no longer with us.
- ✠ The family of Tina Ruiz. "Please pray for my family to have forgiveness in their heart for me. Please pray that I may have a grateful heart. Pray that I may have a home. Thank you."
- ✠ Cindy who awaits a cure for a rare type of cancer.
- ✠ For the homeless and the mentally ill.
- ✠ Our church staff and lay leadership as they plan for and prepare for a new Fall Season of programs and ministry.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

**The Church Conference** this year will be held at Wesley Church on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

SPRC will meet on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at Westborough UMC.

Please watch the Sunday News & Herald for more information to come.

**Ministry Fair, Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ If you would like to reserve a table for the ministry fair, please let Debi in the office ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org)) know by Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**INTERNATIONAL LUNCH...** The International Lunch is scheduled for Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of a volunteer(s) to head the lunch. If you are willing to take this on, please speak with Pastor Shandi as soon as possible. Thank you.

**FURNITURE DONATION NEEDED FOR REFUGEES:** The Ascentria Care Alliance is looking for furniture donations to provide to new refugee families coming to resettle in Worcester in the months of August and September. Items needed include: tables, chairs, bureaus, sofas, easy chairs, coffee tables, lamps, twin/ full bed frames (no used mattresses or boxsprings). If you have donations or have questions, please contact Beth Singley at [esingley@ascentria.org](mailto:esingley@ascentria.org) or call 774-243-3027. Thank you.

**IHN NEWS** – We will be assisting the IHN families the week of Oct 25-31. If you cannot be at the IHN home, you can still help the families by purchasing Hope for Housing cards in Brewer Hall. Please buy Shaw's, Big Y or CVS cards as these are the places closest to the IHN house. Give them to me and I will forward them to the IHN director to use for expenses of food, diapers, toiletries, etc. This will be on going thru the year, not just our assigned weeks. You can support two good causes with this one purchase! *Nancy Cook*

**THE SUNSHINE GIRLS** are an outreach ministry of Wesley. We sing for shut-ins and nursing homes in the area. The joy we share is returned many fold through audience participation, frequent smiles, increased enthusiasm, happiness and repeated requests for our return. If you would like to join us or learn more about us, call Gail Liston at 508-829-9839.



**UMW STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 8:45 AM...** Come start off our new season at the September Steering Committee meeting on Saturday, September 12 at 8:45 a.m. in Mary Ellis Lounge. We'll be working on fall event planning and look forward to your input. All circle chairs and officers, please attend or send a representative so your voice can be heard. Coffee will be ready at 8:30 so we can get started at 8:45.

## FROM CARTY CUPBOARD

As for September 11<sup>th</sup> the Food Pantry will return to its regular schedule. The hours of operation are..... The second and last Monday of the month from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, Weds 1:00 to 3:00 PM, and Fridays from 10:00 AM to 12:00PM.

**The Item of the Month for September is... Meals in a can...** this can be Stew, Pasta, or Beans.

**The Item of the Month for October is... Turkey gravy.**

**The Item of the month for November is... Hearty canned soup.**

**The Item of the Month for December is... Jelly...** in plastic please.

At the moment we are in desperate need of the following... Hearty canned soups and Meals in a can.

*Thank you, Nancy Spencer*

## MISSION MATTERS

**Leaders Needed for October 24<sup>th</sup> Community Supper...** Linda D'Acri and family have generously offered to be in charge of the September and November Community Suppers, but we need a person or group to run the Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Supper. *(Note: October is the one month in 2015 for which the last Saturday does not work for our supper, because of Halloween.)*

**September 26<sup>th</sup> Community Supper...** The menu for the September Community Supper is chicken parmesan, penne, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert. Donations of desserts (baked finger foods) will be much appreciated. If you are able to help set up, serve or clean up, you may contact Linda D'Acri. And please plan to attend!

**Gifts to Maine Economic Ministry and Abby's House...** Thank you for the Christmas in August gifts you donated! They were delivered to Maine on Sunday 8/30. Starting on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Mission Committee will collect "gently used" or "next to new" housewares and clothing. The suggestion list printed in the summer Heralds also applies to this collection. It will be taken to Maine on the weekend before Thanksgiving (on Nov. 22). Office work and party clothing will be donated to the Abby's House Thrift Shop (which is open to all). Please remember this collection when doing your fall cleaning, or catching up on your 2014 cleaning... Questions? Ask Betsy Pennino.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Fall Curriculum kick-off begins September 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>!** The children will be beginning a new curriculum called, "Deep Blue". Come upstairs and check out the classroom and hallway bulletin boards as we venture through the Bible this year with exciting stories, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, singing, and games/science experiments.

**Bible Sunday:** Please joins us on September 13<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 a.m. worship where the children will be presented with Bibles (grades K through 5, and middle school).

We hope to see you at the ministry fair! Come check out our table for more information what's ahead for us this year...

## YOUTH GROUP

The Wesley Youth Group (Grades 6-12) will meet on Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> for pizza and planning for the coming year. We'll meet upstairs in the Youth Room following the 10:30 worship service. We'll spend some time talking about the summer and the experiences of Youth 2015, sing some, eat some, play some, and plan some! Come be a part of the continuing tradition of the Wesley Youth Group and a part of the vision for its future! Youth Group will continue to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month following the 10:30 worship service. [Be on the lookout for a few other fun activities being planned for the end of the summer!]

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITY...

In the coming months, there will be opportunities provided to view and discuss DVD's of Elaine Heath, Professor of Evangelism at Perkins School of Theology, as she presents her vision for the future of mainline churches (particularly United Methodist churches). Professor Heath is a dynamic presenter with an inspirational vision for and experiences in helping churches come alive in living out their faith in communities and neighborhoods.

There will be several opportunities to take part in viewing and discussing the videos. The 9:30 Adult Topical Sunday School Class will use the videos as their curriculum beginning on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and continuing on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be opportunities in September and early October to view and discuss the videos after the 10:30 worship service. There will also be mid-week day and evening times provided if folks are interested in a time during the week. Additionally, a copy of the videos can be provided to anyone wishing to hold a small group on their own or view them with a committee or circle meeting. Please call Lisa Fagerstrom at 508-799-4191 x106 or e-mail ([Lisa@wesleyworc.org](mailto:Lisa@wesleyworc.org)) her if you are interested in taking part in this thought provoking video series and conversations.

## REGISTER NOW FOR FINANCIAL PEACE U STARTING SEPT. 20,2015!

Are you looking for a change in your life or how you handle personal finance? 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!

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- Know your kids are taken care of.
- Be free to give like you've always wanted.

For more information or to sign up for the program, contact Bill Wong via email at [bill922@gmail.com](mailto:bill922@gmail.com) or (508) 320-5620. Classes begin September 20, 2015 at 5:30 pm 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, if needed. You can even attend all 9 weeks for free by just listening in class, taking notes, and participating in the group discussion (no materials provided).

*A free preview session will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and 12 pm.*

For more information about Dave Ramsey and FPU, visit [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) and look for Financial Peace University under classes.

*Save the Date...*

Worcester Interfaith presents

### THE BEGGAR'S BOWL

10<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser and arts event on **Tuesday evening, October 13, 2015** from **5:30 to 7:30 pm** at **First Baptist Church**, 111 Park Ave., Worcester, MA (corner of Park Avenue & Salisbury St., Worcester)

**Come enjoy artisan bread and a bowl of homemade soup, served in a hand-thrown stoneware bowl which you get to take home!**

Donation: \$50 ~ For more information, call Worcester Interfaith (508) 754-5001

## ***Central MA District Announces FALL 2015 LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES COURSES***

Each course will meet on three Saturdays – **October 31, November 7 & 14** at 1 to 6 PM

**Location:** Oxford United Methodist Church; 465 Main Street, Oxford, MA 01540

**Registration Fee: \$45.00      Registration Deadline:** October 19, 2015

***(Registration Form is a separate attachment.)***

### **Description of Courses**

#### ***Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course***

The Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course focuses on the many ways lay servants are called to be in ministry. Completion of the Basic Course is required for certification.

#### ***Go Preach – Advanced Course***

This course is designed for lay leaders, pastors, student pastors who have not completed formal preaching training, pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence.

#### ***Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith - Advanced Course***

In this course, learn from John Wesley how to not only share your faith with others, and but also welcome them into a community where they can grow in faith. The Wesleyan model reaches out and welcomes, invites, and nurtures, and speaks to both head and heart.

**For More Information** email [bobhout@verizon.net](mailto:bobhout@verizon.net) or contact Robert Hout, Jr. at 781-647-3117

### ***About Lay Servant Ministries***

**Local Church Lay Servant** serve in and through their local churches. To be recognized as a local church lay servant, one must be recommended by his/her pastor and church council or charge conference and complete the Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course. Each participant must reapply annually, reporting on service rendered and learning achieved during the year. Every three years the lay servant must complete a refresher course or continuing education course relating to his/her ministry

**Certified Lay Servants** serve in their own churches, in other churches, and through district or conference projects and programs. This offers them the opportunity to expand their outreach and to enrich their ministry through the various advanced courses. To be recognized as a certified lay servant, one must be recommended by his/her pastor and church council or charge conference and complete the Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course as well as one Lay Servant Advanced Course. Each lay servant must report and be renewed annually, and he/she must complete at least one Advanced Course every three years.

**Specialized Track: Lay Speaker** – A lay speaker is a lay servant who is called and equipped to serve the church in pulpit supply in accordance and compliance with the Book of Disciplines (2012) ¶341.1. Lay speakers will have specific training as listed in this amendment and will be interviewed by the district committee on lay servant ministries. In the New England Annual Conference, the following Advanced Courses are in the training requirements for the Lay Speaker track: *Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, Leading Prayer, Preaching, Living Our United Methodist Beliefs* (UM Heritage), *Leading Worship and Life Together in the United Methodist Connection* (UM Polity).

## RESTLESS? SEARCHING?

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- A group supporting your spiritual growth.
- A group reaching out to other Companions groups.
- An opportunity to learn various styles and forms of prayer.
- A record or journal of your walk with Christ.
- An invitation to let scripture form your faith.
- A time to reflect on where God is calling you and to affirm the gifts God has given you.
- A discovery of spiritual friends who will listen to and pray for you.

# NO-NONSENSE FAITH: Study on the letter of James



*“Theory does not necessarily produce practice just as science does not inevitably generate wisdom.”*

**(Scot McKnight)**

**All throughout the letter, James encourages all Christians to live a no-nonsense faith which practices what it believes. It addresses the abuse of the poor, the injustices of the rich, the trials of those who follow Jesus and what to do about them, and the need to show mercy to those in need.**

**The District Superintendent of the CMA District invites you to join him to discover the subversive message written by James, brother of Jesus; and how as believers we can become wiser and grow in our faith.**

We will study the entire book in several locations, learning the ins and outs of this unusual letter, which it was as challenging when James wrote it as it is today.

**The dates and locations for the BIBLE STUDY are:**

CHAPTER 1 -October 22- 9:30am, Oxford UMC, MA

CHAPTER 2- October 29- 9:30am, Milford UMC, MA

CHAPTER 3- November 5- 9:30am, Christ UMC, Wellesley

CHAPTER 4- November 12- 9:30am, Worcester, MA

CHAPTER 5- December 3- 9:30am, Centralville UMC in Lowell

For registration, directions or for any other information, please visit the website [www.neumc.org/cma](http://www.neumc.org/cma), email the district office at [cmadistrict@charter.net](mailto:cmadistrict@charter.net) or call 508-853-1895. (Drinks and snacks provided)

## John in Ultra-High Context: John 11:24-54

{notes from the Brewer Hall Study Group, August 16-30, 2015}

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### Arrival at Bethany and Confrontation with Sisters (II)

(vv. 24-27) Martha professes the traditional faith of Israel (scribal Pharisaism), and thus is not a full insider.

(v. 31) Mourners in the house with Mary and the entourage thinking to follow her to the tomb would have been largely Judean women.

(vv. 32-35) Mary shares Martha's assessment of Jesus as a healer, but this doesn't provide a revelation. A small hint of displeasure on Mary's part may possibly derive from her believing that Jesus didn't make a greater effort to be at Lazarus' side (as would an honorable friend). However, this is difficult to assess. Cultural anthropologists inform us that apart from the sensory experience itself, there is nothing transcultural about human emotion. Modern Westerners cannot infer the quality and dimensions of the psychological experience that led to the weeping and reactions to it.

Jesus *enebrimēsato tō pneúmati kai etárxen eautón* ("groaned in his spirit and troubled himself" = displayed indignation), likely because Mary has just publically challenged him (questioning whether his actions were those of a true friend). Consequently, at this point Jesus appears uninvolved and irritated.

(v. 35) *edákrusen o 'Iēsoûs* ("Shed tears – Jesus").

### Jesus Rescues Lazarus from Death (Seventh and last sign of Jesus' self-revelation in John's Gospel)

[The name "[Lazarus](#)" is Latinized from the [Aramaic](#): אלעזר, El'āzār, (cf. [Heb. Eleazar](#), "God is my help")]

(vv. 36-37) Lazarus is the only person named in this Gospel described as one loved by Jesus. Nevertheless, the Judeans seem to share Mary's implied question about whether Jesus' behavior was that of an honorable friend (thus validating Jesus' indignation in v. 33). The connection between restoring sight and restoring life reiterates the theme of vv. 9-10, where it was previously noted that ancient people believed that "living" light originated in the heart and shone outward through the eyes to illuminate the object of focus. Thus, the Judeans reasoned, one capable of restoring sight should be able to maintain life.

(vv. 38-40) The notice that Lazarus had been dead four days is repeated here (cf. v. 17), thus emphasizing that he was beyond hope (beyond the three-day period that Israelite scribes believed that one's life force hovered near the cadaver, departing on the fourth day). Jesus reminds Martha that the glory (honor) of God is his ultimate concern, and that her belief (in-group trust) would result in seeing God's glory.

(vv. 41-44) These words of Jesus are the language of patronage. As God's broker, Jesus has complete confidence that the patron (God) will provide, and for the sake of the onlookers he makes that clear. In raising Lazarus, Jesus is rescuing Martha and Mary as well. The previously implied dishonor (vv. 32, 37) has now been fully overcome, and **life** is now available to all who believe.

(v. 45) This is the first report that some Judeans who had come to the tomb with Mary and had seen the raising of Lazarus believed (i.e., joined the Jesus group).

### **A Plot to Kill Jesus**

(v. 46) There is some ambiguity about the identities of those reporting Jesus to the Pharisees. They may have been some of the new believers (v. 45). Nevertheless ...

(vv. 47-48) the Pharisees and chief priests show little enthusiasm for the raising of Lazarus. The gathered council reasons that non-involvement (*eàn aphōmen autòn outōs*, "if we leave him thus") with Jesus' many signs is (somehow) linked with fears of Roman intervention culminating in the destruction of the nation and its holy place. This is the first (and only) mention of Romans in the chapter. Lines are hardening between Judean society and Jesus' antisociety.

(vv. 49-50) Caiaphas' statement about the expediency of executing Jesus is taken by the Gospel's author to be an oracle bound up with the high priestly office. The phrase *ólon tò éthnos* ("all the nation") is interpreted to include all Israel, both local residents and émigrés ("the children of God having been scattered", v.52).

(v. 51-54) Once uttered, the high priest's oracle is irrecoverable and inexorable. The decision to put Jesus to death is firm – only the means were to be determined (v. 53). The author links the oracle to Jesus' decision not to appear openly among the Judeans anymore (v. 54). Rather, he joins his core group in the town of Ephraim (on the border of the wilderness) for an unspecified period.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

In the summer, many people spend time in gardens. The image of the garden is very prominent in the Bible from the Garden of Eden in the early chapters of Genesis to the description at the end of Revelation of the New Jerusalem which combines features of an ideal city with an abundant garden. In the Bible the garden is an image of both nature and sacred space. Often the original ideal garden in Genesis as well as the ultimate celestial garden are referred to as *Paradise*. The English word *paradise* comes via the French *paradis*, derived in turn from Greek and Latin words which ultimately take their root from a Persian word that literally meant “walled enclosure” and referred to the elaborate gardens of royal parks.

Another famous garden of the Old Testament is the garden found in the Song of Songs (also known as Solomon’s Song of Songs from its title in Hebrew.) This Biblical garden is probably the most famous garden of love in the world, and it has influenced both literature and visual art throughout the centuries.

Gardens also play a role in the life of Jesus. Jesus spent time in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his betrayal. As pointed out in the *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery* (IVP, 1998), this garden “...a place of ultimate anguish, of suffering and betrayal, of arrest and violence... is almost an antigarden... yet it also shares something important with the original Paradise: it is a sacred space within which a radical decision is made that reverses the course of human history.”

The other garden of Jesus’ life is the garden of the Easter story as recounted in the gospels. This garden of resurrection embodies the “conventional meanings of the garden—abundant provision, human longing satisfied, love triumphant...”

May memories of the time we have spent in our earthly gardens this summer as well as the bountiful harvest we recently have been gathering as our gardens bear their flowers, fruits and vegetables serve to remind us of the abundant love of God.

*Submitted by,  
Deborah A. O’Driscoll*

## 2015 HERALD SCHEDULE

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

Article Deadline Date	Herald Mailing Date
Mon., Sept. 21	Wed., Sept. 23
Mon., Oct. 5	Wed., Oct. 7

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.



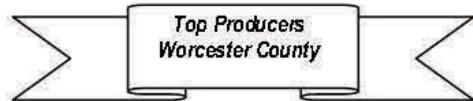
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