
THE WESLEY HERALD

October 2024

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

Chloe Sundberg, Alice Douglas, Barbara McLaren, Cathy (sister-in-law of David Potts), Kimberly Shays (Deborah Surette's daughter), Rich Reynolds (Debi Reynolds' brother), 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 & 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, 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 October is given in loving memory of Joseph Ventura in celebration of his birthday by his family Gary, Debbie and James.

The Rose Window for October is given in loving memory of John Hansen by his family.

Announcements

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, October 27, 2024 - 1 PM – Annual Church Conference

Sunday, November 3 – after worship – All Church Meeting

November 3rd All-Church Meeting – Let's Talk about the Future

On Sunday, November 3 after church, finish your breakfast and come discuss the future of Wesley Church. The Vision Task Force will be presenting some potential future directions for our church, and we want to hear your thoughts about them. Bring your ideas and your prayers for our future together.

Advance Pie Orders for Bake Sale: I will be taking advance orders for pies for the holiday. Please look for an order form beginning next Sunday, October 20th, in Brewer Hall. Payment is appreciated at the time of ordering. Order deadline is Sunday, November 17th. *Thank you, Linda D'Acri*

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

The November Herald will be part of the November 3rd bulletin. Please send all articles to me no later than Monday, October 28th.
Thank you, Debi

From Carty Cupboard Food Pantry... For the month of October, we are in of need hearty canned soups, and reusable bags please.
Thank you, Nancy

The United Women in Faith (UWF) will meet on Saturday, October 19th at 12:30 pm in East Hall for an "All Circle" luncheon and planning meeting.

Sarah Circle will be providing the luncheon.

Our program will include sharing the experience and subject matter from those who attended Mission U. recently.

All Circle Members and all women of Wesley may join in the fellowship of this event!

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.

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 Nancy Cook

I recently pulled into a gas station to get an inspection sticker. I stopped in front of the inspection bay and saw a man inside kneeling on the floor and looking down at something. He soon sat back, then bent forward. When he rocked back again, I realized he was saying his midday prayers to Allah.

When he was finished, he put away his mat and came to wait on me. He thanked me for waiting.

It occurred to me that we should all pause during the day to say a prayer to the one God.

DID YOU KNOW?

During the opening hymn each week our worship service includes a procession of the choirs to the chancel steps. According to *The New Westminster Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship*, a procession is “a planned movement of a group of people from one place to another for some specific religious purpose, often to the accompaniment of singing and music”. In general, processions serve a very practical function in worship which is the movement of people (and objects) to the site of liturgical participation. However, the procession can serve as a strong symbol as well.

The Bible has many references to processions, the most regular of which occur as part of the formal worship at the temple in Jerusalem. The Old Testament refers to political and military processions as well as religious processions. In terms of processions in the context of Christian worship, some of the earliest evidence for processions in the church is found in reports from the 4th century which describe pilgrimages to sacred sites in Jerusalem during the rites of Holy Week. In the history of the church, there is also a tradition of public processions which can serve not only as acts of pilgrimage but also as acts of witness. There are some traditions in which processions involve special steps and choreography resulting in a form of religious dance.

There are many other processions that occur not only in the context of usual Sunday morning worship but also in relation to special rites of the church: the procession to the font at baptism; the offertory procession; the procession of the bridal party to the altar at a wedding; the procession of the casket to the front of the church at a funeral. We can also think of our coming forward to receive communion as a congregational procession, which enables us to engage not only our spirits but also our physical bodies as we offer ourselves to serve and praise God. As we participate in various movements of worship, may we always be reminded that we do indeed worship with all that we are—hearts, souls, minds, and bodies.

*Submitted by,
Deborah O’Driscoll*



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Pastor	Rev. Byungmoo Lee	Education Committee Co-Chairs	Joseph Fletcher
Organist	Ronna Davis		Ivy Hammond
Chancel Choir Director	David Potts	Youth Bible Study	Joseph Fletcher
Ghanaian Choir Director	Desmond Cheetham	Finance & Stewardship Co-Chairs	William Wong
Director of Children's Ministries	Rhianna Burke		Peter Hansen
Church Business Administrator	Matt Crane	Financial Secretary	Earl Flagg
Church Secretary	Debi Reynolds	Church Auditor	Cynthia Fletcher
Building Superintendent	Phil Johnson	Ghanaian Association	Paul Hayfron
Custodians	April Dylewicz	Hospitality Chair	Linda D'Acri
	Gerard Piscitelli	Medical Ministry	Ron Ramsay
Head Usher	David Dagle	Mission Coordinators	Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy
Communion Steward	Earl Flagg		Donna Hirtle
Wesley Tech Team	Mark Muncey	Staff-Parish Relations Co-Chairs	Chris Flagg
Church Council Chair	Brent Drajesk		Judy Hoffman
Co-Lay Leaders	Gifty Bentum-Asante	United Women in Faith Co-Chairs	Barbara Ingrassia,
	Joseph Fletcher		Sandra McManus, Cordelia Ferdinand
Board of Trustees Chair	Gary Robinson	Music Committee	Debbie O'Driscoll
Carty Cupboard Food Pantry	Nancy Spencer	Worship Committee Chair	Debbie O'Driscoll