

# Sunday Announcements for January 21, 2024

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

Linda Keister, Todd (Linda Keister's friend), Pinamang Boateng, John Davis (Ronna's husband), Dot Ellis, Earl Flagg, Jim Hoffman, Dorothy Norcross, Grace Woode, Baby "T" with a heart condition (friend of Carol Samanen), Beverly Grimshaw, Don Prior, Peter Woodcock, Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Ray Cournoyer (friend of Bill Robbins), Al D'Ambra, Barbara Fletcher, Kathy Freeburn (friend of Linda D'Acri), Don Johnson (Phil's brother), Charles & Samira Kiefer, Sandra O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alysia Simoneau, Janet Terzian, Donald Tremblay, Barbara, Frank & the Vietze Family; Laura Zoldak, Susan (friend of David Potts), Malika Gujarati (family of Jim & Judy Hoffman), Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Page (Allison Hansen's sister).  
Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

A Memorial service for Margaret Watson will be held on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm with a collation to follow.

## Announcements

**Vacation:** Moo will be on vacation beginning Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and returning on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have a pastoral need or an emergency, please call the church office.

**February Herald:** *There are always extra copies of the Herald in the Narthex by the Welcome Office.* The February Herald will be part of the February 4<sup>th</sup> bulletin; however, it will be posted by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send all articles to me no later than Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you, Debi*

**On-Line Bulletins...** We'd like to know if you print the online bulletin that is posted each week. If you do, would you please let me know. You can email me or call the office ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org) or 508-799-4191, ext 102). If I do not hear from anyone by January 28<sup>th</sup>, we will stop posting a printable bulletin online starting February.

## Here's a Chance to Prevent Homelessness

It's a simple idea -- buy your groceries (or your coffee or toiletries) and help a local family stay in their home. You'll be joining area stores in contributing to a fund that gives grants to families facing eviction. One back rent payment, utility bill or storage unit fee can keep families out of the shelter system and all the disruption to their children's schooling.

Here's how it works: When you purchase gift cards from Big Y, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Starbucks, Amazon, Target or TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home Goods, a percentage of that card's value is donated by those stores to Central Mass. Housing Alliance. Families come to CMHA seeking assistance, and since this program began, hundreds of families have received aid.

Look for the birdhouse in Brewer Hall -- at a table near the stage -- after church services. Cards are for sale every Sunday and by email to [AChis4788@aol.com](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com). Order by Monday, February 12 for pickup on Sunday, February 18 pickup after the morning service.

Come choose a Sunday to help with card sales -- it takes a team to tackle a challenge as big (and fast-growing) as homelessness.

## **UWF to host January 27 Community Supper**

The United Women in Faith unit at Wesley traditionally hosts the January community supper. We will be looking for volunteers to prepare, serve and clean up the meal of meatloaf, potatoes, mixed vegetables, and rolls. We also would like donations of home-baked goodies.

Please let Allison Hansen know which shift(s) you can help with -- 1 p.m. prep, 3 p.m. serve, or 6 p.m. clean up at [ACHis4788@aol.com](mailto:ACHis4788@aol.com).

## **Mission Matters**

### **Volunteering for Wesley's IHN Week-- Sunday, Jan. 28 to Sat., Feb. 3**

Please let Betsy Pennino know if you are able to provide coverage for the evening shift (5:30 to 8:30 pm), or the overnight, (8:30 pm to 6:30 am) during Wesley's week at IHN. In the Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN) is a temporary home for families who have recently lost their homes. If you would like an explanation of how to do either shift, please tell Betsy. A sign-up sheet will be on the now re-located Mission Bulletin Board.

Currently volunteers may choose to stay in the IHN office or interact with the families. Volunteers no longer provide dinners but are encouraged to bring food to prepare their own.

The Mission Committee will give Hope for Housing cards to pay for food and housing staples during Wesley's Jan. 28 to Feb. 3 week. Your donating Big Y cards would save money to give to another mission.

### **God Moment**

No God Moment was contributed recently. If you have a story to tell and would like some assistance in getting it to read the way you want, Betsy Pennino is happy to help. ([betspenn35@hotmail.com](mailto:betspenn35@hotmail.com))

## **Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers**

**The Rose Window lighting** for January is given in loving memory of Mrs. William B. Smith by the United Women in Faith.

**The Tower lighting** for January is given in loving memory of my parents, Mary & Normal Fletcher, and my brother, David Fletcher by Barbara Fletcher.

**The February Tower Lighting and Rose Window Lighting and the March Rose Window lighting are available for dedication.** The cost of each is \$40 for the month. If you are interested, please email me ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org)) or call the office and let me know.  
*Thanks, Debi Reynolds*

**The 2024 altar flower calendar is now available.** If you'd like to order altar flowers in honor, celebration or memory of a loved one, come to the Welcome Office and sign up in the book. Please take a form to complete and return it to the office with your payment. It's \$60 for both arrangements on the altar.