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# THE WESLEY HERALD

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September 2024

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

Rich Reynolds (Debi Reynolds' brother), Shirley Pisarski, Judy Hoffman, Grace Woode, Beverly Grimshaw, 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 and 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), 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 September is given in loving memory of Rev. Blaine Taylor by Lois Taylor.

**The Rose Window** lighting is available for September. 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

### SAVE THE DATE!

### Sunday, November 3, 2024 – ALL CHURCH MEETING

Wesley's Vision Task Force will host a conversation about possible new directions for our church on Sunday, November 3 after the service. More details to come, but please save the date so you can bring your ideas and thoughts to the discussion.

**Worcester Area United Methodist (WAUM) Music & Fellowship on September 15<sup>th</sup> is indefinitely postponed.**

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

The October Herald will be part of the October 13<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Please send all articles to me no later than Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you, Debi*

### From Carty Cupboard Food Pantry

For the month of September, we need nutritious Cold Cereal and meals in a can, like stew and Chef Boyardee products please. Thank You to everyone who donates money and or food to Carty Cupboard on a regular basis, we appreciate your generosity and kindness. *Nancy*

**Moving or Have You Moved?** People often move before the school year begins. If you have moved or are planning to move, please remember to update the church office. 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*

### **Harvest 2024...**

The annual Harvest will be on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> with the International Lunch to follow. If anyone has an item(s) they would like to donate for the main Harvest on September 29<sup>th</sup>, please 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.

### **International Lunch Celebration - September 29, 2024**

The International luncheon will follow the harvest celebration this year. Please plan on making your favorite dish from your heritage to share with fellow members. Let us know if it will be a main dish, a side or a dessert. There will be signup sheets and foil pans to put your dish in. (Ingredients must be listed to prevent any problems with allergies.)

**Volunteers will be needed for set up and clean up!!!!**

**This is a church-wide function so let's make it a huge success!**

For those of you bringing food, please email/text one of us the name of your dish, Country of where your dish is from (so we have a flag of the country it represents to place next to it) and list of ingredients (for those who have allergies or are gluten free).

Stephanie Smyth... email [smyth0822@gmail.com](mailto:smyth0822@gmail.com) **OR** you may call or text message Linda D'Acri at 508-450-0331.

Thank You in advance for your help in making this a huge success!

Kind Regards,  
Stephanie and Linda

### **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.

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.

## 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))

### Another God Moment from Enoh –

I traveled to Sugar Land in Houston on August 1, 2024. As I boarded the plane at Logan, I happened to sit next to a family with 5 children. The child who sat next to me was about 6 years old. He asked me my name, and I told him that my name was “Anabanana.” That cracked him up. He laughed so hard and kept repeating Anabanana. We bonded during the plane ride, and it was like we knew each other before. As a result, the whole family just accepted me.

When we landed in Houston, the father asked me where I was going. To Sugar Land, I replied. He then said, “We too are going to Sugar Land, let me check with the guy who's picking us up to see if we could give you a ride.” This man took care of my suitcase and my carryon bag, from baggage claim to checking me into the hotel, before they headed to where they were going. I had never been to Houston before, and I was clueless, but the Lord sent this wonderful family to me with perfect timing.

The weather was perfect throughout my trip. When I returned home and heard about the terrible weather conditions, how planes ✈️ were delayed and some were cancelled, I gave our God all the Glory for seeing me through.

## DID YOU KNOW?

We will be celebrating Wesley's annual Harvest service in a few more weeks on Sunday, September 29. Harvest celebrations of all kinds have been important throughout human history in many religious traditions. There are about one hundred references to harvest in the Bible, not surprising since agriculture has always been the basis of Palestine's economy. Although we no longer live in an agrarian society we certainly can still identify with the general principles that are important in the harvests of the Bible. Did you know that the three main festivals of the Old Testament were scheduled to coincide with various seasons of harvest? Passover occurred at the time of the barley harvest, Pentecost at the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Tabernacles (Feast of Booths) at the end of the year with the fruit harvest. Harvest is seen as an image of abundance as well as reward for labor. The various feasts and festivals are times of excitement, generosity, and joy.

Because of the importance of the harvest in the lives of the people, it also became an important source of imagery and symbolism for religious teaching; it is appropriate to reflect on the metaphorical images of the harvest in the Bible as we consider what it means to be stewards of God's gifts in our lives. In his teachings Jesus presented harvest as a time of opportunity in the present as well as eventually a time of final judgment.

As in Biblical times, our Harvest celebration relates to the central core of how we live out our faith within our believing community that is the fellowship of Wesley United Methodist Church. It is an opportunity for us to offer the fruit of our investment of our time, our efforts, and all of who we are to fulfill God's intended purposes for our church and our world.

*Submitted by,  
Deborah O'Driscoll*

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