

# Wesley United Methodist Church, Worcester, MA

## *Sunday Announcements for February 13, 2022*

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

- Clark Jones, a teacher of Beth Duxbury's, who is battling a severe blood infection on top of fighting cancer.
- Charles and Samira Kiefer at Oasis at Dodge Park.
- Barbara Vietze, mom of Beth Vietze, recovering from surgery for a broken hip.
- Pamela, Linda Keister's sister, now home with 24 hr care. She will need surgery in the future.
- Lorna Regentz, Judy Simoneau's daughter, now recovering at home.
- Barbara Fletcher, who continues to heal with a broken arm and crushed vertebrae from a fall in October. Please continue to pray for comfort and healing.
- Paul Keister. Pray for peace for him. Visits are not allowed at this time.
- Bill Kilmer in St. Mary's Health Care Center.
- Bill Wong for strength and comfort.
- Anne Burrows at Sterling Village Rehab.
- David Samanen
- Peter Woodcock
- Ken Hedenburg
- Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

### Tower & Rose Window Lightings

The February Tower and Rose Window lightings are available. If you would like to light either of these in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Debi in the office via email at [office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org) or call 508-799-4191, ext 102. The cost of lighting is \$40 each.



**Vacation Scheduled:** Moo will be on vacation from Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have a pastoral need or emergency, please contact Rev. James Hoffman at [jhoffman24661@yahoo.com](mailto:jhoffman24661@yahoo.com) or at 860-965-2575.

**CHANGE OF DATE:** **February Herald** will be sent out the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>. All articles should be submitted now. If you have one, please email to me by 9am Monday morning.

**2021 Annual Reports** If you forgot to send me your Annual Report, please do so as soon as possible. You may email ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org)) your report to me or drop off a printed report to the office.

*Thank you, Debi*

## Community Breakfast

Join us on Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 8 am to 10 am for a Community Breakfast. We will be serving French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, and tater tots.

Please wear a mask when you come into the church.

*Thank you.*

## Upcoming Bible Study: He Chose the Nails

The new Bible study began on February 1<sup>st</sup>. It is held via Zoom from 6:30 to 8 pm. This is a 5-session video Bible study written by Max Lucado entitled HE CHOSE THE NAILS. It explores the many gifts Christ provided us at his crucifixion.

The class meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. This invitation to join the study is open to all. You will be provided with zoom access. If you are interested, please call Susan Williams at 508-795-7331 or email J. Hoffman at [jhoffman24661@yahoo.com](mailto:jhoffman24661@yahoo.com).

Please join and enrich your Lenten experience.

## **HURRAY!**

The reentry team, the worship team and the Education Committee have determined that it is safe (with masks and social distancing) to resume the children's time with the Pastor.

Starting on February 6<sup>th</sup> Pastor Moo will be inviting the children to come forward to the altar rail for a brief time together.

We are still working to reopen Sunday School for our elementary school children, we have curriculum and a temporary plan in place for this program but we still need volunteers who are willing to teach.

In the meantime, we will have children's activity bags that will be updated weekly to help children stay busy during worship.

Please consider volunteering, whether it's one Sunday a month or one a quarter, whatever frequency you feel most comfortable with, we need you!

\*All Curriculum and materials will be provided well in advance.

Please speak with Pastor Moo for more information or if you are interested in helping with this ministry. During the time Moo is on vacation, please reach out to Judy Hoffman/Chris Flagg.

## Thanks to IHN Volunteers!

IHN thanked [us](#) for what Wesley did last week in caring for homeless families who live there until they can regain housing. Special thanks to the one overnigher, Peter Hansen. Thank you also to those who volunteered for evening shifts -- Allison Hansen, Carolyn Bellil, Judith Barton, Judy & Jim Hoffman and Betsy Pennino. Thanks also to Carolyn Bellil who contributed a Big Y food card.

## **Prevent Homelessness through Grocery Shopping**

We are working hard to prevent many families from becoming homeless, as more people face eviction either due to the pandemic, or because rents keep going up, we are seeing many seniors, families and low-wage earners struggling even more. Central Mass. Housing Alliance makes bulk purchases of gift cards at a discount, and the difference from their face value goes into a fund to cover back rent or utility bills.

For February gift card orders, email Allison Hansen by Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be **picked up on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** after church or at a pre-arranged time if you worship remotely. Please email me to make arrangements ([ACHis4788@aol.com](mailto:ACHis4788@aol.com)).

We have cards for Panera (\$10, \$25), Shaw's and Stop & Shop (\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100), Big Y (\$25, \$50, \$100), CVS (\$10, \$20, \$50), and Dunkin' Donuts (\$10, \$25).

*Thank you! Allison*

## **Afghan Coat Project Still Needs Your Help!**

The Afghan Coat Project is coming along nicely, and we have been distributing winter gear to several of the folks that have arrived in Worcester.

We continue to need coats:

    Infant & Toddler coats, outer wear

    Men's & Women's – Small, Medium & Large (NO XL or larger)

We are also in need of hats & gloves for all.

We DO NOT need clothing or hangers.

Lastly, we need volunteers who can commit to being at Wesley for 2-3 hours on Saturday mornings to receive community donations. If we get enough volunteers, we can split the time, so the same person is not always here. We would like to add the Coat Project to the WARM website (Welcoming Alliance for Refugee Ministry [www.warmwelcoming.org](http://www.warmwelcoming.org)) but we need to be able to state a regular drop off time. If you would like to help with this, please let me know ASAP. Thank you for your continued support with this Wesley community mission.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation to help us purchase what we need, checks can be made out to Wesley Church, with 'Coat Project' in the memo field.

Rebecca Circle and I would like to thank everyone who has reached out to help and for your donations!

*Chris Flagg (508-414-1696)*

## **Stop & Shop's "Bloomin 4 Good"**

Once again Wesley Church has been selected for Stop and Shop's "Bloomin 4 Good" program!

For the month of February every "Bloomin 4 Good" bouquet sold at the Lincoln Street Stop and Shop store during the month of February, the Community Supper program will receive \$1.00! Look for the flowers with the sticker on them! What a great way to enjoy some flowers and brighten your home and be able to support the Community Supper program!