

Sunday Announcements for February 25, 2024

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

Emily Smith, Tom Friend, Paula and Calvin Kelly (sister and brother-in-law of Linda Dylewicz), Al (friend of Linda and Lou D'Acri), Sandra Scheys (who visits the church often), Linda (a friend of Linda D'Acri's), 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, Peter Woodcock, Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Ray Cournoyer (friend of Bill Robbins), 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 the Hoffmans), Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Page (Allison Hansen's sister).
Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are given in memory of our mother/grandmother, Janette C. Hedenburg for her birthday. With love from the Bak, Celko, Harmon and Kane families.

The March Rose Window lighting is available for dedication. The cost of is \$40 for the month. If you are interested, please email me (office@wesleyworc.org) or call the office and let me know.

Thanks, Debi Reynolds

Announcements

A Memorial Service for Margaret Watson will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at Wesley beginning at 1 pm. A reception will follow in Brewer Hall.

March Herald: *There are always extra copies of the Herald in the Narthex by the Welcome Office.*

The March Herald will be part of the March 3 bulletin; however, it will be posted by March 1st. Please send all articles to me no later than Friday, February 26th. *Thank you, Debi*

Grocery Gift Cards -- Now Accepting Email Orders

Gift card sales to prevent homelessness will now be available after church once a month. If you would like to order cards, please email Allison at AChis4788@aol.com, and depending on availability, she will bring your order the following Sunday, or after the next pick-up date from Central Mass. Housing Alliance.

Cards from local grocery stores, coffee shops, CVS, Panera and Target will still be on offer after church on:

March 3	June 2
March 17 (don't forget those Easter baskets!)	June 16
April 14	August 4
May 5 (just in time for Mother's Day and graduations)	

Thanks to all the people who continue to support this ministry!

Allison Hansen

UWF to Host Affordable Housing Conversation on March 9 with Ed Augustus

Ed Augustus, the Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities, will be the keynote speaker for a program on the affordable housing crisis at Wesley on Saturday, March 9. Together with panelists from local agencies, he will address approaches the state is taking to create more homes.

United Women in Faith will host the meeting with lunch at noon in Brewer Hall and the program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **All are welcome.** Childcare will be available. Invite your friends!

Mission Matters

Almost every week, In the Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN) is in need of volunteers to be at the house when staff are not there. I've been sending the Director's invitations to only those Wesley folks who have volunteered before for the evening or overnight shifts. One volunteer suggested that I make this opportunity to serve available to more Wesley people and so more will begin receiving those emails. If you've never volunteered at IHN on June St., I can give you information on what the role is, answer your questions, and show you around the house at the start of your first shift.

Betsy Pennino (betspenn35@hotmail.com)

GOD MOMENT

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 note from Betsy--

I have often thought that Wesley is blessed by the colors of the rainbow appearing in the sanctuary on many Sunday mornings. All of the colors were there on February 11th, not in an arc like Noah's rainbow but splashed on the wall. This happens on sunny mornings during worship when the sun is at the right angle which is during the winter months-- and when do we most need reassurance? I try to sit where I can see the colors on the front left wall above the balcony. We as Christians are to bring the light into the world and Wesley does that in many ways. Our Church Secretary tells how she carried light into the world of a homeless person...

A God Moment by Debi--

I met Annie (and Patches, her dog) last summer when she came to the church needing gas for her van and I was able to help her with a gift card. Every now and again I would help Annie with ice and other small needs and food while she and her dog lived in her van, homeless. Fast forward to January, a very cold night, I finally convinced Annie to stay at my house and out of the cold. She stayed with me for 4 nights, then another person opened their home to her for 4 nights over the weekend. From there, between generous people paying for hotel rooms or opening their homes, she and Patches were out of the cold. At the end of January, Annie and Patches came back and stayed with me for 2 weeks while the apartment she had found was finished and inspected.

Recently while helping Annie with things for her apartment, she received a text message from Chris asking if she could check on the car and cats at her house. Apparently, Chris fell and broke her shoulder and was in the hospital. So, we took a ride to Chris's house. While there I pulled the trash cans up from the street and watered her plants while Annie cleaned up after the cats and made sure the food and water was refilled.

Annie didn't know Chris before last summer when she let Annie store her belongings in the garage. Chris took in Annie's cat while she and the dog lived in her van.

All these acts of kindness... God was there for Annie in her time of need; and now Annie is there for Chris while she needs help. God moments at their finest.