

# Wesley United Methodist Church, Worcester, MA

## *Sunday Announcements for March 27, 2022*

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

- Linda Keister and Family on the passing of Paul Keister on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Lauren Meltzer (16), grand-daughter of Susan Richard, with a heart condition and is unable to attend school.
- Peggy, Maggie Madsen's mom, who was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer.
- 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 Tremblay, who has been going through health problems.
- Barbara Vietze, mom of Beth Vietze
- Pamela, Linda Keister's sister, home with 24-hour care.
- Barbara Fletcher, who continues to heal.
- Charles and Samira Kiefer at Oasis at Dodge Park.
- Bill Kilmer
- Bill Wong
- Dorothy Norcross
- Anne Burrows
- David Samanen
- 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 2022 altar flower book in the Welcome Office is now available. If you'd like to place flowers on the altar on a particular Sunday, please fill your name in on the day, then take an order form and submit it to Debi in the office with a check.

**2022 Offering Envelopes are here!!** Please stop by the table in the Narthex before or after church and pick up your envelopes. If you did not request them and would like them, please complete the form on the table and they will be made.

**The April Herald...** All articles should be to me by now. If you have one, please send it to me no later than Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> by 10 am.

*Thank you, Debi*

### **Support Ukraine gifts to UMCOR**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is taking part in the humanitarian response for Ukraine. Support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a gift to [Advance #982450](#). [UMCOR: how to assist the Ukrainian people](#)

*Note about UMCOR disaster relief: Rather than assigning special numbers to be used for giving to support specific disasters, UMCOR has changed to using only 2 numbers for disaster relief efforts: one for disasters in the US (Advance #901670) and one for international disasters (Advance #982450). 100% of giving to these funds goes toward relief projects. Your offerings on UMCOR Sunday, March 27 this year, underwrite UMCOR's cost of doing business. [See more on UMCOR Sunday here](#).*

### **Prevent Homelessness through Grocery Shopping**

Buy Gift Cards before Easter, New Options There will be two opportunities before Easter to purchase gift cards to support the prevention of homelessness, with new options for cards from Target, Amazon, TJ Maxx and Starbucks. Orders are due Tuesday, March 29 for distribution Sunday, April 3. A second round of orders will be taken by end of day April 12 for distribution at church on Saturday morning, April 16 during the Easter Egg Hunt, or at another pre-arranged time.

In addition to the usual cards from CVS, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Panera, Big Y and Dunkin' Donuts, we will have Target (\$10/\$25/\$50/\$100), Amazon(\$25/\$50/\$100), TJ Maxx (\$25/\$50) and Starbucks(\$10/\$25). A few calorie-free alternatives for your Easter baskets! Contact Allison at [AChis4788@aol.com](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com) for orders or more information.

*Thank you! Allison*

### **Sunday School**

Weekly In-person Sunday school for grades K-6 have resumed.

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.

### **Photos of the UMW Panel Discussion Needed!**

The UMW held a program on Worcester's welcoming of Afghan refugees on March 12. Margaret Watson has written an article about the panel and has submitted it to RESPONSE, the UMW national publication. The editor is requesting photos of the event. If you attended the panel discussion and happened to take any photos that you are willing to share and have published, please contact the Wesley office.

## Small Gift for Shelters

**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](mailto:betspenn35@hotmail.com)).

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### Have you experienced a "God Moment"?

This is a suggestion from the Tuesday evening Bible Study/Book Group. Susan Williams, leader of the new study, asked, "Where have you experienced God working in your life?" Another way of saying that is, "Have you experienced a God Moment?"

I thought it would be inspiring to hear from the congregation stories of seeing God at work in our midst. These could be anonymous or signed in the Herald. If someone wanted to tell a story but not write it down, I could be the listener who tries to capture the God Moment in writing. In a time when Covid has separated us, sharing God Moments could bring us together. Sharing God Moments would perhaps allow others to perceive similar experiences in their lives. If you could share a story of seeing God's work in your life, please tell me or send it to me. All are invited to participate. Betsy Pennino



#### A "God Moment"

Susan Williams shares this story--

Several years ago, she arrived early at Wesley to help prepare refreshments for a collation. She saw a bus schedule on a kitchen counter and picked it up because it was different from the bus schedules she had. Her friend Carolyn asked if Susan could do a favor after the collation. The favor was to pick up a bus schedule in a Main St. store with no parking. What a surprise for Susan to realize that the bus schedule Carolyn needed was the very one she had picked up earlier!