
THE WESLEY HERALD

June 2024

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

Grace Woode, Rosamond Hammond, Pierre Bellil, Linda Keister, Stephen Boyns, 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 & Judy 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; Peter Woodcock, Laura Zoldak, 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), Al, Linda, and Kathy Freeburn (friends of Linda and Lou D'Acri), Paula and Calvin Kelly (sister and brother-in-law of Linda Dylewicz),
Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Tower lighting for June is given in loving memory of Hazel & Sherman Langille by The Bellil Family.

The Rose Window lighting for June is given in loving memory of George Hammond by The Hammon family.

Altar flowers can be donated in memory or celebration of a loved one or event. If you would like to donate the altar flowers on a given Sunday, you may sign up in the book in the Welcome Office or call Debi during the week. The cost of the two arrangements for the altar are \$60.

Announcements

Vacation Bible School - July 29 - August 2

Our Vacation Bible School week is coming quick! Children ages 5-12 yrs old may join us 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm each night. More information to follow shortly.

Register with Rhianna at education@wesleyworc.org

Volunteers are needed!

Come to our VBS table in Brewer Hall for child sign ups, and volunteer opportunities.



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

The July Herald will be part of the July 7th bulletin. Please send all articles to me no later than Tuesday, July 2nd. If you have something for the beginning of July, please be sure to send an article to me by June 25th for the June 30th announcements. *Thank you, Debi*

Moving or Have You Moved? Please remember to update the church office if you plan on moving or have moved. 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*

From Carty Cupboard Food Pantry

Thank You to everyone who has donated to Carty Cupboard this past month. Your generous donations have helped a great deal. In the month of May the hard working, dedicated volunteers of Carty Cupboard served 592 families in need. We are all so proud of Edith Isaac, she is a dedicated volunteer for Carty Cupboard and is so deserving of this year's Mission Recognition Award. Yay Edith!!

For the month of June, we are looking for **canned fruit in fruit juice, jelly, both strawberry and grape, and large cans of baked beans 20 oz or 28 oz, please.** *Thanks, Nancy*

Save the Date: *All Women of Wesley are Invited!!!*

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!

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.

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: June 2, June 16, and August 4.

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

Allison Hansen

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 God Moment from Chloe Sundberg

One afternoon while in my dining room, I felt like I was going to pass out, so I sat down quickly and began to take deep breaths. Eventually the feeling passed. A couple of days later while working in the garden, I had another episode, and again was able to keep from passing out. At that point I called and met with my doctor. She sent me to the cardiologist and put me on a monitor for 24 hours. The next day when I returned to have the monitor removed, as I was walking across to the parking lot, I felt another episode come on. This time I passed out. People quickly got me into a wheelchair and down to the ER. I was then admitted. While in my room, I felt another wave come on and quickly called the nurse. I then asked for a copy of the tape, and she was able to get it for me. After the doctor implanted the pacemaker he said, "Someone was watching over you."



SCHOLARSHIPS for MISSION U 2024

Offered by Wesley's United Women in Faith

WHEN: Friday - Sunday July 19 – 21, 2024

WHERE: Southern New Hampshire University. Manchester, NH (**OR** on Zoom)

Theme: *The Kin-Dom is Among You: Growing Closer to God and One Another*

There is programming for all ages.

Adult — *Welcome Home* by Neomi Fletcher

The adult curriculum uses the image of home to explore how living in close proximity to the kin-dom is like making a home with God. Participants are invited to develop practices for building healthy, welcoming communities because of being anchored in the abiding love of God.

Youth — *Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God's Kin-dom* by Nica Sy

In Creation, we see the power of symbiosis, or interdependent relationships. The youth curriculum explores the idea of symbiosis between our relationships with one another and our relationship with God. By drawing closer to one another and our world, we draw closer to the kin-dom.

Children — *Me in the Kin-dom* by Kathy Cook

The children's curriculum uses the Lord's Prayer as a lens to help us see that we are all members of the family of God. Children will begin to understand that the kin-dom is living with Christ and one another on earth as in heaven.

Join in worship, fellowship, and action.

This will be a hybrid meeting.

In-person ADULT Study: \$280

Commuter ADULT: \$100

In-person YOUTH Study: \$100

Commuter YOUTH: \$60

In-person CHILDREN'S Study: \$75

Commuter CHILD: \$40

Zoom ADULT Study: \$50

For more information and the scholarship application form:

Contact Barbara Ingrassia barbaraingrassia@hotmail.com

OR Allison Hansen AChis4788@aol.com

(APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 23)



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.

Edith Issac Mission Recognition Award Winner for 2024

Every year, Wesley's United Women in Faith unit honors a woman for her service to the church. Typically, this is someone who goes about her work without drawing attention to herself. So we are delighted to honor Edith Issac this year and spotlight her contributions.

If you want to find her on a Sunday, or nearly any day of the week really, you should probably start in Brewer Hall. From there, you'd have a good view of both the kitchen and the office, and pretty good odds that you'd see Edith in one of those places.

You might find her in conversation with (or hugging) one of Wesley's church school youth, speaking with a frequent client of Carty Cupboard, or a community supper guest.

She is likely to be in motion, wearing sneakers. She says she's better off staying busy.

That's how her service to Wesley began. She retired after many years of caring for others in the Worcester area. She needed something to do and was looking for a new sense of purpose. She joined the Heralders – a group of people who used to put together the Herald newsletter to prepare it for mailing. Then she joined Rebecca Circle.

Then she helped with community suppers. And collations. And whatever else might need to be done in the office. Or outside, with flowers in the planters.

As one nominator put it, "She doesn't say no very often." And another said, "She always shows up."

This year's honoree is also the first to have enjoyed an earlier career as a flight attendant. And the first honoree to have been a citizen of the smallest country in continental Africa – The Gambia.

Congratulations, Edith!



DID YOU KNOW?

We have recently entered the portion of the liturgical year known as Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time comprises two segments of the liturgical year—the two blocks of weeks outside the main liturgical cycles of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany and Lent-Easter-Pentecost. In some denominations these weeks are referred to by terms such as “time after Epiphany” and “time after Pentecost.” Did you ever wonder what it means to call these seasons “Ordinary Time”? Despite what many people think, it has nothing to do with our sense of the ordinary as everyday, commonplace, uneventful, or boring. What it does reflect is that in the original lectionary system these Sundays were designated by ordinal numbers (meaning “counted”) e.g. 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time, and so Ordinary Time is literally “counted time”.

The first period of Ordinary Time begins on Epiphany Day (January 6) and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday; the second begins on the Monday after Pentecost and continues until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. Combined, these two periods are the longest time in the liturgical year, totaling 34 weeks, thus encompassing more than half of the liturgical year. While the total is the same each year, the length of each of the two periods is variable due to the variability of the date of Easter.

The two periods of Ordinary Time during the liturgical year are not any less significant for the worship life of the church or for our individual spiritual journeys. During these weeks we seek to be particularly aware of the work of God in our midst. As Wendy Wright writes in her book *The Time Between: Cycles and Rhythms in Ordinary Time*:

“The cycles and seasons in which we are engaged during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time are both outward and inward. We participate in the ever-changing, cyclical patterns of the natural seasons...Similarly, we respond to the rhythms of our lives in faith. Interiorly, we grow and change, for as spiritual beings we are not static...To move in response to the Spirit’s prompting is both to realize our innate potential and to be teased into something greater than what is possible in our own little lives. During this lengthy season of the church year, we are thus invited to become attentive to the call of discipleship both outer and inner. What are we called to do? What work? With whom? Where? But also: What are we called to be?”

Please continue to be among us for worship and for the life and work of the church during this Ordinary Time and throughout the remainder of the liturgical year, as we seek to answer these questions for our own individual lives as well as for the congregation of Wesley United Methodist Church.

*Submitted by,
Deborah O’Driscoll*

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