

Sunday Announcements for March 17, 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, 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 is a prayer quilt today for Dorothy Norcross. Please come tie a knot and say a prayer for comfort and peace.

Announcements

Holy Week

Holy Thursday, March 28

6:00 pm

Soup and Bread Supper

6:30 pm

Worship

Good Friday, March 29

12 noon – 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, Chapel

Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, 2024

You are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts on Saturday, March 30th, 10 to 11:30 am. Please provide one dozen pre-filled eggs for each child you bring. Easter eggs for those over age 4 can be filled with stickers, candy, etc. *All food items must be wrapped* so individually wrapped candy would work well.

For the younger children, fill the eggs with stickers or wrapped goldfish/animal crackers and put stickers on those eggs so the older kids won’t collect them. The event is sponsored by United Women in Faith (formerly UMW).

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*

Important News from Carty Cupboard...

We are no longer using paper and plastic bags for the clients that come in. We ARE using reusable bags. 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.

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 edard, 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

IHN's 2024 Fundraiser is Friday 5/10 at 7:00 pm

In the Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN) is holding a concert & auction fundraiser on Friday, May 10th. It will be at the BrickBox Theater, 20 Franklin St. in downtown Worcester. Performers are Cara Brindisi, Rob Joyce and the Hip Swayers. Radio personality Hank Stolz will be the Emcee. Tickets are \$75 or you could live stream by buying a Virtual Ticket for \$45. See the Mission Committee bulletin board or Betsy Pennino for more information.

IHN gives shelter to recently homeless families. Recent studies show that the average age of a person experiencing homelessness is 8. IHN has sheltered over 500 families but a federal grant which provided ¼ of their budget will no longer help them because they are funding emergency shelters only, not family shelters.

Betsy Pennino

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.

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)

From Linda D'Acri...

Debi Reynold's had called all suppliers who had brought us Easter flowers in the past. With these, and the poinsettias at Christmas, Linda and friends build the moving cross in front of the altar. No supplier could provide the flowers, so Pastor Moo suggested asking Linda. On the day before, she had "happened" to notice the truck of a wholesale flowers company. She had never seen this truck before on her way to work but managed to remember the supplier's name. Debi called and they were able to supply the daffodils, day lilies and hyacinths we needed at a low service fee. Wesley's Easter cross was saved!

A Note from Betsy Pennino...

I recently wrote about how I believe Wesley is blessed with the rainbow colors created by our windows on the front wall of the balcony. This happens in winter when the sun's rays are at the correct angle during our hour of worship. Then it disappears on the Sunday when daylight savings begins. You can still see it an hour later on sunny days, if you stay around for a meeting or conversation and then go into the quiet sanctuary.