

## Sunday Announcements for August 11, 2024

Rich Reynolds (Debi Reynolds' brother in ICU), Shirley Pisarski, Judy Hoffman, Grace Woode, Isabella Consolatti (granddaughter of Gail and Ron Liston), Rosamond Hammond, Linda Keister, Pinamang Boateng, Joseph Boateng, Stephen Boyns, Anne Burrows, 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 Vietze, Peter Woodcock, Laura Zoldak, Georgia (Stacey & Stewart's daughter), 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),  
Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Beth Vietze and family on the loss of her father Frank Vietze. Cards can be sent to 14 Dunanderry Way, Paxton, MA 01612.

Gary Robinson and family on the death of his mother, Marilyn Robinson, on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be sent to Gary at 93 Paxton Street, Leicester, MA 01524. Her service will be on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at East Greenwich UMC, 1558 South County Trail, East Greenwich, RI. Her obituary can be found online at [csori.com](https://csori.com).

Phil and Cheryl Johnson and family on the loss of their sister-in-law Terry Mosso on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be sent to Phil and Cheryl at 99 AF Putnam Road, Charlton, MA 01507.

### Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

**The Rose Window** lighting for August is given in in loving memory of Polly Boyns by Steve Boyns.

**The Tower lighting** is available for August. If you'd like to sponsor the lighting in memory or celebration of a loved one, please call Debi in the office. The cost of the lighting is \$40.

### Announcements

#### Upcoming Vacations:

Moo will be on Spiritual Renewal Leave beginning August 15<sup>th</sup>, returning on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have a pastoral need or an emergency, please call the church office, Chris Flagg, or Judy Hoffman.

As of right now, Debi will be on vacation beginning August 20<sup>th</sup>, returning on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any announcements for Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>, please be sure to have it to Debi no later than August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**September Herald:** *There are always extra copies of the Herald in the Narthex by the Welcome Office.* The September Herald will be part of the September 1<sup>st</sup> bulletin. Please send all articles to me no later than Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.  
*Thank you, Debi*

### From Carty Cupboard Food Pantry

For the month of August, we need nutritious Cold Cereal, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Mayo, and Mustard please. The number of people we serve continues to grow. At this writing the numbers for July are not complete, however, the total will be over 500 families. Thank You to everyone who continues to donate to Carty.

*Thanks, Nancy*

### Harvest 2024...

The annual Harvest will be on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has an item(s) they would like to donate for the main Harvest on September 29<sup>th</sup>, please bring it to the Church Office or speak with Gifty Bentum-Asante. Let us all pray about ways we plan to give to the Lord and know that is our little token of saying *Thank You* for all that He has done for us.

### Gift Cards Can Prevent Homelessness!

#### *Hope for Housing Fall Dates*

Do you buy groceries? Stop by CVS? Grab a coffee at Dunkin, Starbucks or a meal at Panera?

If you do, pay with a gift card instead of cash or credit. Buy your card at Wesley and your purchase will help a family threatened with homelessness actually remain in their home.

Allison Hansen will be selling cards in Brewer Hall after church on the following dates, and will accept orders by email at [ACHis4788@aol.com](mailto:ACHis4788@aol.com). Please give her advance notice if you want to place a larger order.

August 25

September 22

October 13

November 3

November 17 – Shop for stocking stuffers and plan ahead!

December 8 – Secret Santa? Team gifts? Last chance for larger orders this year.

### United Women in Faith Welcomes New Co-Presidents

2024 is a year of transition for Wesley's United Women in Faith unit. After 10 years of service, Allison Hansen has stepped down from her role as co-president, together with Barbara Ingrassia. While Barbara continues her position, joining her this summer are Sandra McManus and Cordelia Ferdinand as new co-presidents.

Please congratulate them on their new leadership roles!



**Wesley UMC Community Suppers has been selected** by the Store Leadership Team at Stop & Shop to benefit from the Bloomin' 4 Good Program. Wesley Church will receive \$1 from every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of August 2024 at: 545 Lincoln Street, Worcester MA.



This is a great opportunity to bring some beautiful flowers into your home and help support the Community Supper program as well.

## **Bake Sale Funds Help Wesley and the Wider World**

When you support United Women in Faith with your purchase at one of their semi-annual bake, craft and plant sales, you support mission work both locally and abroad. For example, Wesley's UWF unit supports Wesley Church with gifts to Mission Shares.

Earlier this year, we helped Wesley purchase a new disposal unit for the dishwasher in the pantry. One of our church's goals is to become "**green.**" As Wesley becomes more environmentally conscious, we are all reducing our use of paper and plastic at events and using dishes and silverware more often. That means the church relies on its dishwasher more often, too. The disposal grinds up the food left on plates and helps the dishwasher work more effectively. While it was broken, we used the dishwasher less and paper plates more.

Purchasing the disposal unit is a prime example of how important bake sales are and have been used for a force of good for the various ministries at the Church and UWF community ministries.

We would love for all Wesley church members to participate in the Bake Sales with your talent, time, and contribution of baked goods, plants, or whatever ideas you have that would be a great fundraiser.

The next UWF Bake Sale will be **Sunday, November 24** -- mark your calendar and come prepared to buy great pies, breads, cookies, and other baked treats that will surely make your Thanksgiving meal more special.

Let us **Bake** bread together and give thanks for each other.

With thanks to Judith Barton for this article.

## **GOD MOMENT**

No God Moment was contributed recently. If you have a story of seeing God's work in your life that you'd like to share, please email me or tell it to me. The story can be anonymous or signed. If you need help getting it to read the way you want, I'm happy to help! Please reach out to me!

Betsy ([betspenn35@hotmail.com](mailto:betspenn35@hotmail.com))