

**RECONCILIATION AND UNITY IN DIVERSITY**

*“For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” ~ Galatians 3:26-28*

Is it possible to live together and experience a holy sense of (com)unity in diversity even when there appears to be irreconcilable differences? This question is relevant in many spheres of our lives: personal relationships, churches, communities and even national politics. I want to imagine and believe that the answer is, Yes, by the grace of God.

The first time that the Christian church had to address this question was not too long after Pentecost (although I would say that Jesus’ ministry was very much about addressing this question from the beginning). One example of the church addressing this question can be found in Acts 15. In that passage, the apostles were trying to figure out how to deal with the inclusion of Gentiles into the Christian Church. Those making the decisions were Jewish-Christians. These were Jews informed by their religious and cultural heritage as Jews but were now seeking to faithfully live as Christians, that is follower of Jesus.

For Jews, the bond which held Jews together was primarily social. It was expressed in their common life as they observed ancestral customs. Of these customs the most significant for social relations were the refusal to participate in non-Jewish religion, the male mark of circumcision (which, among other things, limited marriage relations), the dietary laws (which restricted social intercourse), and the observance of the Sabbath (which affected employment). Such customs defined Jewish difference: these customs created social boundaries between Jew and Gentile. So when Gentiles began seeking inclusion in the Christian Church, the question was how important these Jewish customs would be for Christians.

In Acts 15, the decision was made not to require circumcision of Gentiles seeking to be Christian, however some dietary restrictions were still enforced. That was until Peter went to visit some Gentile-Christians in Galatia. In Galatians 2, we learn that Peter had engaged in the practice of eating with Gentile-Christians until some representatives of James came and challenged Peter. Peter, in order to appease them, began refraining from eating with

## LIGHTINGS AND ALTAR FLOWERS

**The Tower** lighting for February is given in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Brad and Muriel Gibbs by Donna Grenier, Martha Vigeant, Jeff Gibbs, and families.

**The altar flowers** on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> are given in loving memory of Janette C. Hedenburg by Ken Hedenburg and family.

## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

- ✝ Margaret Wissell as she deals with health challenges.
- ✝ Baby Archer, that he gains weight to be able to receive the surgery he needs
- ✝ Deanna Wong and family who are grieving the passing of her dad.
- ✝ For God to protect all college students.
- ✝ Family and friends of Sylvia Doane-Lavigne who recently passed away.
- ✝ The Family and friends of Isabell Basinsky, a long-time Carty Cupboard volunteer, who passed away a few weeks ago.

**EASTER GARDEN FLOWERS...** Due to Easter being late this year, we have switched some flowers because some will last better than others. Order forms are inside this Herald and available online under the Herald page.

As well, **ALL ORDERS need to be to me by March 31<sup>st</sup>**. I need to get my order into the florist by early April. Please be sure to complete the enclosed order form and return it to me as soon as you can! Thank you for your cooperation.

*Thank you, Debi Reynolds*



### **REMINDER... DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

**Saturday night, March 9**, before you go to bed be sure to move your clocks ahead. You don't want to miss church on Sunday... *do you?*

Gentile-Christians. Paul came and saw what was happening and challenged Peter for refusing to eat with the Gentile-Christians. The scripture noted above was part of the response Paul gave for this Galatian conflict.

There appeared to be irreconcilable differences. Jewish-Christians could not see themselves as being faithfully Christian without following certain Jewish customs. Paul on the other hand was making the argument that Gentiles did not need to be Jewish in order to be Christian. So, how in the world were these two groups going to live together?

Pauls' answer to the dilemma was that Christ makes us one. In some holy and mystical way, Christ makes it possible for us to transcend our differences and find unity in diversity. In the realm of the theological, this argument makes a whole lot of sense for me. In the realm of the practical, it is a challenging one because it usually means that somebody has to give up on holding-on to customs, beliefs, and practices that would separate them from others.

This question came to mind as I was reflecting upon the upcoming Special Session of General Conference. The United Methodist Church is dealing with questions around human sexuality and it seems that we have irreconcilable differences in our understanding as a denomination. The Bishops have endorsed a proposal from the Commission on the Way Forward which argues for us to stay as One Church instead of splitting up. Theologically it makes sense to me, but when it comes down to the realm of the practical, we are going to be faced with many challenges.

I don't know what the answer will be. But, whatever comes from General Conference, I still want to imagine and believe in the power Jesus has to bring together people experiencing seemingly irreconcilable differences. Jesus believed that we could be one with him. For this reason he prayed in John 17:20-23, saying:

*"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one. Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity."*

I pray with Jesus that we all can witness and experience God doing something so marvelous as to reconcile us to each other and leading us to find a way to practically live together with full inclusion. With God, all things are possible, don't you think?

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...**  
**A WORD ABOUT OUR MINISTRY WITH THE HOMELESS**

At the February Church Council Meeting, the Church Council approved a proposal to resume the **Communion Sunday Community Breakfasts & Ministry of Hospitality**. Below is the text detailing what was approved.

**Purpose:** To extend hospitality to community guests once a month by providing a free hot breakfast, welcoming hospitality and communal fellowship, all as an expression of our love of God and love of neighbor.

**When:** Once a month on communion Sundays (1st Sunday of the Month), from 8:00am – 9:30am. Church members who want to share in the meal are welcome to come and join our guests during this time.

**Where:** Brewer Hall and using the Rest Rooms located in that space.

**Access:** Lower Gertrude Door (LG) and Lower State Street (LSS) Doors. These two doors will be open at 8:00am. Church members attending the 8:30 worship service will use LSS entrance. Those who wish to enter from the parking lot will ring the bell and a hospitality person will be stationed in the kitchen to answer the door. If someone is coming in for worship, they can be buzzed in from Upper Gertrude (UG) entrance, otherwise they will be redirected to the LG entrance if they are coming for the breakfast. A hospitality person will also be stationed at the LSS entrance to greet people as they come to worship or breakfast. At 10:00am, all other doors will be open for 10:30 worship service.

**Staffing-Greeters:** Six (6) Greeters will be required during the breakfast. Greeters/hospitality attendants will greet people as they come in, provide a warm and friendly presence to our guests, and monitor access points to areas within their vicinity.

- 1 person stationed @ Upper Gertrude/ Kitchen Entrance (This person will also answer the UG entrance door bells.).
- 1 person stationed @ Lower Gertrude Entrance
- 1 person stationed @ Lower State Street Entrance

- 1 person stationed @ East Stairwell Entrance (This person will greet people entering from LSS and direct them to Brewer, thus monitoring stairwell access).
- 1 person stationed @ West Stairwell Entrance
- 1 person not stationed anywhere but providing general hospitality to answer questions and attend to any needs that come up. This person will be the Lead Greeter and thus preferably a Wesley church member.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** A volunteer coordinator will be required to ensure that all Sundays are adequately staffed. Coordinator will also be responsible for building support among community partners in other churches and local organizations.

**Security Staff:** Wesley church security staff person will be responsible for walking around the building monitoring various spaces.

**Custodial Staff:** A custodial staff person will also need to be onsite to attend to any emergent custodial needs.

**Kitchen Staff:** Staffing needs for the kitchen will be determined by the lead cook (namely Linda D’Acri). Staffing usually includes cooks, servers, dishwashers, and table-cleaning crew.

**Other staff:** The Sunday School program will provide volunteer staffing to greet and monitor the West Entrance/ Bridge Door.

**Ministry of Care:** All volunteers are expected to provide a ministry of hospitality by fostering a sense of “sanctuary culture in which people feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.” Volunteers are called forth to model the type of community we are aspiring to be.

In the event that there are special pastoral care needs arising from our guests, the pastor can be consulted in-between worship services. Other volunteers can be identified and trained to care for our guests. The goal is simply to listen and provide a loving response to our guests. Volunteers are not expected to provide professional level care. If someone needs that kind of care, referrals to the appropriate person should be made. In case of an emergency, the Security Staff or Lead Greeter will contact 911 for an ambulance or the police.

**Safe Sanctuary except:** Per our safe sanctuary policy, all children under the age of 18 must have adult supervision either with parents or designated church staff/volunteers. Children and youth must be in worship, Sunday School or official church program with required staffing per our safe sanctuary policy. If there is no official church program scheduled for children and youth, parents have supervisory responsibility for their children. Children and youth must never be left unattended. All paid staff and volunteers working with children and youth must pass a CORI check, which is conducted every two years.

**Implementation:** This implementation of this plan is contingent upon identifying a Volunteer Coordinator to oversee staffing of the Breakfast. Without such a coordinator we cannot resume the breakfast. Pastor Shandi will recruit people to serve in this capacity.

**Evaluation:** Six-months after resuming the Breakfast, the Church Council will evaluate how well the ministry is working and put forward any recommendations for necessary changes. An All Church meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of months as the Church Calendar allows to gather feedback and input from the congregation.



### **NEW MEMBER CLASS...**

Pastor Shandi is planning to hold a New Member class. Membership classes will run for six weeks, depending on people's availability. If you are interested in becoming a member at Wesley United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Shandi at [pastorshandim@wesleyworc.org](mailto:pastorshandim@wesleyworc.org).

### **COMMUNION WORKSHOP ~ SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019 AT 11:45 AM...**

Rebecca's circle would like to invite you to join them at a special workshop with Pastor Shandi to talk about Communion, what it means for us as Methodists, and how we can become stewards of this sacred feast by extending our shared table with those who are home bound. We will be meeting immediately after the 10:30 service in John Wesley Room.

For more information please speak to Chris Flagg (508-414-1696) or Pastor Shandi via email.

## HEAR THE CALL TO RETURN TO GOD AND A COMMUNITY SET APART

A Sunday morning class on the Letters of Paul that covers 24 sessions on the 13 New Testament letters traditionally attributed to Paul will begin March 10<sup>th</sup>. This study examines the 'calls' of Paul to the churches, including calls to remember, calls to repent, calls for renewal, and calls for community.

Paul is continually calling hearers and readers back to their God and to a sense of who they are as a people set apart. Daily reading assignments are designed to establish the historical context as well as personal belief. As part of the weekly Sunday School classes the class will watch a brief video with lively and engaging insights into the current week's session, followed by discussion.

## MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES...

Those who have MEDICARE and have been told that their UNITED HEALTHCARE Medicare Advantage Plan is no longer accepted by UMass Memorial do have other options if they wish to continue their care as in 2018. Please make an appointment with a SHINE counselor immediately to explore or contact Patient Access Services Department at UMass (855-862-7763).

*Submitted by Shine Counselor Carolyn Bellil*

## WANT TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS?

Wesley participates in a program that helps families facing housing challenges remain in their homes -- a way to prevent homelessness in Worcester. How is this possible? Through the power of grocery gift cards!

Purchased in bulk at a discount by the Central Mass. Housing Alliance, the cards are sold at face value by area churches, including Wesley, after church services. Use them to buy the groceries you would normally buy anyway. **Volunteer to sell them one Sunday a month.** And know you are helping families stay home! Cards for Big Y, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, CVS, Panera and Dunkin' Donuts are available at a table in Brewer Hall. Please sign up for a Sunday. Slots available after both the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

Questions? Call Allison Hansen at 508-853-5339 (evenings or weekends) or email [AChis4788@aol.com](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com).

## MESSAGES FROM THE CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

### **Final 2018 Budget Results**

	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Total Income	\$695,254	\$ 655,630	\$ 39,624 positive
Total Expense	\$677,383	\$ 651,681	-\$25,702 negative
Net Surplus	\$ 17,871	\$ 3,949	\$ 11,922 positive

### **Income Highlights:**

Pledges	\$339,952	\$ 340,000	\$ -48 negative
Christmas	\$ 8,049	\$ 6,200	\$ 1,849 positive
Harvest	\$ 50,456	\$ 40,000	\$ 10,456 positive
Tenant Rentals	\$ 13,471	\$ 10,070	\$ 3,401 positive
1-Time Rentals	\$ 21,422	\$ 5,600	\$ 15,821 positive

### **Expense Highlights:**

SPRC	\$353,478	\$ 362,907	\$ -9,429 positive
Parsonage	\$ 7,139	\$ 6,714	\$ 425 negative
Building	\$149,333	\$ 135,341	\$ 13,992 negative
Office	\$ 47,209	\$ 41,743	\$ 5,466 negative
Programs	\$ 36,983	\$ 32,260	\$ 4,723 negative
Mission Shares	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ - 0 -

### **Many thanks—**

To all those folks who helped me with year end duties this year as part of my reduced hour schedule. Thank you to Bill Wong for handling the statements and getting them out the door as planned. Thank you to Gifty Bentum-Asante for staying on top of outstanding Harvest pledges and helping us achieve \$100% of the outstanding donations. Thank you to Pastor Shandi for taking care of sending out to several of our regular vendors our new tax exempt forms which expired on 1/19/19. This only happens once every 10 years! My thanks to all who worked on the accounts payable project—Mark Muncy, Jean Dhavale, Debbie O’Driscoll, and Pastor Shandi—you saved me a week’s worth of work and enabled me to stay on track with submitting the 2018 statistical report on time! Thanks to Susan Williams for helping gather

data for Chart A, and for so many other members of the church who submitted data for the statistical report. I so appreciate your cooperation and adherence to the deadline! The participants included Gerard Piscitelli, Linda D'Acri, Jan England, Betsy Pennino, Donna Hirtle, Joan Hirst, Sheila Hunter, Debi Reynolds, Nan Gibbons, Judy Hoffman, Allison Hansen, Nancy Spencer, Carolyn Bellil, Gail Liston, Lorraine Kronberg, Pastor Shandi, Osei Ansah, Bill Wong, and Margaret Watson. It truly takes a village to get this report done!

*Blessings, Lorna*

## **CARTY CUPBOARD**

Here are the Items of the month for the upcoming months.

- ◇ March... Jelly
- ◇ April... Healthy snacks for kids on school vacation, this can be... Granola bars, crackers, fruit cups packed in fruit juices or similar items.
- ◇ May... Diapers, sizes 4, 5, and 6
- ◇ June... Mustard, Relish, and Ketchup
- ◇ July... Salad dressings and Mayo

To everyone who continues to donate to Carty Cupboard, we Thank You!

## **HOSPITALITY**

**COFFEE HOUR...** Please consider volunteering to set up, serve, and/or clean up for coffee hour Sunday after worship services. You will be provided with written instructions and an experienced person to assist you as needed.

- ◇ Set Up starts 9am
- ◇ Service at 9:30 for those worshipping at the 8:30 service, adult Sunday School and choir members.
- ◇ Service at 11:45 for those worshipping at the 10:30 service.
- ◇ If you set up starting at 9 or 9:30 you can go to worship at 10:30.

Please see Vivian Assie, Linda D'Acri or Judy Hoffman to sign up for all or part of the Coffee Hour tasks.

Also, all who enjoy Coffee Hour snacks are reminded to be prepared to make a donation to defray the Coffee Hour expenses.

*Thank You*

## **ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY...**

Reminders for all who have signed up for the All Church Birthday Party on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

1. Please remember to bring a gift for the Church Kitchen or Carty Cupboard. Examples of gifts are:  
Sponges, Dish Towels, Pot Holders, Gift Cards, IOU for time commitment, etc.
2. Carty Cupboard item of the month is JELLIES but any non-perishable item will be appreciated.
3. After the 10:30 worship please go to Brewer Hall and sit at the table that is designated for your birthday month.
4. Prepare to HAVE FUN getting to know one another!!!

Cost of the luncheon (\$5.00 for individuals, \$10,00 for families) will be collected when you pick up your food.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

### **UMW MEETING TO ADDRESS FOSTER CARE SYSTEM**

*All women of Wesley* are invited to attend our next All-Circle meeting on Saturday, March 2 from noon to 2. Come for a delicious lunch offered by members of Priscilla Circle, and learn about the foster care system, as part of our series on child and maternal health issues. We will hear two speakers: Lorraine Keegan, a social worker for the state Department of Children and Families, will talk about how a child/family might end up in the system, what the process for entering into foster care might look like, and the different types of foster homes that exist. Jillian Flagg, a foster parent, will tell us about some of her experiences and the impact on her family. Both will share ideas of ways we might be able to help.

Our in-gathering for the meeting will be (new) soft, cuddly stuffed animals to donate to foster children. Childcare will be available. Come see how United Methodist Women demonstrate faith, hope and love in action! Questions? Call Allison Hansen at 508-853-5339 or email [ACHis4788@aol.com](mailto:ACHis4788@aol.com).

## MISSION MATTERS

### THANKS TO IHN VOLUNTEERS!

Special thanks to the "first shift" workers who also provided dinner -- William and Michael Kilmer, Jean Grant and family, and Beth Vietze -- and to Chris Kerns who again covered Friday and Saturday nights. Others volunteering for the evening shift were Allison Hansen, Judy & Jim Hoffman, Bruce Pennino and Ron Ramsay. Also staying overnight were Mercy Peacock, Peter Hansen and Betsy Pennino. The evenings went smoothly and the nights were quiet.

### FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> COMMUNITY SUPPER...

Linda D'Acri and family offered to be in charge of the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Supper. The menu will be pork roast, oven roasted potatoes, veggie, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Wesley bakers, Linda would welcome baked desserts, and it helps if you can tell her in advance.

### CHART AND MAP OF FREE MEALS IN WORCESTER...

The hours have changed for the free dinners offered by the Mustard Seed (Monday through Friday) and Salvation Army (Sunday). Thank you, Debi Reynolds, for managing to update the chart and map of those meals. After the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Supper, copies will be available for distributing to folks who would appreciate free meals served by kind and generous Wesley people.



**ALTAR FLOWERS...** Beautiful floral arrangements on the altar during Sunday worship are a special gift we offer to God as part of our praise and worship. The arrangements are usually dedicated in celebration of or in memory of a loved one. By your choice, you may take the flowers home to enjoy or you may request the flowers be delivered to a shut-in or member/friend in the hospital. If you are unable to join us in church, arrangements can be made for the flowers to be delivered to you at home after the service.

A calendar of available dates and order forms for 2019 are available in the Welcome Office. The cost for altar flowers is \$60/2 arrangements. If you are not able to come to church but would like to dedicate flowers, please call me in the office (508-799-4191).

*Thank you, Debi Reynolds*

Please join us for our next District Resource Day:

## Living for Jesus



**March 9, 2019 - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm**

**Wesley United Methodist Church**  
114 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Albert Mosley  
*Senior Vice President, Faith and Health*  
*Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare*

### **MORNING WORKSHOPS**

- First things first: Reclaiming Jesus in the church
- happens when God's people pray
- Models of governance that free us for Discipleship
- Spiritual disciplines and practices
- Fighting the good fight— conversations on Spiritual warfare

### **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

- Understanding God's call with all that noise
- Learning to live for Jesus one day at a time
- The growth-power of small groups
- Catalysts that grow a small church
- Lay speaker or lay servant ministry? Confused?

**COST**     \$20/PERSON – Early registration – February 1, 2019  
              \$25/PERSON - After February 1, 2019

**GROUP REGISTRATION** - \$15/person of 5 or more

Brochures can be found in the Welcome Office. Please Register online (<https://neumc-reg.brtaapp.com/CMADistrictResourceDaywithRevDrAlbertMosley>), or take a brochure and make checks payable to and mail registration with payment to:

### **CMA DISTRICT**

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For questions call or email: 1-508-853-2895 or [cma@neumc.org](mailto:cma@neumc.org)

## Why Going Green is the Christian Thing to Do

When I visit different churches and tell members that I work at the intersection of Christianity and the environment, I sometimes get asked what the two have to do with each other. Why should Christians care about the environment? I would like to offer two reasons why Christians should “go green.”

### 1. It is an important way to love our human neighbors

Jesus tells us that the two commandments which contain all the law and the prophets are to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40). One of the rules that John Wesley provided for early Methodist societies was that they must do no harm. Over the past hundred years, it has become abundantly clear that what we do to the environment affects the well-being of human communities. The garbage we produce goes to landfills, endangering the water, soil, and air quality of the communities where they are located. The energy we use produces carbon emissions in our atmosphere, affecting the entire world. The food we consume is produced by people working under conditions that may be hazardous to their health. One important way to love our neighbors is by considering how their health and well-being are affected by our everyday decisions about what we consume. Organic, fair trade, sustainable options reduce the burdens that we place on our neighbors.

### 2. God’s care extends beyond human beings, and so ours should as well

Jesus tells us that God cares for the birds of the air and the flowers of the field (Matthew 6:25-30). John tells us that God so loved the whole world that he gave his only Son (John 3:16). Colossians tells us Jesus reconciles all things to God (Colossians 1:15-20). We cannot properly love God and abuse those things that God loves. Many groups like to argue against environmentalism by claiming that human beings were created to exercise dominion over creation. If we would be Christian, however, whatever dominion we might have must be exercised in a Christian fashion. Jesus was clear that whoever would be great must be great in service, humility, and love. Christians can best witness to the Lordship of Christ, not by defiling the world that was created through him, but by caring for it in every way possible.

*Becky Copeland*

## DID YOU KNOW?

The liturgical season of Lent begins in this year on March 6, when we will observe Ash Wednesday. The invitation to observance of Lenten discipline which we hear during the liturgy of that day includes an invitation of self-examination and repentance. Thus it is no surprise that the lectionary readings for Ash Wednesday each year include Psalm 51, which in the Christian tradition is one of seven psalms known as the *penitential psalms*. This year throughout the season of Lent a setting of a penitential psalm will be included in our worship each week.

In the ancient church, the designation *penitential psalm* was first given to Psalm 51 alone, but by the early 5<sup>th</sup> century Augustine of Hippo had given this designation to four psalms, and by the 6<sup>th</sup> century the number had expanded to seven. In the Middle Ages these psalms were used as meditations before the service of penance. The seven penitential psalms were also said at the end of the service of morning prayer as well as used on fast days. Their liturgical use during Lent began in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. They were frequently included in the famous illustrated books of hours and other devotional books of the medieval period from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Of the penitential psalms the two most well-known are probably Psalm 51, David's prayer for forgiveness and cleansing after being confronted by the prophet Nathan about his adultery with Bathsheba, and Psalm 130 from the collection of the "songs of ascent" (Ps 120-134) recited by pilgrims on their journey to Jerusalem. This psalm is a testimony of trust in the Lord even as the psalmist calls "out of the depths".

The remaining five penitential psalms include:

- Psalm 6 a prayer for deliverance in time of severe illness
- Psalm 32 an expression of gratitude for God's gift of forgiveness
- Psalm 38 a petition for relief from a painful serious illness, which the psalmist perceives as a "rebuke" from God
- Psalm 102 a prayer of an individual in a time of great distress
- Psalm 143 a prayer for deliverance from the wicked and their evil ways and a cry for help in the midst of hopelessness

The psalmist in each of the penitential psalms not only reveals distress over sins but in the midst of physical and/or emotional suffering expresses both contrition as well as the hope of being restored to abundant life in God's grace.

*Submitted by, Deborah A. O'Driscoll*

## 2019 HERALD SCHEDULE

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

<u>Article Deadline Date</u>	<u>Herald Mailing Date</u>
Wed., March 20	Wed., March 27
Wed., April 17	Wed., April 24

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

**office@wesleyworc.org**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

On Sundays altar flowers 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.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN!**

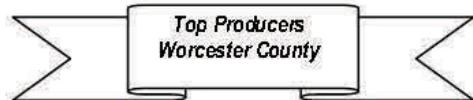


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*Happy New Year!!!*

**WESLEY HERALD**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

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