

Sunday Announcements for February 26, 2023

Special Prayers for these Wesley Family, Friends, and Others...

Annie, family and friends of Anthony Brima who passed away on February 16th.

Rick, Jan England's brother, Alice & Joseph Boateng, Polly Boyns, Anne Burrows, Barbara Fletcher, Charles & Samira Kiefer, Bill Kilmer, Dorothy Norcross, David O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alicia Simoneau, Donald Tremblay; Barbara, Frank and the Vietze Family; Bill Wong, Laura Zoldak, Kelly, a friend of David Potts, Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Malika Gujarati (family of Jim & Judy Hoffman), Emily (Donroy Ferdinand's cousin); Page, Allison Hansen's sister, Ralph (friend of Dorothy Adams).

Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The following lightings are available for dedication in 2023:

The August Tower lighting, October Tower lighting, and December Rose window lighting.

If you are interested in lighting either in memory or honor of a loved one(s), please let Debi in the office know. The cost of each lighting is \$40 for the month.

Altar flowers... The 2023 calendar is now available. If you'd like to place flowers on the altar on a particular Sunday, please stop at the Welcome office and sign up in the book. Please be sure to fill your name in on the day, then take an order form and submit it to Debi in the office with a check.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Devotionals are available to pick up before or after church in the Narthex.

Easter Flower Orders: Get your order for Easter Flowers in TODAY! The deadline is this Wednesday, March 1st. Please make sure your payment is with your dedication. Order forms are in your bulletin, and may be found at the Welcome Office.

Herald: The next Herald will be sent out on March 1st. Please send your article(s) to me no later than Friday, February 24th. Thank you.

Lenten Small Group Study... In the season of Lent many people take on an additional spiritual practice. One such practice is to participate in a seasonal small group study. During the six weeks of Lent Debbie O'Driscoll will facilitate a daytime online small group using the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. This devotional book considers ten everyday objects (dust, bread, a cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones), looking at scriptural references to each object and using the object as a lens through which to consider aspects of the Lenten spiritual journey.

We will meet via Zoom on Friday mornings at 10 am. If you'd like to join us, please reach out to Debbie or contact her (debodrscoll@aol.com) for more details. Alternatively, you may contact the church office to express your interest in participating in the study.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday March 12, 2023 - 12:00 noon

March Madness is coming to Wesley!!!

UWF is inviting all Wesley youth to join us at our next all circle meeting.

Basketball coach Ryan Brown will be joining us to share his story of how he turned his disabilities into a success story that is sure to inspire all, and then we will move onto the court to learn some of the moves that led to his success.

**be sure you bring your sneakers for this one!*

Prevent Homelessness with Gift Cards

It's a simple idea with community-wide impact -- buy gift cards for your groceries or other shopping and help Worcester-area families stay in their homes! Working with the Central Mass. Housing Alliance, Wesley offers gift cards for sale each Sunday. A portion (anywhere from 2 to 10 percent) of the face value goes into a fund that helps families who are facing eviction. One rent check or utility bill payment from this fund can keep a family together in their home, rather than the upheaval of living in a shelter or on the street.

Available in a variety of denominations, grocery gift cards are on sale from Shaw's, Stop & Shop and Big Y. Cards are also for sale from CVS, Target, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Panera, TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home Goods and Amazon. Look for the display near the stage in Brewer Hall after church!

Volunteers are always welcome -- pick a Sunday that suits your schedule.

Advance orders may be made via email to Allison Hansen at ACHis4788@aol.com. February orders will be available this Sunday. March orders are due by March 7th for distribution on Sunday, March 12.

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Don't sit and wonder on a Sunday morning of a storm if church is going to be cancelled. Instead, receive a phone call and find out immediately! Whether it be a cancellation because of a snowstorm, a meeting that has been cancelled or even to remind you of a special event taking place at Wesley, we will reach out to you by phone. This is a pre-recorded call, so please make sure your voicemail has space and it should save the call in case you miss it.

If you would like to sign up for this, please put your name and phone number (**one phone number per household**) on the sign-up sheet just outside the Welcome Office.

This is just another way for us to help keep you informed of what is going on at your church.

God Moments

If you could share a story of seeing God's work in your life, please tell me or email it to me. The story can be anonymous or signed, and all are invited to participate. Betsy (betspenn35@hotmail.com)



A God Moment by Judy Hoffman

As some of you may know I was sick recently and missed a week of worship. Many of you extended your concerns through my spouse, with cards, texts, and calls. All were appreciated. A very warm and sincere call was from a member who asked to pray with me. A very special God moment indeed.