

Wesley United Methodist Church, Worcester, MA

Sunday Announcements for March 6, 2022

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

- Family and friends of Enid Holmberg who passed away on Monday, February 28th. A graveside service will be held at 10 AM on Tuesday, March 15 in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.
- Paul Hayfron and the entire family in your prayers. Paul's sister, Grace Hayfron passed away on February 28 after a short illness. Condolences may be sent to at 173 Eastern Ave, #1, Worcester, MA 01605. Details about services will be shared when they are available.
- Pam Bak, Kim Harmon, and the Kane families on the death of their father, Ken Hedenburg on Wednesday, February 23rd.
- The family of Michelle (Savageau) McKinstry who passed away on January 28th.
- The family of Mae (Peterson) Edwards who passed away on February 3rd.
- Newborn Eyad Saad, who's parents are friends of Jim & Judy Hoffman's. There is a prayer quilt for Eyad today. Please come tie and knot and say a prayer for him.
- Baby Casey Webber (7 months old), who is very ill. He was born with a rare genetic disease and recently underwent a double-lung transplant. Please pray for his parents Molly Hammond Webber and Taylor, big brother Jack, and his grandparents Lynne and Philip Hammond during this difficult time.
- Donald Trembay, who has been going through health problems.
- Ray Campbell, Debi Reynolds' uncle, in VA rehab in RI.
- Clark Jones, a teacher of Beth Duxbury's, battling a severe blood infection and fighting cancer.
- Barbara Vietze, mom of Beth Vietze, recovering from surgery for a broken hip.
- Pamela, Linda Keister's sister, home with 24-hour care. She will need surgery in the future.
- Lorna Regentz, Judy Simoneau's daughter, recovering at home.
- Barbara Fletcher, who continues to heal. Please continue to pray for comfort and healing.
- Charles and Samira Kiefer at Oasis at Dodge Park.
- Paul Keister. Pray for peace for him.
- 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
- Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Tower lighting this month is given in loving memory of Dr. C. James Brenneman by his daughter Betsey.

The Rose Window lighting this month is given in loving memory of Heik P. & Irene B. Garabedian, Robert Demers, and my grandson, Jason Sullivan by Shirley and family.

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Kenneth B. Hedenburg from his family.

I will have the 2022 calendar ready for altar flower dedications this week. If you are interested in a Sunday in March that you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or honor/celebration of a loved one, please let me know via email (office@wesleyworc.org) or by calling the office during the week.

Thank you, Debi

A Message from SPRC

It is with great pleasure that the Staff Parish Relations Committee welcomes Cordelia Ferdinand as the interim **Director of Children's Ministries**.

We look forward to working together with Cordelia to ensure that all children at Wesley have the opportunity to participate fully in the life of the church through worship, study, music, art, mission and service.

Herald Update...

March Herald... It has been recently decided that there will not be a March Herald. Any articles will be placed in the Sunday Announcements for the month. Please have all articles to me by Wednesday afternoons at 12 noon for the Sunday announcements.

The April Herald will be sent out on April 1st. Please have all articles to me by Monday, March 21st.

Going forward, the herald will be sent out on the first of the month. The deadline date will remain the 21st of each month, giving me time to put the Herald together.

Thank you, Debi

Easter Flower orders have been extended to Sunday, March 6th. A form is included in this Herald, will be available in the Narthex, and on the website. Please submit your orders as soon as possible.

Thank you, Debi

2022 Offering Envelope Update... I recently heard from the supplier that our order is in line to print. Due to COVID they are still experiencing a paper/envelope shortage.

Prevent Homelessness through Grocery Shopping

The next order date for Hope for Housing cards is by end of day Tuesday, March 8. I will have the cards available on Sunday, March 13 after church, or at another arranged time if you worship remotely. Please email me to submit an order or make pickup arrangements (AChis4788@aol.com).

I want to thank everyone who supported this ministry last year. Together, Wesley Church members bought \$20,205 in cards, which helped dozens of families on the verge of homelessness.

Buying groceries or prescriptions, eating a donut or having a meal at Panera, they're all ways to help our neighbors stay in their homes despite a tough economy.

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

Education update

Weekly In-person Sunday school for grades K-6 will resume this today!

All children and youth should come into the sanctuary at the start of Sunday services and plan to leave together for Sunday school with Cordelia Ferdinand after the Conversation with the Pastor.

Please note: children will be returned to the sanctuary during the closing hymn.

Sarah Circle will again be collecting useful or edible items for Worcester shelters. On Sundays in Lent through April 10th, you're invited to leave any of the following in the purple bag you'll find in the church pantry:

- Soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant
- First Aid supplies, sunscreen, Chapstick
- Chocolate, dried fruit, cereal bars, small bags of cookies or crackers, or other snacks which have some food value
- Packets of hot chocolate, small juice containers
- Socks, hats, washcloths, pens, Post-its, Scotch tape
- whatever else you think a person at a shelter would appreciate

The items will be delivered to shelters on Easter weekend.
Questions? Contact Betsy Pennino (betspenn35@hotmail.com).

Monday Night Eye Clinic

The Monday night eye program has reopened. We are seeing patients on two Monday nights per month and our hours are 6PM to 8PM. There have been some changes in our process due to COVID. Appointments are recommended, only patients may come in (exceptions for translators and necessary support people), masks are required as well as social distancing. We are offering exams and the same optical services as offered in the past.

As with any situation that is suspended and then restarted, we are now looking for some people to help with several parts of the program. registration. and assisting with patient flow. If helping people in our community with their vision needs sounds interesting to you, please contact me at the number below to discuss the possibilities.

Ron Ramsay (774-287-9002)

Worcester United in Assisting Afghan Families!

The United Methodist Women's group is delighted to announce that their meeting on Saturday, March 12, will feature a panel presentation on the assistance provided to Afghan families now arriving in our city. Four speakers will discuss ways in which their organizations are addressing their needs.

Ms. Karen Rucks-Walker will represent Ascentria, our Worcester neighbor which has been especially active in making refugees feel at home. Next our own Chris Flagg will describe the efforts of the Rebecca Circle and other UMW members in offering winter clothing to those newly arriving. Three houses of worship, the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Holden, the Beth Israel Synagogue, and the Universalist Unitarian Churches in Worcester joined to give help through a Neighborhood Support Team. Diane Mann will represent the NST, locally called "Allyship"--combining "ally" and "friendship." The Muslim community is giving personal assistance to new Afghan families by providing dinners, accommodations, friendship, and ESL classes. A representative from the Worcester Islamic Center will detail these efforts.

On March 12 the United Methodist Women will conduct a business meeting in Brewer Hall at noon. The program will begin promptly at 1 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The presentation is open to everyone, both in-person and via Zoom. More Afghan families continue to arrive at our doorsteps. Let us spread the word so that others may become aware of the opportunities to provide help to those in need!