

## Sunday Announcements for June 16, 2024

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

Judy Hoffman, Isabella Consolatti (granddaughter of Gail and Ron Liston), 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 Hoffman, Don Johnson, Charles 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.

Charles and Alexandra Kiefer, on the death of their wife and mother, Samira, who died on June 2, 2024. Per Samira's request, there will not be a service. Cards can be sent to Charles Kiefer, The Oasis at Dodge Park, 102 Randolph Road, Worcester, MA 01606.

Ronna Davis and family as they prepare for the memorial service of John Davis here at Wesley Church on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM.

Richard (Dick) Nevers, Danene Jaffe, Margaret Billian, Donald Nevers, and family on the death of Elizabeth (Betty) Nevers on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Cards can be sent to Dick at 4 Forge Hill Road, #2254, Franklin, MA 02038. Betty's obituary is available [online](#).

### 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 Hammond family.

**The altar flowers** today are given in honor and celebration of All fathers and the fathers in my family by Judy Hoffman.

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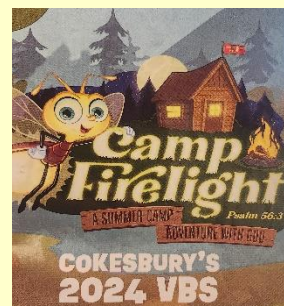
#### Vacation Bible School - July 29 - August 2

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](mailto:education@wesleyworc.org)

**Volunteers are needed!**

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



## **All Women of Wesley are Invited!!!**

Be sure this is on 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.



**July Herald UPDATE:** There will NOT be a July Herald. If you have an article you'd like in the Announcements, please send it to me no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday you'd like the announcement in.

The August Herald will be part of the August 4<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Please mark your calendar to have articles to me by Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Debi Reynolds ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org))

**Altar flowers...** We've been very fortunate to not have had a price increase with our altar flowers over the last few years. However, it is now time for that increase to happen. With \$60 you are not able to receive two beautiful arrangements for the altar. After a recent meeting with the owner of Perro's, we have agreed upon \$80 for the two arrangements (\$40 per arrangement) for the altar flowers on Sundays. This price change will be effective July 1, 2024.

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 me during the week. There is a form in the book as well that will need to be completed and returned to me with the payment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you, Debi Reynolds

**Ghanaian Choir Conference** this year is August 29<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>. They are looking for Patrons to join them in NY on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in attending the conference to represent Wesley Church, please speak with Gifty Bentum-Asante for more information.

### **From Carty Cupboard**

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

### **Jeremiah's Inn Holds Annual Food Drive**

Jeremiah's Inn assists 7,000 families each year with emergency food and essential items. In Massachusetts, 564,000 individuals are facing food insecurity and 114,000 of them are children. Jeremiah's is holding their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive. On June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Jeremiah's volunteers will be in Shaw's Worcester supermarkets. They are asking for canned goods, non-perishables or monetary gifts. The latter can also be mailed to Jeremiah's Inn, PO Box 30035, Worcester MA 01603.

### **Summer Hope for Housing Orders Due June 19**

If you will need a sizeable number of gift cards from local grocery stores, Panera, CVS, Dunkin', Target or Amazon, please email your order to Allison Hansen at [AChis4788@aol.com](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com) on or before **June 19**. Due to staffing schedules, there won't be a chance to order more cards again until mid-August. Thank you for your support of this ministry to prevent homelessness! 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](mailto:betspenn35@hotmail.com))

### *A God Moment from Susan Williams*

I volunteer for the Eye Clinic that takes place on select Mondays of each month. I am the first person you see when you arrive between 6 to 8 pm.

One Monday in April a man came in and as he approached me, he said "I know you!" I replied, "You do?" He went on to tell me he lived at Channing, as do I. I asked his name, "Edward, Edward Nasiah" he replied. I know his wife, Janet. In the past, several years ago I'd helped them through Carty Cupboard, and during the pandemic with the help from Debi Reynolds, but have always worked with Janet.

I asked him, "How is Janet?" He replied, "Janet hasn't worked in four months. She broke her leg in in four places and can't leave the house." Then he said, "we are hungry!" I told him, "I work at the Carty Cupboard food pantry each week, I will get you food by Wednesday afternoon."

The next day I called Nancy Spencer and told her about their need. She said she would pack up food and I should gather items being offered on Wednesday for the family. I called Phil Johnson and he kindly agreed to help me bring the food back.

On Wednesday we gathered the food, and I took it to the Nasiah's. Janet and Edward couldn't thank me enough. I only wish I had known long before I did.

God uses us sometimes to connect a supply (Nancy Spencer and the crew of Carty) to a need (the Nasiah's in this circumstance), a blessing for me too. What a wonderful God Moment!

## **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:**

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**OR** Allison Hansen [AChis4788@aol.com](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com)

**(APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 23)**

**INVITATION TO MINISTER: “THANKSGIVING CONCERT  
WITH JVA@40 AND LAUNCH OF VARRICK JUVENILE MUSIC FOUNDATION”**

It is my utmost pleasure to personally invite you and your respectable choir to minister at my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration concert dubbed ‘**Thanksgiving concert with James Varrick Armaah**’ in Worcester, MA. This event is designed to be a time of worship and praise in the presence of God through my compositions and this will also feature the **Varrick Annual Chorus** directed by myself and other choirs namely:

- **Wesley United Methodist Church Choir**
- **Good Shepherd Methodist Church Choir**
- **St. Isaac Jogues Ghanaian Parish Choir**
- **Mount Zion Presbyterian Church Choir**

As part of the program will be the launch of **Varrick Juvenile Music Foundation (VJMF)** which is targeted at educating and raising talented young musicians for the next generation. As the director of the **Harmonious Chorale**, I frequently receive emails from both parents and children requesting for my musical assistance and also providing a stage for children in music to display their talents. I want to use my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday as the pivot to begin officially this heroic task.

Your choir is expected to minister at least two (2) compositions from me. Upon acceptance of the invitation, the list and scores of the selected music will be made available.

Details of the event are as follows:

Date: Saturday, June 29, 2024

Venue: Sacred Heart / St. Catherine of Sweden Parish, 596 Cambridge St., Worcester MA, 01610

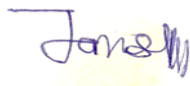
Time: 6 pm

Host Choir: Varrick Annual Chorus – Worcester, MA

Free entry

Counting on your usual cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,



James Varrick Armaah  
Composer and Director,  
Harmonious Chorale, Ghana

For Further info: Ben 774-670-1303 / Desmond 617-955-2371 / Maxwell 508-618-1624