

Dear Members of the Wesley Community,

What a Harvest celebration we had this past Sunday! It was my ninth Harvest since starting at Wesley, and I was so excited to share the joy with our new Interim Director of Children's Music, Nan Gibbons. I have known Nan for years and am excited for you to discover the many gifts she brings.

Our celebration kicked off with a high-energy drum circle Nan helped lead. Just before we started playing, Justin tapped on my shoulder. He is one of our church's young kids, and his dad sings with the Ghanaian choir. During Saturday's rehearsal, I had noticed him clapping along in perfect rhythm, so setting him to drumming made perfect sense. It was a hopeful sign, having one of our church's youth drumming along on Nan's first Sunday here.

It was also the first worship service at Wesley after the presidential election of a candidate whose campaign bore the marks of division, exclusion, and misogyny. The contrast was stark: the joyful rhythms of the Harvest set against the dark language of oppression bearing down on the nation.

With Sunday's praises still playing in my head, I spent Monday morning reading through a compilation of the hate crimes that have been committed since the presidential election. The most hurtful slurs of racism, sexism, and bigotry are now invoked frequently. People wearing the hijab are verbally and physically assaulted, trans youth fear for their lives, college students are placing Jim Crow era signs for whites and blacks, and graffiti like "go home" is appearing all over.

None of these minority groups are being targeted for the first time. Since Tuesday's election, however, there has been a gushing forth of hateful word and deed against them. To which our president elect has said, "Stop it." This is not sensationalism. Search for "hate crimes since election" and mourn the torrent of articles from the New York Times, TIME magazine, The Southern Poverty Law Center... something is flowing like a river, but it's not peace.

Having grown up victimized, bullied, and ostracized for being gay, the stench of this oppression is not unfamiliar. It's just frightening to smell it all so concentrated and legitimized. This most recent campaign was built on the celebration of a "great" America that does not value diversity and exploration of The Other. The consequences are now present for all to observe.

In the light of so much negativity, I experienced this Harvest's rhythms with greater joy than before. I think of Justin, smiling and playing a drum almost as big as he, making music with straight people, gay people, I-don't-know people, white people, black people, immigrants, descendants of Europeans, women, and men. I hope he will remember this

## LIGHTINGS AND ALTAR FLOWERS

**The Rose** window lighting for November is given in loving memory of Clifford S. Duxbury, Jr. by Nancy, Beth, and Craig and Tina Duxbury.

**The Tower** lighting for November is given in loving memory of William and Mina Warman by Arline Benoit.

## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

- ✠ Jordan and Emily Shaw as they focus on school, college preparation and becoming young adults in a time of family challenges following their parents' divorce.
- ✠ Anne Burrows recovering from surgery.
- ✠ Janice England and family on the passing of her cousin, Stan Phillips, on Saturday.
- ✠ Navya Annapareddy who needs peace and support of the Lord.
- ✠ Carol Samanen's nephew, Tim, in Michigan who is having surgery on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ Theresa and Josh who lost their pregnancy through miscarriage on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ David for strength as he deals with life's struggles.
- ✠ Eddie Nii Ayei for God's protection and strength.
- ✠ Bruce Nichols who is recovering from surgery
- ✠ Julita Crisostomo as she continues to recover from her fall at the Millbury CareOne Center.
- ✠ Our nations as it seeks to heal from the divisiveness that this election has revealed.

### *Mark Your Calendar...*

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

- All Church Meeting, 12 PM
- UMW Bake Sale, after services

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Advent Retreat

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Annual Reports due to Debi Ritacco

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

- All Church Meeting, 12 PM

experience of inclusion, and that it will be a talisman reminding him of how much happiness we can have when different people come together in love. It doesn't need to be a scary thing.

I think it is incumbent on us, as a community formed around the values of love and compassion, to be as demonstrable as possible with these values. If you are angry, channel that into letters to your representatives (use a stamp, it means more). Exercise, practice a craft, and find creative ways of fostering trust among neighbors. If someone is being verbally abused, stand next to that person and offer a hug when it is over. Take pictures. Take videos. Share your truth.

But beyond that, be an even better person than you thought you had to be yesterday. Give away more of the stuff you love. Listen more carefully for the signs of hurt and longing in others' language, and be faster than you were before to offer solace. Think more carefully about the impact your choices have on the environment. The environment is just a fancy word for the planet that keeps us alive: abusing it is abusing ourselves, caring for it is caring for all of humanity.

We at Wesley are uniquely positioned as a diverse church to build an awesome testimony to human love and understanding. How many seeds of compassion can you nurture and grow, both in yourselves and others? How many social structures and activities based on shared growth, understanding, and healing can we build together? How can we help each other learn to speak truth to power in a way that invites dialogue instead of furthering the divide? It is hard work, but if we do it together, I think we can create an edifice of love that not only withstands the power of oppression, but resists it and transforms it into humility and understanding.

I leave you with a poem that I have been reciting to myself like a mantra, to turn the excess energy after deep breathing into productive channels of hopeful progress:

### **History**

The past has been  
A mint of blood and sorrow—  
That must not be  
True of tomorrow

*- Langston Hughes*

We will have much to fight against in the years ahead. Take the time you need to be sad and angry now, but then take a deep breath, roll up your sleeves, and get to work.

*Yours in love and compassion, Brett Maguire, Director of Music*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*"The Lord has told you, O mortal what is good; what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." ~ Micah 6:8*

The recent election results have created quite the stir, more than any other election in the past. While some people are rejoicing in the results, others are disheartened and discouraged – and may be even angry – with the same result. While there is nothing new with an election leaving people feeling divided, I am keenly aware of the particular significance of this one election. Brett Maguire, in his cover article, has aptly named some of what concerns many people about this year's election. The question becomes: what should our response be as a people of faith?

The beautiful thing about the democratic ideal is that citizens are endowed with the political freedom to participate in the governance of a nation. The democratic ideal recognizes that there are going to be differences in people's beliefs, visions, and interests. And so, democratic institutions were put in place to help people find a way to work together for the common good in the face of differences. This certainly is no easy task, which is why any democratic society is not perfect but an experiment in progress.

People of faith are not exempt from participating in a democratic society. By its very nature, the democratic ideal makes room for even people of faith to share their hopes and dreams for the world. That means people of faith have the same responsibilities to voice concerns, articulate their vision of the good, hold leaders accountable, and embody their commitment to that task.

So for those who celebrate the election results and those who cannot celebrate it, the responsibility for you remains the same: to discern how your faith informs the values and vision with which you want your elected leaders to lead, and how you will engage those who do not share your vision. From this perspective, it will be important to return to the sources of our Christian faith, to examine their teachings, and to examine ourselves as we listen for how God invites to engage the things of this world.

I cannot offer definitive solutions for any of you because, as history has demonstrated, even Christians disagree amongst themselves. But this one thing I hope we can have in common: we can be a people of hope who trust that God is able to do immeasurable more than we can imagine, and that this is ultimately God's world to save. How we choose to let God use us in God's work is the substance of faith. And so we can hope and pray that God will find us faithful to God's call and mission for the world.

*In Hope and Faith, Pastor Shandi*

**UPCOMING HERALD'S...** There are only two Herald's left for 2016. November 30<sup>th</sup> (deadline November 28<sup>th</sup>) and December 14<sup>th</sup> (deadline December 12<sup>th</sup>). Please pay special attention to these dates and any articles you may want to put in. The first Herald of the year will be on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). Please mark your calendars and prepare your articles accordingly. Thank you.

**UMW CHRISTMAS EVENT, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 12:30 PM, BREWER HALL**

Save the date for this all-circle Christmas meeting! Come for pizza, Christmas cookies and speaker Nancy Cardosi. She will share her work in Uganda supporting women's craft businesses and have some articles available for sale. All women of Wesley are welcome -- bring a friend! Childcare will be available.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped count for the Harvest, Debi Ritacco, Mercy Awuma-Peacock, Jeanne Dhavale, Jan Maguire, Bill Wong, Osei Ansah, Mark and Cindy Muncey, and Brent Drajesk. I am forever grateful!

**UPCOMING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES...**

**PRAYER TIME AT WESLEY...** On Monday mornings from 8:30-10:30 AM and Wednesdays from 11 AM-2 PM, the church will be open for prayer time each week. The lower State Street door will be open for access to the chapel. We hope you will join us! Please share with your family and friends that the church will be open for this prayer time.

**ADVENT RETREAT WITH STEVE GARNAAS-HOLMES...** Sunday afternoon, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4 PM we are pleased to have pastor, musician, author, and retreat leader Steve Garnass-Holmes leading us in our Advent Retreat. Steve has chosen as his theme for our retreat "Lighting the Candle in Our Hearts: Awakening our Hope in Advent."

Our time will begin at noon in East Hall with a light lunch and Advent-themed activities... making wreaths, creating Advent devotionals, craft projects for children and youth. This is a inter-generational retreat, and there will be activities and groups for all ages.

At 1:00, we will move to our retreat time with youth and adults in East Hall and children in Wagner Hall. Steve will lead us through a time of Advent reflection and conversation on our theme.

All are welcome and warmly invited to this exciting day of preparing our hearts for the season of Advent!

## A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE CARTY CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY

As Thanksgiving approaches I would like to take this time to let everyone know just how thankful I am for all those who make Carty Cupboard Food Pantry possible...

There is **Dot Ellis** who helps with Wednesday and Friday distributions, and lots of other things as needed. **Jerry Warren** and **Bill Wong** bring the cardboard to be recycled.

**Donna Hirtle** and **Cordelia Ferdinand** are there every Wednesday morning to set up for distribution. **Solomon Aryee** picks up donated bread from the Big Y in Holden every Sunday.

**Linda** and **Lou D'Acri**, **Beth Maider**, and **Ray Eichel** pick up food from the Worcester County Food Bank and Price Chopper. **Linda** also makes lunch for our clients who come to Wednesday distribution, which the clients really enjoy!

**George Kronberg**, **Barbara Crocker**, **Caroline Sherman**, **Susan Williams**, **Ann Fortier**, **Joanne Cesary-Guerard**, **Janet DeNapoli**, **Isabell Basinsky**, **Marion Warren**, **Dick** and **Betty Nevers**, **Peggy O'Neil Favrot**, **Gladys Adu-Poku**, **the gang from the United Congregational Church**, **Nancy Moses** and **Lee Hall** all help with food distribution at different times. **Toni Orrizzi**, **Jody Dionis**, **Judy Stern**, and **her husband** have packed bags throughout the year. **Amelia Hirtle**, **Brianna Ritacco**, and **Nicholas Ritacco** help out whenever and wherever they can. My daughter **Erin** helps behind the scenes and with the Thanksgiving distribution. Last **BUT** definitely not least my **wonderful husband Harry** breaks down the piles of cardboard we generate, brings in food, sorts food, stock shelves, works up to and during the Thanksgiving distribution, and helps me in general with whatever else needs to get done. **All of these folks have done their part to help distribute just over 63,000 pounds of food this year. (Yes, that adds up to over 31.5 tons of food! )**

**And to the Volunteers...Yes, every one of you is making a difference in the lives of those in need!!**

***Each and every person is an amazing and important part of the Mission. They give of themselves to those who do not have enough to eat. Wesley and Carty Cupboard Food Pantry needs every one of them to make it work. I am and the Church is...Very Grateful and Very Blessed!***

**Thank You All So Much!**

**~ Nancy J. E. Spencer**

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Upcoming events:

**Children's Choir and music worship** is back and being led by our new Children's choir director, Nan Gibbons. Choir meets after Sunday school until 12:30 p.m. Parents, please pick up children on the third floor in Wagner Hall/Sunday School area. We are excited to enter into a new season of worship and Christian formation with the youngest of our church!

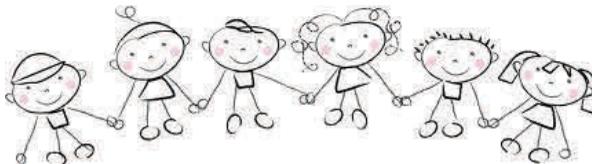
### Upcoming singing in church during 10:30 a.m. worship services:

**November 27 and December 18**

### 'Twas the Light Before Christmas!

Our Christmas Pageant this year will be held as a component of the **4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service on Saturday, December 24th**. It will be a multi-generational inclusive pageant that will get the congregation involved with special pageant props (crafts) and Christmas songs. We look forward to sharing in this worship with all of you! **We are seeking volunteers to help with the pageant** - prep and the day of. **You do not need to be a teacher or involved in Sunday School to help** - in fact, we would love to offer this opportunity for others to step in and help!!! The pageant is easy and streamlined for anyone to help volunteer! Please see Jean or Lisa if you are interested! Jean- [grantgirl05@yahoo.com](mailto:grantgirl05@yahoo.com)

**Children's Christian Education** is seeking childcare workers to assist Lori (or be substitutes) in the infant-preschool childcare room. CORI checks are required. This is a paid position. Love helping out with the littlest members of our church? Drop Jean an email [grantgirl05@yahoo.com](mailto:grantgirl05@yahoo.com). Thanks!



## MISSION MATTERS

**Clothing Collection for Epworth UMC's \$1 Sale ...** Wesley has just been asked to donate "gently used" clothing to Epworth's annual clothing sale for the community. Unfortunately, that sale is on this Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, which leaves little time for collection and delivery. Could you take clothing donations to Epworth by Saturday morning? If not, please bring clothing and any housewares/toys to Wesley on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, and give them to Betsy Pennino for delivery. Your contributions, and items not sold on Saturday, will be sent to the Maine Economic Mission.

**Thrift Shops which appreciate "gently used" items year round...** You can also donate "next-to-new" items to The New You at 795 Main St. in Worcester. It's run by Straight Ahead Ministries, a faith-based nonprofit which provides training & employment for teens & young adults who have been incarcerated. Details on items they accept are at [straightahead.org](http://straightahead.org).

Abby's House thrift shop is also a place to donate clothing for women/girls and housewares (no toys). The 52 High St. thrift shop is holding their Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, part of their 40th Anniversary celebration! There will be many new items for sale.

**November 26th Community Supper...** Turkey with all the fixin's will be served by Linda D'Acri and her family. Since the supper is on the Saturday after Thanksgiving (a busy time for some), Linda is concerned about getting volunteers, so tell her if you're able. Also, *she's asking for pies only for dessert*. This well attended meal is Thanksgiving dinner for some-- and maybe many -- of our guests.

**Wreaths from Maine Economic Mission (MEM)...** Members have asked about wreaths from MEM. They stopped making those because of global warming! Greens need two hard frosts to seal in their moisture before cutting.



## **NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE "ACTION OF NON-CONFORMITY" STRUCK DOWN**

On June 17, 2016, the New England Annual Conference adopted an "Action of Non-Conformity with the General Conference of the United Methodist Church".

On October 28, 2016, the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church reviewed this resolution and ruled that all portions that violate *The Book of Discipline 2012* are illegal and unconstitutional. "The bishop is affirmed in his decision that to refer certain offenses to a judicial proceeding is within the discretion of the bishop alone and not referred to the authority of the annual conference according to the provisions of ¶ 363 of *The Discipline*." (Decision No. 1327)

[www.umc.org/decisions/69701](http://www.umc.org/decisions/69701)



### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSION BAKE SALE**

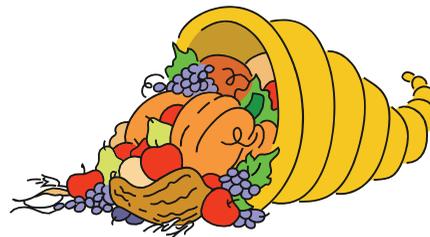
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016**

*To support the following UMW Mission Projects:*

*All profits will go to the ongoing support of  
UMW Mission Programs and  
Summer camperships for Wesley youth.*

**COOKIES BREADS PIES CAKES... AND MORE!**

*Support the UMW in this  
Mission fund-raiser and  
enjoy "home-made"  
baked goods for your  
Thanksgiving Celebration.*



## **MISSION TRIP TO BATON ROUGE, LA ~ JANUARY 12-18, 2017**

There has been a call for volunteers to start rebuilding down South from the horrific flooding from recent hurricanes and torrential downpours. They will start the rebuilding stage in December in Baton Rouge, LA. I have answered this call from Ed Houlten, who is the Louisiana Conference Volunteer Coordinator. We will be participating in Long-term Recovery. I am looking for a team of 6 or 7 workers. We are in need of people with some construction experience, tradesman and handymen and people with willingness to assist for discipleship and to serve Christ.

If you are interested in this mission trip, please let me know by November 27<sup>th</sup>. The first payment of \$350 is needed by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to secure airline tickets. If there is money left over, it'll go toward the rest of the trip.

Here are some details in regards to the trip. If you are interested, please see Gerard for more detailed information.

**Lodging** – We can offer you lodging at one of our host churches at a cost of \$15.00 per night per person. This fee goes directly back to the host church to cover increased costs such as utilities, supplies, janitorial services, etc. Each host church has showers and sleeping space, usually in a fellowship hall or Sunday School classroom. We ask that you bring your own bedding, toiletries and towels. Most people prefer to bring an air mattress though cots may be available at some sites. Of course you are also free to make your own lodging arrangements. Most lodging is located less than 30 minutes from the worksite.

**Food** – Each team is responsible for their own meals. Each of our host churches has a full kitchen available for you to use if you wish to cook. For the most part restaurants in the flooded areas are now operating so it is easy to find meals if you prefer to eat out.

**Building Materials** – all building materials will be provided at the job site for you. However, we request a \$100 per person materials donation to help defray some of the material cost. Youth and college teams are encouraged to make a donation for materials. While the UMCOR grant we have received is generous, it simply cannot cover the extent of the cost to rebuild and rehab the homes of the families we wish to serve.

Again, please let Gerard Piscitelli know if you are interested in volunteering. You can email him at gerbeloli@yahoo.com or speak with him on Sunday.

## REMINDER – HEATING INFORMATION

As we enter the peak season for heating the church, please help us conserve energy by closing windows and doors, and helping to manage the temperature by directing any concerns to either the custodians or to the office or program staff. There is only one thermostat in the building that is used to control the temperature, and we appreciate your efforts to keep it under control by notifying the staff first if you think things are too cold or too hot. They will address the situation by increasing/decreasing the appropriate thermostat, or checking to make sure the boiler is working properly. If the boiler is not coming on, an emergency call will be placed to our vendor. Thank you very much for your assistance!



### CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR DEDICATION...

Once again this year, we will have 3 wreaths on the outside doors (on Main Street and State Street) that are available for dedication. The cost of each wreath is \$30. If you are interested in dedicating a wreath in honor or memory of a loved one or friend, please contact me in the office as soon as possible (508-799-4191).

*Thank you, Debi*

## ONECALL FOR WESLEY CHURCH...

This warm weather won't last much longer. Let's face it, we live in New England and we will get snow! So get a jump start and put your name on the OneCall list. Be one of the lucky ones and receive a phone call to find out if choir has been cancelled, or a meeting has been rescheduled, or even if worship has been cancelled. OneCall is not only for storms and closings, it's for those unexpected cancellations or change of location of a meeting or even a reminder of a special event at Wesley — we will be able to do any of this and more over the phone.

If you would like to sign up for this, please email me ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org)), call me in the office, or sign up in the Welcome Office on Sunday when you're here for church. I will need your name, home phone number and one cell phone number for each family. This is just another way for us to help keep you informed of what is going on at your church.

If you signed up last year, you are still on the list and there is no need to do anything, unless you have changed/removed a phone number.

## Did You Know?

Our opening hymn this past Sunday, “Hope of the World” (UMH 178) is perhaps not the most well-known hymn in our hymnal. Similarly, the author of its text, Georgia Harkness (1891-1974), a prominent theologian of her time and the first woman to become a full professor in an American seminary, is not particularly well known among United Methodists today. However, many of the subjects about which she wrote are highly relevant. As part of her doctoral work at Boston University School of Religious Education (women at the time could not be admitted to the School of Theology) she wrote a thesis entitled *The Church and the Immigrant Problem*. Other theological themes important to United Methodists such as ecumenism, the role of women in ministry, and social gospel are also addressed in her scholarly writings.

In 1926, she was ordained by the Methodist Church as a local deacon and in 1938 as a local elder. Like other women at the time she was given limited clergy rights but not allowed membership in an annual conference. Well ahead of her time in 1924 in an article entitled “The Ministry as a Vocation for Women” she argued that the Church needed the skills and talents of educated women. Over the ensuing years she remained a strong advocate for the ordination of women. (The Methodist Church did not grant full clergy rights to women until 1956.)

The hymn “Hope of the World” was written in 1953 for a hymn search conducted by The Hymn Society for the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, meeting in 1954. This text by Harkness was chosen as the winner from among almost 500 submissions elaborating on the assembly’s theme: Jesus Christ, hope of the world. Although many hymns commissioned for special events are never published outside the event, this hymn still appears in multiple hymnals; it first appeared in American Methodist hymnals in 1957. The tune, VICAR, with which it is paired in our current *United Methodist Hymnal* is a tune written specifically for this text when it was published in the 1966 *Methodist Hymnal*.

Although none of her major theological works are presently in print, it is fortunate that Harkness also recognized the role of poetry and the arts as an effective means of articulating theological concepts. In each stanza of “Hope of the World” the first two lines describe the ministry and life of Christ; the third and fourth lines call for a response from us based on Christ’s example. As summarized by church music scholar C. Michael Hawn: “‘Hope of the World’ communicates the essential theme of the social gospel: the compassionate Christ cares for human beings and walks beside them in all of life’s circumstances.” Our Methodist heritage calls us to carry that compassionate, healing, and reconciling ministry to our communities, our country and the world, a ministry that is needed now more than ever.

*Submitted by, Deborah A. O’Driscoll*

## 2016 HERALD SCHEDULE

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

Article Deadline Date	Herald Mailing Date
Mon., Nov 28	Wed., Nov 30
Mon., Dec. 12	Wed., Dec. 14

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.



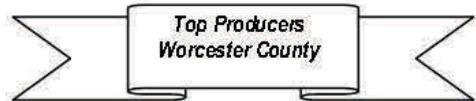
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**WESLEY HERALD**  
**NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

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