

## Our Baptismal Covenant

A fellow Pastor tells the story of a long-time member and proud grandfather who stood at the baptismal font with his family for the baptism of his baby granddaughter. Another infant from another family that was new to the congregation was baptized at the same service. Following the service, the two families intermingled at the font of the church as they took turns having their pictures taken. At one point, the mother from the new family needed to get some things out of her bag, and the grandfather from the other family offered to hold her baby. Other church members commented on the grandfather with the baby; and he found himself saying several times, “O, this one isn’t mine; I’m just holding him for a minute.”

On Monday morning, the grandfather called the pastor at the church office and said, “I want to change my will to include the church, and I want to talk to you about how to do that.” The pastor was stunned and couldn’t help asking about what brought the grandfather to this decision. The older man’s eyes grew moist as he said, “Yesterday I realized something while I was holding that other baby. I kept telling people that he wasn’t my child, but then it dawned on me that he was part of my family, part of my church family. I’ve been a member of this church for more than forty years, and in God’s eyes I’m a grandfather to more than just my own. I’ve taken care of my own children with my will, but I realized I also need to provide for the children of the church. So I want to divide my estate to leave a part to the church as if the church were one of my children.”

Just this year alone, here at Wesley we have had the joy of welcoming *fourteen* new children through our baptismal covenant at both services. And, as part of the covenant, we have always ritually declared that we will “*nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these baptized persons in our care.*” In the same ritual, members of the congregation reaffirm their baptismal covenant “*to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.*” So I wonder: What does it mean for *you* to include the fourteen children and their families in your care? Certainly, it is not only the job of the pastor to do that work. Is it? When you recite these words, what runs through your mind?

When I have followed up with some families of baptized children, I often learn that I am the only one who does that work. And perhaps it is my fault for not better connecting families with the congregation. But, when I hear members of the congregation lament that they do not see some of these families back, I often have to ask, “What have we done to include them in our care?” This is a question I want to leave us with this week. What can we do to better care for the families of the children we baptize?” Are they not part of our family? Please talk with me if you have ideas.

*In faith and hope, Pastor Shandi*

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

**The Rose window** lighting for October is given in loving memory of Heik P. & Irene B. Garabedian, and Robert Demers by Shirley Demers and family.

**The Tower** lighting for October is given in loving memory of Esther & Stanley Salme and Susan Salme Keith by Ruth and Fred Austin and family.

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

- ✠ Emi Smith who is recovering from having been in the ER due to blood clots in her lungs
- ✠ Octave Wren, mother of the Zoldak's family who is in ICU
- ✠ Baby Isaiah and his family who offered him to God. May God bless them.
- ✠ All college students from our church. Pray for blessings for them in their studies and that they keep us in their lives.
- ✠ Judith Barton's coworker, Sheila, who was recently diagnosed with heart cancer.
- ✠ Duane Boulette who suffered multiple severe injuries from a motor vehicle accident and is at UMass ICU.
- ✠ "My family and me while we go through a hard time."
- ✠ Nana Yaw Atweri and Matilda Odura's wedding which is coming on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
- ✠ "My nephew K. who is in Boston Hospital battling heart problems."
- ✠ "Our family to forgive each other and come back together and love one another."
- ✠ Those who are unemployed and struggling to find new jobs.

## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALTAR FLOWERS...***

We are in need of a few volunteers to help with the Altar flowers after services.

One volunteer is needed to coordinate the volunteers that are able to deliver flowers to Wesley shut-ins or people in the hospital or rehab facilities.

Other volunteers are needed to deliver the flowers to shut-ins or members/friends in the hospital or rehab facilities. You would take the flowers off the altar on Sunday after the service, transfer them into the coffee can, then deliver them. There is a book in the front office that you can check to see if the donator is taking both arrangements, or leaving one or both to be delivered.

If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please speak with Pastor Shandi, Sandy McManus or Debi in the office during the week.

## MESSAGES FROM THE CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

### Year to Date Budget Results through September

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	429,997	433,732	-3,734
Total Expense	488,123	474,271	13,852
Difference	<b>-58,126</b>	<b>-40,539</b>	<b>-17,587</b>
Pledges	234,428	243,923	<b>-9,495</b>

### Year End Forecast for 2015 based on September Actuals

Forecasted Income	609,486	619,888	<b>-10,402</b>
Forecasted Expense	650,867	646,844	4,023
Forecasted Loss	<b>-41,381</b>	<b>-26,956</b>	<b>-14,425</b>

### Project Updates

#### Retaining Wall

The wall is now officially complete, and the hostas have been planted.

#### The Nathaniel Wheeler Trust Grant and Landscaping Project

All of the landscaping in the front of the church has been completed. It includes new low maintenance shrubs, a perennial garden, and an application of lime and fertilizer on the grass. Everything is being watered by hand after our sprinkler system has been shut down for the winter.

#### Third Floor Men's Room Repairs

Gary Robinson and Eric Thomas have completed the painting of the walls. Thank you for your work!! The next step is to do the flooring and privacy panel. Almost done!!

#### Stage Curtain Estimates

I have been working on obtaining estimates for a new stage curtain approved by the Trustees. Our first estimate came in at \$4,800 which includes the installation. A second estimate is in process, and project will be funded out of the 2016 capital budget.

#### Parsonage Projects

The driveway sealcoating is complete. We are still waiting for the garage door installation.

### Chancel Lighting

When Coghlin Electric came to do the chancel lighting project, they discovered several areas of deterioration in the wiring and the actual lighting boxes. They were able to replace some of the lights, but the majority of the work has increased in scope. We are now waiting for a revised quote.

### 2016 Budget Preparations

I am presently working with Finance, the Trustees, and SPRC on the 2016 budget. There will be two All-Church meetings to review the first draft and the Final budget—one on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and one on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Both will take place after the 10:30 service.

Thank you to all who have submitted their pledge cards and envelope request forms! We look forward to hearing from you if you have not already sent them in.

### 2015 Harvest – Counters

Once again, I will be requesting volunteers to help with both the regular church offering and the Harvest counting on Sunday, November 8. If you can assist us with this effort, please let me know.

### First Night

We will be having First Night once again this year. I am looking for a volunteer to co-chair the event—which basically means helping with buying food and assisting with the setup. If you would like to join the fun, please let me know. Volunteer request forms will be included in future Heralds and Sunday bulletins. We have been given a lot of press by the First Night Office, and will continue to offer a limited menu with our venue closing by 11 pm.

*Peace, Lorna*



**IHN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...** Wesley will be helping at the IHN house again on October 25 thru 31. We need additional people to support this outreach. We need someone to help from 5 to 7, providing supper if you choose, or families can cook. We need an evening person from approx. 7 to 9. Then someone to sleep overnight until about 6:30 a.m. See Nancy Cook if you have questions. A sign-up sheet is on the board in Brewer Hall. Thank you!

## UMW STEERING COMMITTEE - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> @8:30 A.M.

It's budget season again, and we will be gathering in Mary Ellis Lounge at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 7 to settle on a budget for 2016. Starting 15 minutes earlier than usual so we have enough time to discuss our funding priorities and share some circle news too. Circle chairs and officers, please make every effort to attend this important meeting, as we will be talking about some spending proposals that are larger than previous years. If you cannot be there, please send a circle representative.

*Thank you. Allison Hansen, co-president*

## CARTY CUPBOARD...

### A note of thanks.....

I would like to take this time to thank Bill and Mary Jet Woodring for their many years of service as volunteer shoppers at the Worcester County Food Bank for Carty Cupboard. Through the years they have brought in **over 25,000 pounds** of food to the food pantry...which equals over **12.5 TONS!** We are forever grateful for their devotion to Wesley's mission to feed the hungry. Thank You Bill and Mary Jet!!

*Fondly, Nancy and The Gang at Carty Cupboard*

The Item of the month for **October is...Turkey Gravy...**in the largest cans or jars you can find. The instant packets of gravy mix make only about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cup which really is not enough for 4 or more people so in this case bigger is better. If you would like to donate additional items for the turkey boxes we will be giving out to those in need this year, we also can use **Canned Yams in the very large (28 to 48oz) cans, Bread Mixes, and Dessert Mixes.** Thanks!

At this time I am looking for 2 or 3 teenagers... girls and or guys who can lift at least 35 pounds to be runners on Turkey Distribution Day which is Saturday, November the 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM to noon. If you are free on that day and would like to help please call me...Nancy Spencer @ 508-887-1481 as soon as possible please. (I'll be happy to fill out community service hours paper work for this day if you volunteer!)



**REMINDER... DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

**Don't forget... Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> before you go to bed be sure to turn your clocks back 1 hour.**

## MISSION MATTERS

**Community Suppers...** Esther Circle and the Ghanaian Association will be in charge of the October 24<sup>th</sup> Community Supper. The menu will be spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, rolls, beverage and dessert. Donations of desserts (baked finger foods) will be much appreciated.

*At a recent Mission Committee meeting, Pastor Shandi discussed the Mission goal of having many congregation members attend the suppers. Here's a quote explaining the reasons (from 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations, which many of us have read): "Mission spreads the faith by exemplifying the compassion, mercy and justice of Christ in the world." So please attend and enjoy fellowship, a good meal, and Lisa's vesper service at the end (about 5:30 to 6 pm).*

**Thank you, Supper Leader volunteers!** Linda D'Acri and team will run the November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup> community suppers. By the end of 2015, the D' Acris will have led 11 community suppers, in addition to our Communion Breakfasts! UMW will lead the January 30<sup>th</sup> event. We owe great appreciation to our volunteers, especially those who risk taking on the leadership role.

**Volunteer at Dismas House?** Dismas Houses are always looking for volunteers to serve meals at their programs or to mentor former prisoners on their transition back into society-- with life skills and jobs. One Worcester program is at 30 Richards St., just past Clark U. if going south. Many Worcester college students fulfill work study requirements there. Dismas House also runs a farm in Oakham and looks for people to work with residents on the farm.

If you feel a calling to any of these roles, please speak with Pastor Shandi or Betsy Pennino. John Wesley showed particular concern for the incarcerated.

**"Next to New" Items for Maine Economic Mission...** A truck carrying gently used household items and clothing will be traveling again to Maine. Just about any useful donation for any age group will be much appreciated. There is now a labeled box in Brewer Hall for your contributions, and it contains a list of suggested items. They will be delivered to the Maine truck on November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Clothing more useful to **Abby's House** will be donated to their thrift shop.

## **UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS...**

Below is the schedule for the Fall Events.

You can register for any of these at: <http://cmdresourceday.com/>

The next upcoming event is SEMINAR ON PASTORS COACHING CONGREGATIONS THRU CHANGE, October 16 @ 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Aldersgate, North Reading.

### **Fall Schedule of Events:**

#### **District-Wide Bible Studies on the Book of James:**

**October 22 @ 9:30am-** Oxford United Methodist Church  
(Intro to James & Chapter 1)

**October 29 @ 9:30am-** First United Methodist Church of Milford (Chapter 2)

**November 5 @ 9:30am-** Christ Church Wellesley MA (Chapter 3)

**November 12 @ 9:30am-** Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Worcester  
(Chapter 4)

**December 3 @ 9:30am-** Centralville, Lowell, MA (Chapter 5)

#### **Workshop on Vision, Mission & Strategic Planning**

**December 12 @ 9:00am- 11:30am-** Oakdale UMC W. Boylston, MA

#### **District Superintendent Listening Sessions**

**November 3 @ 7:00pm-** First United Methodist Church of Framingham

**December 1 @ 7:00pm-** Epworth United Methodist Church in Worcester

#### **Seminar on Pastors Coaching Congregations Thru Change**

**October 16 @ 9:00am- 12:00pm** location Aldersgate North Reading

By Eric Stanway Correspondent  
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## Elm Park Ministries hosts day camp for inner-city kids

Elm Park Ministries counselor Tyler Holmes enjoys a swim with camper Jimmy on his back. Submitted Photo



WORCESTER - It's challenging to be a kid in the inner city during summer. With few options for entertainment or learning, the temptation to get into trouble can be almost too much to resist.

That's where the Elm Park Ministries Day Camp comes into play. For the last six years, the camp has been giving kids the opportunity to engage in educational and physical activities. The camp meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster St. The program, which runs for two weeks and recently concluded for the season, accepts kids 6 to 13, regardless of religious affiliation or their parents' ability to pay. For the past four years, the program has been headed by three directors, Bob White, Jena Hardy and BJ Hill.

"We're sponsored by various local churches in the Worcester area," said Ms. Hardy. "There are about 10 different denominations that plan and prepare for the camp, which runs for about two weeks in the summertime. All of the staff and counselors come from Camp Calumet, a faith-based camp located in Freedom, New Hampshire. For those two weeks, they actually live in the Trinity Lutheran Church. We also have local volunteers and teenagers who come in and help with the program.

"We have about 80 campers as a whole, most of which come from the Worcester area," she said. "The awesome thing is that we also have 30 kids who are actually refugees, and are brand-new to this country. They speak about eight or nine different languages that we've been able to count, and this is their first time at a summer camp. So, we're really thrilled to accommodate them."

The list of activities at the camp is exhaustive, and pretty much runs the gamut of just about any activity that a camper could want.

"We go on two field trips each week," Ms. Hardy said. "Earlier, we went to Rutland State Park and then to Hopkinton State Park. There, the kids can get into swimming and learn how to fish in a program sponsored by the Mass. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries."

Ms. Hardy added that local athletic teams have literally pitched in.

"We had the Worcester State University football team come in and give the kids football lessons," she said. "The Worcester Bravehearts baseball team visited as well, to show the

kids the ropes. Additionally, we had the Worcester State University Soccer Team come in and show everyone the basics of the sport.”

For those less athletically inclined, there is no shortage of activities for them, as well.

“We have volunteers come in and read stories to the younger campers, and we even had a visit from ‘Libby,’ the bookmobile from the Worcester Public Library,” Ms. Hardy said. “Lesley Davis, a yoga teacher, also came by and ran a yoga workshop, and we had Robotics Instructors Christine Lloyd and Howard Drake come in and show the kids the basics of robotics. On top of that, we had a couple of visitors from That’s Entertainment, the largest comic book chain in New England. These people were board game specialists, who showed the kids how to play some board games which were very easy to learn within a short time frame.”

The proximity of the camp to the Worcester Art Museum across the street is a plus, and one that the camp readily exploits.

“They’ve been really generous with us,” Ms. Hardy said. “The museum has provided us with docents, so the kids can attend different tours of the museum, based on age and interest level.”

Of course, the kids have to eat, and those meals are on the house.

“The Friendly House, a nonprofit organization located in Worcester, provides us lunches and snacks every day,” Ms. Hardy said. “It’s part of a government-sponsored nutrition program, and really helps with providing balanced, nutritious meals.”

An additional aspect of the program is community service, where the older kids, aged 12 to 13 years, will be volunteering at Veterans Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit which has been serving veterans and their families throughout New England for the last 25 years. To date, they have helped more than 60,000 veterans in need and today operates offices and programs in all six New England states.

Ms. Hardy feels that the camp provides a valuable tool in helping the kids see how people in other cultures live, and help them to understand the value of diversity.

“The coolest part for us this year is that we have kids from five different continents,” she said. “It’s great to see how having fun and being a kid is such an equalizing force. Really, it just shatters the language barrier, and we can observe the kids communicating with each other in a safe environment.”

For more information, call (508) 353-6464, (978) 549-9079 or (857) 222-7332 or visit [www.trinityworc.org](http://www.trinityworc.org).

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# John in Ultra-High Context: John 13:18-14:7

## {notes from the Brewer Hall Study Group, Oct. 11-18, 2015}

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{Chapters 13-17 cover Jesus' final gathering with his core disciples, during the feast of the Passover in Jerusalem. His actions and words to the disciples in chapters 13-16 recount his advice and encouragement on keeping the group together after his departure. The gathering began with Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, symbolizing his forgiveness of their sins (hands-feet symbolized purposeful action) and thereby setting an example that they should forgive one another (13:14-15).}

### **Awareness of Betrayal**

(13:18-19) To “lift the heel” (display the sole of one’s foot to another) was an insult – symbolizing the wish to step on another’s head (i.e., express shame). The quote from Ps. 41:9 implies that a member of Jesus’ core group will dishonor him. Jesus’ use of the phrase *egō eimi* (“I am [he]”) occurs repeatedly in John’s Gospel, reflecting the sacred name of Israel’s God (Exod. 3:13-15), and by extension, the presence of God.

(v. 20) Jesus’ word of honor here confirms that those whom he will send out are in solidarity with him, as he is with God. The verb “receives” means to show hospitality {as in 1:12}.

(vv. 21-23) The “the disciple whom Jesus loved” is never identified. Given that this Gospel is attributed to “John”, the unidentified disciple was identified early on with the Synoptic John, son of Zebedee (never mentioned in John’s Gospel). However, the only person specifically mentioned until now as one whom Jesus loves is Lazarus (11:3, 5), whom Jesus also describes as “our friend” (11:11), a relationship that Jesus will extend to all his disciples in 15:14.

“The disciple whom Jesus loved” will continue to be mentioned – at the cross (19:25-27), at the tomb (20:2-10), at the lake fishing (21:1-14), by the question of his death (21:15-23), and as the author of this Gospel (21:24). There is also mention of “another disciple” – one able to get Peter into the high priest’s courtyard (18:15-16), and as a witness at the cross (19:34-35), and specifically identified as “the one whom Jesus loved” (20:2). From chapter 13 onward, “the disciple whom Jesus loved” and “the other disciple” are the same person. In summary, “the beloved disciple” is a collectivist personality, bearing the general qualities of Jesus’ core group – a trusted disciple to whom Jesus reveals himself, a direct witness who is authorized to interpret Jesus to evoke loyalty (faith) and attachment (love).

(vv. 24-30) The ancients believed that those near death were closer to the realm of God than to the realm of the living, thereby allowing them the ability to see from God’s perspective, including the perspective of time. From this capability, Jesus foresees Judas failing his test of loyalty and announces in cryptic terms this impending betrayal. Peter’s request for the betrayer’s identity is forwarded through the beloved disciple to Jesus – indicating either that disciple’s higher status within the core group {or to keep the request private from the rest of the group}. The first test of the disciples’ commitment to Jesus to forgive one another will soon become painfully obvious.

## Jesus' Destination

(vv. 31-35) {At the point when Judas Iscariot leaves the final gathering of Jesus with his core disciples (v. 30), the course of events leading to Jesus' death in less than 24 hours is set in motion.} Jesus informs the remaining disciples that the Son of man is now glorified (honored), and through his relationship to God, God is also honored. He tells them that where he is going they cannot come {i.e., to the one who sent him (7:33)}, then adds a new commandment – to love one another, which will redirect the focus of group attachment after his departure.

(vv. 36-38) What Jesus means by **follow** (as a disciple) now includes “to lay down one's life” if necessary (v. 38). Simon Peter understands this in theory (v. 37), but is not yet ready to commit to such an action, as Jesus foresees (v. 38). However, eventually he will be (v. 36b).

## Clarification and Encouragement – I (to Thomas)

(14:1) The statement “Let not your hearts be troubled” occurs twice (vv. 1a, 27b), bracketing the clarifications and encouragement that Jesus now conveys to his disciples regarding their apprehension over his departure and continuing his mission (13:31-38). The eyes-heart zone of interaction with the world symbolized emotion-fused thought. To “**believe into**” is UHC terminology for long-term solidarity.

(vv. 2-4) Jesus' words of comfort to his disciples are familiar to John's audience – the Johannine group of the late first century.

The Johannine group knows that Jesus once left the disciples to go to the Father to prepare a place for them, and that the disciples soon afterwards experienced him in their midst (chs 20-21). That knowledge characterizes life in the Johannine group – they also experience Jesus in their midst, fulfilling Jesus' promise “that where I am you may be also”.

Jesus ends his promise to the disciples by stating that they already know the way to his destination.

(vv. 5-7) Jesus' last statement is misunderstood by Thomas, provoking a question about both the destination and the way to it. As is usual with the author, a clueless disciple serves as a foil for Jesus to patiently clarify for the benefit of the group. In his sixth “I am” statement, Jesus identifies himself as the **way** – following him will lead to the Father. He is the broker/Son who provides access to the patron/Father. As John asserts at the beginning of his Gospel (1:11-13), there is no other way for Israel. Yet Jesus' concluding statement to this clarification provokes a second misunderstanding.

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 Gospel of John.* Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1998. pp. 224-231.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our closing hymn in worship this past Sunday was *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (UMH 584). As with so many of our hymns this text is based on a passage from the Bible. The “Great Commission” in Christian tradition is the injunction given by Jesus to his disciples after his Resurrection. Its most familiar form is that found in Matthew: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matt 28:19-20, NRSV)

It is not clear when this mandate began to be known as the Great Commission but these words of Jesus have been the basis for Christian missionary movements from the earliest times of the church to the present. It is also the basis for the mission statement of the United Methodist Church—to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

The various stanzas of the hymn remind us of our tasks as God’s people in the world: “we are called to mission, to a life of sharing, to forgiveness, and to servanthood.”<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, the hymn also reminds the church of the “social imperatives of the gospel—the sharing of wealth and the establishment of a just society.”<sup>2</sup>

Although the wording as found in Matthew's Gospel is the most well known, some form of the Great Commission is found in each of the Gospels (Mark 16:14-18, Luke 24:44-49, and John 20:19-23) as well as in the book of Acts (Acts 1:4-8), which is really a continuation of Luke's Gospel. The versions of the Great Commission as found in John and Acts emphasize the giving of the Holy Spirit, and the closing petition which remains the same for each stanza of the hymn reminds us that it is the Holy Spirit that empowers us for ministry.

*Submitted by, Deborah A. O’Driscoll*

<sup>1</sup>Ray Glover, *A Commentary on New Hymns*, as quoted in *Companion to the United Methodist Hymnal* (Carlton R. Young, ed., Abington, 1993), 475.

<sup>2</sup>Carlton R. Young, *Companion to the United Methodist Hymnal*, 275.

## 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., Nov. 2	Wed., Nov. 4
Mon., Nov. 16	Wed., Nov. 18

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.



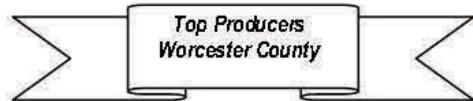
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