

Sunday Announcements for April 28, 2024

Linda Keister, Chris Flagg, Earl Flagg, Rosamond Hammond, Stephen Boyns (at home), Georgia (Stacey & Stewart's daughter), Pinamang Boateng, Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Ray Cournoyer (friend of Bill Robbins), Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Tom Friend, Beverly Grimshaw, Jim Hoffman, Don Johnson (Phil's brother), Charles & Samira Kiefer, Dorothy Norcross, Sandra O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alysia Simoneau, Janet Terzian, Donald Tremblay; Barbara, Frank & the Vietze Family; Grace Woode, Peter Woodcock, Laura Zoldak, Baby "T" (friend of Carol Samanen), Susan (friend of David Potts), Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Page (Allison Hansen's sister), Libby T. (friend of Phyllis Yngve), Neil Ashton (past member), Paula and Calvin Kelly (sister and brother-in-law of Linda Dylewicz), Al, Linda, and Kathy Freeburn (friends of Linda and Lou D'Acri), Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Linda D'Acri, family and friends of Sandra Scheys who passed away on April 16th.

Announcements

Vacation: Moo will be on vacation from Thursday, May 2, returning on Thursday, May 16. If you have a pastoral need or an emergency, please call the church office, Chris Flagg, or Judy Hoffman.

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

The May Herald will be part of the May 5th bulletin; however, it will be posted by May 3rd. Please send all articles to me no later than Monday, April 29th. *Thank you, Debi*

It's that Time of Year again... Graduates...

Do you have a child(ren) graduating from high school or college? If so, please email your child's name(s), school he/she is graduating from, and where he/she plans on attending next. We will be lifting up their names in June. Please email or leave a note in the office by Friday, May 31 at (office@wesleyworc.org). Please print clearly so I can read it. *Debi Reynolds*

Moving or Have You Moved?

If you have moved or are planning to move, please send a quick email or call the office to let me know your new address (and phone number if necessary). It's very important that we keep the database up to date. Thank you for your cooperation. *Thank you, Debi Reynolds*

Quilters Needed...

Once a month, on the first Thursday, at 10 am we gather in the sewing room on the second floor to prepare quilts for Prayers and Squares. If you'd like to help, please reach out to Jan England at 508-886-2585.

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:

May 5 (just in time for Mother's Day and graduations)	June 16
June 2	August 4

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

Allison Hansen

Save the Dates: United Women in Faith Spring into Action

Wesley's unit of United Women in Faith has a busy spring season. Be sure to put these dates in your calendar so you don't miss out!

Friday, April 26 -- deadline to submit Mission Recognition nominations

Saturday, April 27, 8:45 a.m. -- Steering Committee meeting, John Wesley Room

Sunday, May 12 -- Mother's Day and Mission Recognition Award presentation

Saturday, June 1, 8:45 a.m. -- Steering Committee meeting, John Wesley Room

Tuesday, June 18*, 6 p.m. -- Potluck and planning meeting with presenter Tiffany Lillie, CEO of Girls Inc. of Worcester.

*Please note this date has changed from the calendar distributed last fall.

Mission Matters

The Mission Committee recently made two donations. One was to All Saints Episcopal Church on Irving St. They have adopted a refugee family of 9 who need everything. Judy Hoffman's neighbor said that All Saints wants to partner with another church to gather services, housewares, and other needed items. The first request was for funding drivers' lessons for two family members. The Mission Committee voted to donate \$600 toward the lessons.

A second donation was to In the Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN). Here are the key points in a letter received from an IHN Advisory Board member:

"We want to thank you for your many years of support in so many ways... This year, there is a shortfall in our finances. The Emergency Shelter Grant for \$50,000 ended after Covid. As you know, the cost of everything has risen greatly. As a result, we are struggling to make ends meet. Our long-standing commitment to serve homeless families is now in jeopardy."

Since IHN moved into the June St. house, the Wesley Mission Committee has donated \$2,000 most years, and \$2,500 for the last two. The committee voted to give \$2,500 for 2024. Fewer and fewer churches are able to contribute to IHN in the \$2,000 range. Wesley is fortunate to have mission funding generated over many years by the Bessie Carty Special Purpose Fund. This money can only be used for mission efforts. It also helps to pay a portion of Wesley's Mission Shares (New England and World Missions).

Betsy Pennino

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)

More God Moments from Enoh Upkong

I was born into a Christian family. We went to church on Sundays, but I didn't know the Lord as my savior and it didn't matter to me then, until after high school. This was when I knew that I needed the Lord in my life. I started searching for Him by attending different churches and nothing happened.

I was in this search for God's mode, when I started Nursing School in Nigeria. Here, the students had a religious organization called Scripture Union or SU. They invited me to attend their meetings which were held every Wednesday, from 7 pm to 9 pm and I declined. After 3 months, I decided to check it out. This was a day of prayer and fasting. Lo and behold, I encountered my Lord and Savior that night. A shining light struck me, and I started speaking in tongues. Since this incident, my life has changed forever. I found my risen Lord. To our Lord be all the Glory.

The Lord has been with me all the way, guiding, protecting, and blessing me. I completely depend on Him, and He has never disappointed me. In the summer of 2019, I wanted to visit Nigeria with all my children and grandchildren. My husband did not agree with this plan. I had prayed about it and my Lord said, go ahead, so I did. The visit was such a blessing. The weather was perfect, very cool with no rain throughout the period we were there. We came back safely.

Shortly after that came Covid. I can't even imagine if I hadn't used that window of opportunity.



CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Baptist Church Organ Gala Concert and Dedication, Sunday, June 2, 2024, at 4:00 pm with h'oeuvres before and dessert following a two-organ concert using gallery and chancel organs performed by Michelle Graveline, Wesley Hall and William Ness. Free

PIPES OF ALL TYPES Concert - Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 4:00 pm, First Unitarian Church, 90 Main Street. This brass, organ and choir concert with William Ness, organist, and Allegra Martin, conductor features music by Diemer, Hailstork, Sowerby, Dupre, etc. Free.