

Is Growth Possible?

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” ~ Mark 8:34

We say we want to grow! Right? We want to grow our faith. We want to grow our ministries. We want to grow our worship attendance. We want to grow our giving. We want to grow our church in all the ways that growth is possible. If that is what we want, then the inevitable question is, what will it take to grow?



I know that a lot of ink has been spilled by experts and scholars as they write on how to grow churches. And some of that work is very helpful. But, one thing that I quickly learned in my short tenure as a pastor is that it is not easy to move people from the realm of ideas to the realm of practice.

I heard a story once about an audience at a circus. The next act in the circus was of a tight rope walker. The tight rope walker asked the audience: “Do you believe that I can walk across this tight rope some 50ft above the ground?” The crowd cheered and clapped, screaming “YES!” The performer asked again: “Do you believe I can walk across this tight rope blindfolded?” Again, the crowd cheered and screamed, “YES!” The performer asked a third time: “Do you believe I can walk across the tight rope blindfolded and carrying one of you on my shoulders?” By this time the room could barely be contained. Some in the crowd had seen this act before. So, the crowd screamed and yelled and cheered, excited and eager to see this marvelous sight. The performer then asked one more question: “Any volunteers?” The room was silent – you could hear the crickets.

I have learned that, an idea can sound good and people can even applaud an idea but when it comes to putting some things into practice, it becomes another story. When it comes to people staking their very lives, sacrificing something about themselves, and committing themselves in faith, very few people are courageous enough to do this. It’s especially more challenging when the success of an idea is not only dependent on you but on others doing their part and

LIGHTINGS AND ALTAR FLOWERS

The Tower lighting for September is given in loving memory of Rev. Blaine Taylor by Lois Taylor.

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

The altar flowers on Sunday, September 10th were given in loving memory of Rev. Roland Sundberg by Chloe Nester-Sundberg.

The altar flowers on Sunday, September 24th are given in loving memory of Muriel S. Gibbs by Brad Gibbs, Donna Grenier, Martha Vigeant, Jeff Gibbs and families.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

- ✠ David Varhon who is recovering from a bone marrow transplant.
- ✠ Catherine as she grieves the loss of her mother.
- ✠ Someone's Dad who is recovering at home after major heart surgery.
- ✠ Giving thanks for the Wesley Wavers who came out in support of those marching in the Pride Parade.
- ✠ Melissa D'Acri as she is facing some health issues related to her chronic pancreatitis.
- ✠ The family and friends of Deborah Parker who passed away unexpectedly. Deborah was a new Baptism pastor.
- ✠ Family and Friends of Linda Ewing who recently passed away.
- ✠ Someone's Mom that God may give her a son.
- ✠ Family of Caroline Sherman as they grieve her passing
- ✠ Mark Salsman who is struggling with rapidly spreading cancer.
- ✠ Aunty Christy Amoah who is recovering from surgery.
- ✠ All people affected by the recent hurricanes, and all those in the paths of what's to come.
- ✠ For someone's father who received a dementia diagnosis with potential family impact.
- ✠ For a young couple looking for a place to live and who recently found out she is pregnant.

Is Growth Possible continued...

joining in with the same level of commitment and faith as you have. Some people lose inspiration, courage, or hope when they start feeling as though not everyone is doing what is needed to make an idea work.

Here in the church we are holding very challenging conversations about difficult problems or exciting opportunities, depending on your perspective. And in the midst of that conversation, we believe that growth is possible. The challenge is that, with so many people who have very different ideas about how to grow, finding the right set of ideas and practices to grow is a challenge. If we are waiting for the right idea or the perfect solution, then we may be waiting for a very long time. Sometimes what we need is to take a leap of faith and trust that God is there to hold us up.

The story of the tight rope walker and the crowd reminds me of the challenge we have before us. The challenge is to trust that God knows what God is doing, even when we are not so sure. The challenge is to place our lives into God's hand and trust that God can carry us across the turbulent times we are in. The challenge is to stop saying we believe that God can do great things, but actually step out in faith and let God do great things with us on God's shoulders. This, no doubt, is going to be uncomfortable and frightening, but it could also be very exciting. Where would you rather be when God acts and does marvelous things? On God's shoulders or on the sidelines?

*With hope and faith,
Pastor Shandi*



THE WAY OF GRACE IS A SPIRITUAL FORMATION STUDY that will be offered once a month for approximately 9 months beginning in October. This small-group resource invites participants to travel with 8 biblical characters (or groups of characters) who discover God's grace through their encounters with Jesus. More than a survey of biblical stories, it is a transforming interaction with the events and characters from the Gospel of John. A morning class will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM, and an evening class will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 7-9 PM. If you are interested, please contact Susan Williams at 508-795-7331.

FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Budget Forecast for the end of 2017

Based on October actuals, the forecast below was presented to the Church Council at their last meeting. While we have achieved increases in parking donations, and continue to keep expenses at bay, the deficit budget for 2017 appears to be coming in with a larger deficit than planned. Below are the results:

Forecast based on YTD actuals through 8/31/17

	Jan-Aug 17	Year End FCST at 35 Wks	2017 Annual Budget	Difference
BUDGETED INCOME TOTAL	427,219	664,177	681,994	-17,817
BUDGETED EXPENSES				
Total SPRC EXPENSES	265,206	395,253	408,660	13,407
PARSONAGE EXPENSE	4,063	6,037	6,149	112
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE EXP	84,359	134,543	134,500	-43
Total OFFICE EXPENSES	31,444	44,625	45,237	612
Total PROGRAM EXPENSES	16,632	31,533	35,900	4,367
Total CONFERENCE MISSION SHARES	44,331	63,000	63,000	0
Total MISC EXPENSES	2,564	4,490	5,040	550
Total BUDGETED EXPENSES	448,600	679,482	698,486	19,004
Total NON BUDGETED EXPENSES	2,506	3,055	0	-3,055
Total SPECIAL OFFERINGS	711	711	0	-711
Total NON BUDGETED EXPENSE	3,217	3,766	0	-3,766
Total Expense	451,817	683,248	698,486	15,238
Net Income	-24,599	-19,071	-16,492	

Please make every effort to keep up with your pledges and donations as we continue to work with the challenges we are facing in 2018.

Peace, Lorna

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS...



Before we break into our four classes for lessons each Sunday, all of the children will meet together in Wagner Hall for a brief time of music and worship...including an offering collection for our mission of the quarter.

During the year, the Deep Blue Kids (the four characters in the Sunday School Curriculum) will travel to particular locations around the world (Guatemala, Kenya, Armenia, and Alaska) to learn about the culture and the people of the country and, how to be part of God's blessings there. In the first quarter, the children will travel to Guatemala where the mission emphasis for that country is **Pura Vida**. In Guatemala, the Deep Blue Kids (and our children) will meet Carlos and learn about Pura Vida. Pura Vida provides educational opportunities for children in rural Guatemala.

Guatemala is one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere and faces special challenges, such as lack of access to beneficial educational programming. Pura Vida helps children continue their education, offers parent and family education, and recognizes the importance and need for access to education and educational resources.

We hope you will send an offering to Sunday School with your child each Sunday this quarter for the Pura Vida educational ministry in Guatemala.

See you in church!

Blessings, Lisa

(on behalf of Nan Gibbons and all of the Sunday School volunteers)

Volunteers Needed ~~ Community Service Hours available...

Preventing Homelessness Is My Starfish... Homelessness is on the rise in Central Massachusetts. Housing costs, and the cost of living in Massachusetts, only seem to go up. Many families face tough financial decisions – pay the rent or fix the car to get to the job that pays the rent? Or pay for essential medications? Or the electric bill?

How can you help? While this problem may seem too big for one person to solve, you can do something! Buy groceries. Or a cup of coffee. Or a bowl of soup.

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Volunteers Needed continued...

Use a **gift card sold in Brewer Hall** at the store where you typically buy groceries – Stop & Shop, Big Y, Hannaford or Shaws. Or give someone a card for Dunkin' Donuts, Panera or CVS. A portion of the card's value goes into a fund used by the Central Mass Housing Alliance for small grants. A few hundred dollars may be all it takes to keep one family in their home.

We also need helpers to sell the cards after church on Sundays. ***High school community service hours available!*** Come by the table and talk to Allison Hansen about what one person can do to prevent homelessness here in Worcester.

Arm Yourself With a *Walgreens* Flu Shot

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
114 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608

Sunday, October 1 st	9:30 AM to 10 AM
(after worship services)	11:45 AM to 12:30 PM
Tuesday, October 3 rd	2 PM to 4 PM

- ☞ *Covered by many insurance plans, including Medicare.*
- ☞ *\$0 out-of-pocket cost for Medicare Part B Customers**
- ☞ *20% discount for Prescription Savings Club members*

To ensure there are enough shots,
please sign up on one of the forms on Sunday in Brewer Hall or
call the office to let us know which day you would like to come.

Get a Shot. Give a Shot.® helps provide lifesaving vaccines to families in developing countries through the United Nations Foundation's Shot@Life campaign. So not only are you getting a flu shot but you are also giving one to someone in need.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK AND ON BEHALF OF SPRC

I would like to take another moment to publicly announce and acknowledge the recent staffing changes we have experienced in our church. In light of Jean Grant stepping down from the Director of Children's Christian Education position, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) recently announced their interim plan to have Lisa Fagerstrom take on some duties related to the Sunday School program for the period between September 1 and December 31, 2017. In this pastoral note, I would like to take some time to briefly describe the implications of this change.

After a consultation with Lisa, the SPRC designed a new (interim) position for the Christian Formation Ministry of our Church. In this position, the Director of Christian Formation will assume responsibilities in overseeing and managing the Sunday School program. Emphasis will be given to recruiting and equipping volunteers for the Sunday School, and supporting parents and families in their formative role for children.

With respect to the old duties of the Christian Formation & Discipleship position, there will be some significant changes. In the new position priority will be given to developing and supporting lay leadership involved in our ministries of nurture, outreach and witness, and resourcing ongoing spiritual formation opportunities.

The interim position will be a 30-hour position, which is significantly different from the combined 50-hours previously dedicated to both Christian Education (20-hrs) and Christian Formation & Discipleship (30-hrs). The SPRC and I acknowledge that this change creates constraints in the new interim position where things cannot be as they were. Lisa will be unable and is not expected to perform all her former roles and duties. As a response, the SPRC asked me to sit with Lisa, as her supervisor, to work out a plan for working within the identified priorities and related time constraints.

The design of the interim position with the 30-hour structure was made in anticipation of staffing and structural changes anticipated in 2018 because of the budgetary challenges the church is facing. This was not an easy decision. The SPRC and I understand that Christian Formation happens across the ages, that Sunday School is a significant part of formation, and that lay ministry and leadership are key to a vibrant Christian Formation ministry. The ministry of making disciples belongs to all members, so the design of the interim position was made with this in mind.

The next few months will be important as the church, together with the staff, continue to discern and explore ways to position ourselves for the future, so please join us in this endeavor. Finally, please join the SPRC and I in expressing gratitude to Lisa for agreeing to step into this interim position with the challenges it poses. I invite the congregation to be as supportive of Lisa as much as you can.

In Faith and Hope, Pastor Shandi

We Are Church: Back to Basics

In their hymn, “We are the Church,” Richard Avery and Donald Marsh declare that, “The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.” If the church is a people – a community of faith, what does it mean for us to be the church? In this worship series, we will revisit this basic question.

Employing the vision outlined in the Book of Acts, we will explore what it means for us to be devoted followers of Jesus Christ. The Book of Acts, which tells the story of the very early church, we hear how the disciples of Jesus “devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers...” (Acts 2:42) And how, wonders and signs were done by disciples as they held all things in common, sharing with those who had need, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. (Acts 2:37-47).

In this We Are Church: Back to Basics worship series, we invite you to reflect on how well we are doing as a church and what we need to do in order to live more faithfully as a disciples who profess to be a part of the body of Christ.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Other Observations</u>
Sep 17	Devoted to the Apostles Teaching	1 Timothy 1:3-7; 1 Timothy 4:6-16; Mark 1:14-28	Celebration of Jean’s Ministry DFG Kit Assembly Ghanaian Association
Sep 24	Devoted to the Fellowship	1 John 1:1-7	Christian Education Sunday, All Church Meeting
Oct 1	Devoted to the Breaking of Bread	Luke 22:14-21	World Communion Sunday and Communion Breakfast
Oct 8	Devoted to the Prayers	Philippians 4:4-9, James 5:13-16, Luke 11:1-4	
Oct 15	Wonders and Signs, I: Holding things in Common	John 6:1-14	Ghanaian Association
Oct 22	Wonders and Signs, II: Sharing Possessions	Acts 4:32-37; 2 Cor. 8:1-15	Consecration Sunday and Stewardship Luncheon
Oct 29	Wonders and Signs, III: Life together	Acts 2:37-47	All Church Meeting

Save the Dates...

Sunday, September 24 th	Christian Education Sunday, Children's Mini-Harvest All Church Meeting, 12 PM
Sunday, October 1 st	World Communion Sunday Communion Breakfast, after both services Flu-Shot Clinic, 9:30-10:15 AM and 11:45 AM- 12:30 PM
Tuesday, October 3 rd	Flu-Shot Clinic, 2-4 PM
Monday, October 9 th	Columbus Day, office is closed
Sunday, October 22 nd	Pledge Sunday & Stewardship Luncheon
Sunday, October 22 nd — Saturday, October 28 th	Interfaith Hospitality Network week <i>see the chart on the Mission Spotlight bulletin board in Brewer Hall to volunteer</i>
Saturday, October 28 th	Community Dinner, 4-6 PM
Sunday, October 29 th	All Church Meeting, 12 PM
Sunday, November 1 st	All Saints Day Communion Breakfast, after both services
Saturday, November 4 th	Fall Retreat — Let Your Life Speak, 12-4:30 PM
Sunday, November 12 th	Harvest Sunday, worship at 8:30 AM and 10 AM
Sunday, November 19 th	Thanksgiving Sunday UMW Bake Sale, after both services
Saturday, November 25 th	Community Dinner, 4-6 PM
Sunday, November 26 th	All Church Meeting, 12 PM
Wednesday, November 29 th	Church Conference, 7 PM
Sunday, December 3 rd	First Sunday in Advent

WESLEY'S THIRTEENTH ANNUAL HARVEST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

HARVEST SUNDAY ~ SILENT AUCTION

We will be having a Silent Auction, so if you have anything you'd like to donate to the auction, please bring it to the office by Wednesday, November 8th. Please be sure to complete a form (available in the office) with a starting price and a description of your item. For more information contact Paul Hayfron and watch the Heralds to come.

OUR CONGREGATION IS OF MANY NATIONS BUT WE WILL PRAISE HIS BOUNTIFUL HARVEST AS ONE

- SILENT AUCTION BEGINNING AT 9:30 am
- SANCTUARY SERVICE AT **10:00 am**
 - ☆ KOFI AND AMA EVENT - Celebrate the day of your birth
 - ☆ PRAISE AND CELEBRATION MUSIC
 - ☆ HARVEST AUCTION
 - ☆ APPEAL FOR FUNDS
- FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN BREWER HALL FOLLOWING SERVICE
 - ☆ LUNCHEON – prepared by our Ghanaian Community



CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES AT WESLEY

Small Group Opportunities for the Fall—

Spiritual Formation : A Wesleyan Paradigm—Based on a book of the same name by Diane Leclerc & Mark A. Maddix, this group's invitation is to help faithful disciples grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, while learning more about Wesleyan spiritual practices.

Living in Sacred Balance—Are you soul-weary? Do you struggle to make time for God in the midst of a packed schedule? In their book *The Cycle of Grace: Living in Sacred Balance*, Trevor Hudson and Jerry P. Haas invite participants to utilize practical spiritual exercises and devotional times to restore/keep balance and to live grace-filled lives.

How can we help transform the world? ***Make a Difference*** draws upon biblical wisdom to provide practical guidance to help people connect their passion with the world's great need. Real stories of how real people found their place to serve will inspire and encourage you to do the same.

Interested in being a part of one of these small groups? Please contact Lisa Fagerstrom or sign-up on the sheets provided in Brewer Hall.

Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God

Please join us on Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30pm, beginning September 26 for a 6 week DVD study/discussion exploring Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and its relevance for today. DVD includes footage of modern pilgrimage to sites visited by Paul on his missionary journeys. Gain new insight into Paul's mission, vocation, and character as well as into his theology and ethics as revealed in his letters. There are no prerequisites! All are welcome. Please contact discussion facilitator Debbie O'Driscoll with any questions.

Fall Retreat—Saturday, November 4th from Noon-4:30 p.m.

Let Your Life Speak—This retreat will encourage participants toward a sense of meaning and purpose in making a difference in the world. With the help of concepts and themes from Parker Palmer's book of the same name, we will explore the gap between "the life I am living and the life that wants to live in me." Sign-up at church on Sunday, or by leaving a message for Lisa Fagerstrom at the church office.

Beginning on Sunday, September 24th, the Adult topical Sunday School class will begin a new study using the book "One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are" by Ann Voskamp. All are welcome!

MISSION MATTERS

Two International Missions in the next two weeks... Next week Bill Wong and Tim Murphy will be contributing their building skills and good will to those devastated by Hurricane Harvey in Houston. In the first week of October, Gerard Piscitelli will travel to Guatemala to help rebuild a clinic. He is a known friend and supporter at Salud y Paz where he has volunteered several times.

September 30th Community Supper... Wesley's Ushers are in charge of the September 30th Community Supper. The menu is Vegetarian Pasta bake, American Chop-Suey, salad, rolls, beverages and dessert. Bakers, desserts will be most welcome!

Wesley's IHN week Starts October 22nd... We are responsible for coverage and some meals at the Interfaith Hospitality Network house, October 22-28. The chart showing which shifts are available is posted on the Mission Spotlight bulletin board. To sign up, please see Mercy Peacock or Betsy Pennino.

October Community Supper Begins the 5th Year... Our first Community Supper was in October, 2013. Special thanks again to those who have given their time, effort and generous spirit to lead more than one supper in any of the 4 years--Linda D'Acri and family, Esther Circle, the Youth Group, Kimberly Lindsey-Amoah and Lisa Fagerstrom. They and others have already signed up to lead 2018 suppers through May!! The suppers are on a roll, so to speak. And Debi Ritacco also deserves much credit for producing all of our signs and flyers for distribution at the suppers, Carty Cupboard, and neighborhood shelters. Thank you, everyone, for doing God's Work in Worcester!

Wesley Supports Walk to Prevent Suicide... Seven of us showed up to be part of the Out of the Darkness Walk on September 16th. Jennifer Tharp is a leader of the Worcester effort, and this was their biggest crowd to date. She is part of the American Society for Suicide Prevention (ASFP). Their helpline is 1-800-273-8255, if you know a veteran or others suffering severe depression. Help them to not "choose a permanent solution to a temporary problem."



**Central Massachusetts District United Methodist Women
invites you to join us for our Annual Fall Gathering**

Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 9:15am

Oakdale United Methodist Church

15 North Main Street West Boylston MA 01583

Emphasis is on our Environment with:

Skits

Letters

Craft Project of your choice

Action Time

Fun and Fellowship

Worship

Election

and our UMW Resources to purchase.

See what UMW is doing to protect the earth and show awareness of Climate Changes.

Ingathering to support the local organization of Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Please bring any of the following:

Shampoo, conditioner, body wash,

paper towels, toilet paper, baby wipes, towels,

grocery Gift Cards, cleaning supplies

(Please consider the environment when purchasing items.)

REGISTRATION: \$10 payable to CMA UMW

Call Marcia Hoyt 508.655.0077 or email marciahoyt@aol.com

To carpool, call Allison Hansen at 508-853-5339.

Living in the Spirit:

New England Conference Spiritual Formation Event

What: a day of worship, fellowship and workshops devoted to nurturing passionate spirituality. Sponsored by the NEUMC Spiritual Formation Team.

When: Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 8:30am-3:30pm

Where: Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center, North Andover, MA

Workshop topics (You will choose 2):

- ◆ Mystery of the Icon
- ◆ Art for the Soul: Zentangle
- ◆ Prescriptions in the Bible: Spiritual Practices for Healing
- ◆ The Spiritual Practice of Presence with “the Other”: Creating compassionate and effective ministry together, even when we disagree
- ◆ Men’s Spirituality: Carving Out Daily Spirituality
- ◆ Liturgical Dance

Please note that Janice England and Lisa Fagerstrom are among those presenting workshops.

Cost: \$40, early registration (\$60 after October 10), includes coffee and pastry on arrival as well as lunch

Registration: online at <https://neumc-reg.brtapp.com/LivingintheSpirit> or you may call Rosemary McNulty at 978-682-7676 x201

A brochure with a full description of the workshops and schedule is available in the church office. Please feel free to contact Debbie O’Driscoll or Lisa Fagerstrom if you have questions.

DID YOU KNOW?

In a recent sermon Pastor Shandi made reference to the many feasts mentioned in the Bible. From Old Testament times, religious feasts and festivals have been joyful celebrations notable for instrumental music and singing, dancing and elaborate meals with abundant food. Much more than a party, these Biblical feasts were occasions for the commemoration of God's goodness. These occasions not only offered an experience of fellowship among human beings but also celebrated relationship with God.

We are all familiar with the Ten Commandments, but did you know that in the Old Testament there were six feasts commanded by the covenant of Moses? These feasts included:

- **Feast of Passover** and **Feast of Unleavened Bread** in the springtime which together commemorate the deliverance of the Hebrews from bondage in Egypt
- **Feast of Trumpets** (also known as Rosh Hashanah) marking the start of the new year in the fall
- **Feast of Firstfruits** and the **Feast of Weeks** (also known as Pentecost) which are both harvest celebrations
- **Feast of Tabernacles** (also known as Succoth) which commemorates God's provision of sustenance during the time of wondering in the wilderness

Three of these festivals (Passover, Feast of Weeks, and Succoth) were known as pilgrimage festivals in biblical times, meaning that all Israelite males were commanded to travel to the temple in Jerusalem to offer various sacrifices and participate in ritual worship. While the actual pilgrimage is no longer obligatory in Judaism, many Jews today living in Israel in or near Jerusalem attend prayer services at the Western Wall during these Jewish holidays.

In the New Testament the Gospels tell us that Jesus observed the traditional Jewish feasts, but at the last supper, he transformed the Jewish Passover into a remembrance of his sacrificial death. In the Christian tradition we observe this as often as we celebrate Communion. In addition, the liturgical year, which begins anew as we enter Advent, is built on a cycle of feasts that commemorate events in the life of Jesus and experiences of the early church:

- **Christmas** celebrating the birth of Jesus
- **Epiphany** commemorating the visit of the Magi
- **Easter** the celebration of Jesus' resurrection
- **Ascension** remembering Jesus' ascent into heaven
- **Pentecost** celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit

Celebrating our feasts is an important way in which we worship and experience fellowship as an expression of thanksgiving for all God has done and continues to do.

Submitted by, Deborah O'Driscoll

2017 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., Oct. 2	Wed., Oct. 4
Mon., Oct. 16	Wed., Oct. 18

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 \$60. Please be sure to complete a form with the dedication and return it to Debi with the payment as soon as you are able.



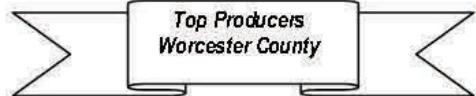
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