

Sunday Announcements for September 22, 2024

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

Barbara McLaren, Cathy (sister-in-law of David Potts), Kimberly Shays (Deborah Surrette's daughter), Rich Reynolds (Debi Reynolds' brother), Shirley Pisarski, Grace Woode, Rosamond Hammond, Linda Keister, Pinamang Boateng, Joseph Boateng, Stephen Boyns, Anne Burrows, Isabella Consolatti (Gail and Ron Liston's granddaughter), Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Tom Friend, Beverly Grimshaw, Jim & Judy 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, 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 for September is given in loving memory of Ralph Ellis.

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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 are to come, but please save the date so you can bring your ideas and thoughts to the discussion.

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 13th bulletin. Please send all articles to me no later than Monday, October 7th.

Thank you, Debi

A Reminder from Carty Cupboard...

We are No Longer Accepting Any Paper or Plastic Bags. Please recycle them elsewhere. Also, we cannot give out any donated food that is not in its original unopened packaging with the ingredients listed on it. Thank You to everyone who continues to donate to Carty Cupboard. We served 545 Families in the month of August.

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Harvest 2024 – Sunday, September 29th!

If anyone has an item(s) they would like to donate for the main Harvest on September 29th, 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.

Dismas Family Farm Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 5th

As in recent years, you are invited to the Dismas House fall festival on Saturday, October 5th. It's at their family farm in Oakham, MA (687 Lincoln Road) from noon to 4 pm. Free admission! Enjoy hayrides, pumpkins and delicious fall treats. Dismas House helps "returning citizens" rejoin their families and society at their Worcester house and Oakham farm.

International Lunch Celebration – Sunday, September 29th!

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 **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. 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)

A God Moment from Chris Flagg

Each day I travel up route 20 to get to work, it's not uncommon for traffic to be heavy and the traffic lights can be unbearably long, so I'm always plotting and scheming in my head about which "shortcuts" will get me to work the fastest. I have three choices for the last part of my route... turn off route 20 and take back roads, but that would mean a lower speed limit and I could end up getting stuck behind a school bus picking kids up at their individual houses, or I could travel a little further down the road past the place where I need to turn and then make a loop around at the next intersection and backtrack, or I can just pull into the lane designed for my final turn and wait out the very long light.

On one particular day I decided to pull into my designated lane, I was the only one waiting to turn and the oncoming traffic was very heavy, so I wasn't expecting the light to change any time soon. As I sat there waiting for the light to change, I started thinking about how this whole light system was designed to make it easier (and safer) for me to get to my destination, it may take longer than I'd like it to sometimes but eventually the pre-designed plan will fall into place and I will be on my way. As I sat thinking about all of this the light did in fact change, the oncoming traffic slowed to a stop and as I began to take my left hand turn I said a small prayer of thanks for the people who developed the light system that helps to keep me safe.

Then it happened...
the God moment!

A split-second thought that changed my mood for the rest of the day.

The realization that my life with God can be described as similar to that traffic light... I can try taking shortcuts or doing things "my way", or I can choose to be patient and know that God already has a pre-designed plan and even if it's not in the timing I would choose, it will always be the safest way, the best way, the way that leads to life.

Thank You God.