

Sunday Announcements for March 10, 2024

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

Helen Sakovich (neighbor of Susan Williams), Neil Ashton (past member), Emily Smith, Paula and Calvin Kelly (sister and brother-in-law of Linda Dylewicz), Linda Keister, Al, Linda, and Kathy Freeburn (friends of Linda and Lou D'Acri), Sandra Scheys, Pinamang Boateng, John Davis (Ronna's husband), Dot Ellis, Earl Flagg, Jim Hoffman, Dorothy Norcross, Grace Woode, Baby "T" (friend of Carol Samanen), Tom Friend, Beverly Grimshaw, Peter Woodcock, Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Ray Cournoyer (friend of Bill Robbins), Barbara Fletcher, (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.

Family and friends of Sylvia J. (Hindon) Tymon (sister of Sandra O'Driscoll) who passed away on March 6th.

Linda Keister and the family of her friend Todd who passed away on March 8th.

There are three prayer quilts today. Please come tie a knot and say a prayer for: Ria Garriepy for healing, Sandra Scheys for comfort and peace, and Linda Manna for comfort and healing.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The March Tower lighting is given in loving memory of Dr. C. James Brenneman by his daughter Betsey.

The March Rose Window lighting is given in loving memory of Rose Ventura, their mother, and Thomas Ventura, their brother, in celebration of their birthdays by Gary, James and Debbie.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ALL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

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

The April Herald will be part of the April 7th bulletin; however, it will be posted by April 3rd. Please send all articles to me no later than Wednesday, March 27th. *Thank you, Debi*

Easter Flowers...

I was finally able to find a wholesale florist for Easter Flowers. **Our deadline is Wednesday, March 13th**! If you have not received an email or call from Linda D'Acri or myself, please complete an order form and drop it in the box in the office, or give it to Linda D'Acri.

Important News from Carty Cupboard...

The beginning of March saw a change in the way we operate during our distribution at Carty. We are no longer using paper and plastic bags for the clients that come in. We are using reusable bags. Most of our clients are using reusable bags already, to carry the items they receive each week, but we need help in acquiring more reusable bags for the new clients that come in for the 1st time. If you have any extra reusable bags that are in decent shape that you would like to donate, please leave them in the Carty basket in Brewer Hall or on the door handle of Carty Cupboard.

In other news we are having a harder time keeping up with the increased demand for food from clients in need. The Worcester County Food Bank very often does not have the staples we need for our clients. As a result, we are looking for some help in keeping our shelves stocked. We can always use cereal, cold or hot, hearty canned soups, and meals in a can, like stew, or Chef Boyardee products, canned fruit, and dry pasta. Any of the items listed would be appreciated. Thank You to everyone who continues to support Carty Cupboard Food Pantry.

Nancy Spencer

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

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

Allison Hansen

William Ness, organist in recital

The College Church, 337 Main Street, Lancaster on Saturday, March 16, 2024, 7pm.

Music by J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Emma Lou Diemer, Margarita Merriman, Calvin Taylor, Denis Bedard, Eurydice Osterman, Amy Beach, and Carl Haywood. I am performing music to honor both black and women composers in this varied program which also includes Bach whose birthday is March 21, 1685. FREE.

Mission Matters

Almost every week, In the Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN) needs 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.