

Sunday Announcements for November 24, 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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AN ALL-CHURCH MEETING

will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024 following worship.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24th at 6 PM

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!

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 sign-up 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. If you have not sent in your article, Please send it to me by tomorrow morning, Monday, November 25th at 11 am. *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.

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)

God Moments from Betsy Pennino

We both have been moved by seeing woods where just one tree has Christmas lights, so we've been decorating one evergreen in the woods behind our house. We always put two strings of lights around the very top to create a sense of starlight. Bruce put the lights on in 2023 and then I went out to look at them. I saw the usual jumble of lights & wires near the top. Yet when I looked out after dark, the jumble had become a perfect 5-point star! And it stayed there for weeks while other strings of lights were jostled about by strong windstorms.

I often notice the hazy colors that are created by sunlight streaming through Wesley's stained glass. They appear on the balcony wall to the left of the chancel. On November 3rd, I noticed more blue than usual as we started the readings for communion. I went forward to receive communion and returned to my seat. Immediately I looked up and saw that the blues had organized into two stripes. They extended almost the width of the wall. Above the left side of the stripes was a red field with a burst of gold in it. An American flag with blue instead of red & white stripes, red where the blue field with stars usually is, and a flash of gold instead of the 50 stars. It was two days before the 2024 election, and I had hopes for what the meaning might be. Later, I decided it was a sign that God would still bless the United States of America. Did anyone else observe this?