

Sunday Announcements for November 17, 2024

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

Ruth Wentzell (friend of Elaine Peterson), Sandra O'Driscoll, Melissa Houlihan (friend of Bill Robbins), Alice Douglas, Deborah Plant, Barbara McLaren, Cathy (sister-in-law of David Potts), Rich Reynolds, Grace Woode, Beverly Grimshaw, Rosamond Hammond, Linda Keister, Pinamang Boateng, Joseph Boateng, Stephen Boyns, Anne Burrows, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Tom Friend, Jim & Judy Hoffman, Don Johnson, Charles Kiefer, Dorothy Norcross, David Samanen, 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 November is given with thanks and blessings for Carolyn & Pierre's 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

The Rose Window for November is given in loving memory of Clifford s. Duxbury, Jr. by Beth, Craig, Tina, Matthew Duxbury and Brian Pitts.

Altar flowers are available each Sunday for dedication of a loved one in celebration of a special event or in memory of someone. If you are interested in dedicating flowers, the order forms are in the Welcome office. Cost of both arrangements is \$80, and a single arrangement is \$50 (placed in front of the altar). Please leave your order form and payment in Debi's office. Thank you.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, December 8 – All Church Meeting following worship

Continue the Conversation on Wesley's Future December 8th

Stay after church on Sunday, December 8 to continue the conversation about Wesley's future with the Vision Task Force. Our topic will be low-risk Scenario 1, "Stay and Grow Ministries." We want to hear your thoughts on how best we can secure Wesley's future. Save the date!

Advance Pie Orders for Bake Sale – **DEADLINE IS TODAY!**

I am now taking advance orders for pies for the holiday. Please look in Brewer Hall for the order forms. Payment is appreciated at the time of ordering. Order deadline to order is Sunday, November 17th.

Thank you, Linda D'Acri

Annual Bake, Craft, and Plant Sale Fundraiser... United Women in Faith will be having their annual Bake, Craft and Plant Sale the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 24th). Please help us make this a huge success as it does help with missions here and abroad as well as camperships! Please bake if you can and bring your checkbooks for the delicious homemade goodies!! Also, if you can lend a hand during the sale, before or after church, please let Linda D'Acri know.

Poinsettia Orders are now being taken. We have a short window to get our order in, so please be sure to order your Poinsettia(s) soon! The deadline for ALL orders is Monday, November 25th. Order forms can be found in your bulletin, in the Narthex, and online. There is a box in the Welcome office to place your orders in.
Thank you, Linda D'Acri & Debi Reynolds

From Carty Cupboard Food Pantry... For the month of November, we are looking for reusable shopping bags, no paper or plastic please. We are also in need of cereal, hot or cold, hearty canned soups, and meals in a can like stew, or Chef Boyardee products. Thank you so much! Happy Thanksgiving! *Nancy*

Volunteers are needed on the first Sunday of each month during the breakfast rush. If you can help before or after church, please sign on the sheets near the kitchen. We will have signup sheets for December, January, and February to begin.
Thank you, Linda D'Acri

December Herald: *There are always extra copies of the Herald in the Narthex by the Welcome Office.* The December Herald will be part of the December 1st bulletin. Please send all articles to me no later than Wednesday, November 20th. With Thanksgiving the following week, I will need to work on the newsletter earlier.
Thank you, Debi

Harvest Update: As of November 13, 2024, the total for Harvest is \$38,746.00. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible! God is Good!!!



Advent Study

November 22 – December 20

Friday mornings – 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in John Wesley room

AN UNLIKELY ADVENT

Extraordinary people of the Christmas story

By Rachel Billups

This Advent season join Rachel Billups and read through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.

Plan to join us for this video study, discussion and fellowship each Friday morning during Advent. For more information and to pick up your book please reach out to Chris Flagg at 508-414-1696.



United Women in Faith All Circle Meeting and Holiday Party...

On Saturday, December 7th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm, the women of Wesley, the “United Women in Faith” (UWF) will gather in Brewer Hall for an All Circle and a festive Holiday Party including a luncheon with a brief meeting.

Florence House women with children are attending and our babysitters are coming to help!

Please bring a wrapped new or gently used children’s book and a wrapped adult book to be given to someone else in our group!

Rebecca Circle will be providing the luncheon.

So please mark your calendars now so not to miss this annual event, to enjoy one another’s company and to share in the spirit of Christmastime love and giving.

Gift Cards Can Prevent Homelessness!

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.

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

God is Good!

On September 21st I had plans to attend the District UWF meeting with other members of my circle. First, I would need to pick up a friend so that we could then head to Wesley to meet others and finally head to the meeting together.

When I arrived at my first stop, it was pouring rain, and I misjudged the depth of a pothole. I ended up with a flat tire, and of course that was the moment when I realized that I had forgotten to renew my AAA membership several months ago. My brain immediately went into overdrive, over-thinking about everything...

We are stuck on the side of the road,
people are waiting for us to arrive at the church,
we are going to be late for the meeting,
this is gonna cost a fortune.

I was completely stressing myself out and needed to just stop for a minute. I put my head in my hands and closed my eyes. Then I sensed someone standing beside me, I opened my eyes, and a very nice man was standing in the pouring rain beside my window offering to change my tire. What a blessing!

But the story doesn't end there. While I was waiting, I called my husband. He came right out to meet me so that I could take his car while he got my car's tire replaced. It was a good plan except I really don't like driving his car. He convinced me it was best to not be driving on a spare in the heavy rain, so I agreed.

I got to the church to pick up the person we were meeting. Not thinking, I went to plug in my GPS so that I could use WAZE for directions, but my husband's car is older than mine and doesn't have that capability. Of course I went right back into stress mode, and then for the first time EVER my phone started automatically playing music. I have no idea how this happened but the first words we heard were "everything's gonna be all right," yes, a familiar song that has saved me before. I was so surprised that I almost started to cry, and I'm quite sure the rest of my passengers felt something similar.

I still have no idea where that sweet man came from, nor do I have any idea how that song started playing, and I'm not sure I'd even believe any of it myself if it weren't for the witnesses riding with me, but I do know one thing for sure, God is watching out for me and he makes a way... and God is good! All the time!!!