

Wesley United Methodist Church, Worcester, MA

Sunday Announcements for April 10, 2022

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

- Mary D., the daughter of a friend of Margaret Watson's.
- Richard Simoneau having knee surgery on Monday, April 11th.
- The family of Ray Campbell, Debi Reynolds' uncle, as they discuss end of life care for Ray.
- Peggy, Maggie Madsen's mom, friends of Chris Flagg.
- Baby Casey Webber (7 months old) and family.
- Barbara Vietze, mom of Beth Vietze
- Pamela, Linda Keister's sister, home with 24-hour care.
- Barbara Fletcher
- Donald Tremblay
- Anne Burrows
- Charles and Samira Kiefer
- Bill Kilmer
- Bill Wong
- Dorothy Norcross
- 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 Doris L. (Swan) Tremblay and Margaret A. (Swan) Fuller by their children and grandchildren.

The Rose Window lighting this month is given in loving memory of Julius Tremblay, Sr., Helga (Erikson) Tremblay, Julius Tremblay, Jr., Irene (Tremblay) Salonis, Dorothy (Tremblay) St. Armand, Jean (Tremblay) Quilliam, and Arthur Tremblay by the Tremblay 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.

Scam Alert! Please be aware of ongoing scams through email and now through text messages. If you receive a text message asking for help from Moo, or anyone else for that matter, please be very mindful of the number the message is coming from. ALWAYS, call someone to check to make sure it's real. Also know that Moo nor anyone else from the church will send a text message so vaguely asking for help.

Upcoming Events at Wesley

Thursday, April 14	Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm*
Friday, April 15	Good Friday Service, 7 pm*
Saturday, April 16	Easter Egg Hunt, 10 – 11:30 am
Sunday, April 17	Easter Sunday Worship, 10 am

**These services can be attended by Zoom as well. You may access the link on our website (www.weselyworc.org) by using the Sunday worship Zoom link on the home page.*

Upcoming Musical Events at Wesley

On Easter our service will be graced with the Weeks Brass Quintet and Timpani playing throughout the service with choirs, hymns, and voluntaries. This quintet is a superb musical organization with top notch players on all parts. This service will include three hymns and praise songs we all know and love. Both choirs will be accompanied by brass and also heard on the Hallelujah chorus of Handel at the close of the service. Look forward to an exciting and exhilarating service you will not forget. Invite your friends to experience a grand Wesley Easter! You will not be disappointed!



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.

May Herald will be sent out May 1st. Please have all articles to me by Friday, April 22nd.

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.](#)

Invitation to Support Our Neighbors

Dear Wesley Family,

As many of you are aware, I'm proud to serve on the Board of New England Justice for Our Neighbors (NEJFON), the shared immigration ministry of the New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. NEJFON provides free, expert legal aid to low-income immigrants seeking humanitarian relief, including asylum seekers, unaccompanied minors, and victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes. NEJFON serves all comers, regardless of race, religion, or ideology.

In honor of 10 years of service to our immigrant neighbors, New England Justice for Our Neighbors has announced our "10 for 10" Campaign.

In this first campaign of our 10th year, we are seeking supporters willing to become monthly donors at a level of at least \$10 each month. Our affiliate, National Justice for Our Neighbors, will match each eligible donation for the rest of this year, up to a total of \$10,000. With this generous match, a monthly donation of \$10 starting this month will lead to a total of \$180 to NEJFON for immigrant justice.

During these turbulent times for immigrants, please consider joining me in supporting this campaign. You can click [here](#) to be taken to our campaign donation site or visit <https://bit.ly/NEJFON10for10>. With your help, we can continue to provide our critical services for another decade.

NEJFON holds legal clinics in Lawrence, Lowell, Springfield, and Worcester and also sees clients remotely. If you have any questions about NEJFON, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or to visit our website, newenglandjfon.org.

Thank you for your support!

Moo



Prevent Homelessness through Grocery Shopping

The next order date for Hope for Housing cards is by end of day Tuesday, 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 for orders or more information.

Thank you! Allison

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for a morning of Easter fun. Learn about the story of Easter, make some spring crafts, enjoy a snack, and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt.

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Saturday, April 16, 2022

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

*Please bring 12 filled eggs for each child that will be attending

*Due to covid concerns we are requesting that all treats be prepackaged, individually wrapped

Examples: Hershey kisses, mini candy bars, stickers etc...



Have You Experienced a “God Moment”?

If you could share a story of seeing God's work in your life, please tell me or send it to me. The story can be anonymous or signed, and all are invited to participate. Betsy



A “God Moment” from Debbie O'Driscoll

As we have recently passed various two-year markers of what has become a long journey through the Covid 19 pandemic I have been having flashbacks to the start of the pandemic and was reminded of a God moment I experienced near the beginning. It was March 13, 2020—I was at home late in the afternoon preparing to come to church for a Lenten study but delayed leaving in order to hear the news conference in which the President declared a national state of emergency. Meanwhile a heavy rainstorm had passed through, but the sun was coming back out when I left the house with my head full of thoughts about the virus, the unimaginable death and suffering already witnessed in Italy and on the upswing in NYC, the fear and uncertainty of what would happen here. As I drove down my street ahead of me in the sky I saw a bright rainbow. I immediately felt a deep peace, recalling God's promise sealed with a rainbow in Genesis to not ever again destroy creation. I knew that no matter what happened as the pandemic unfolded, God would be with us, even or maybe especially in the midst of terrible illness and death, that somehow humanity as a whole would come through this. By no means did I take it as a guarantee of personal safety for me or my loved ones, but instead it was the assurance of God's sustaining and accompanying presence and the hope of a way through. I knew that somehow, in terms of the big picture, everything was going to be okay. More than two years later, when we are still experiencing many ups and downs, and might be asking “How long, O Lord?” it is also good to be reminded that God's time is not necessarily our time. Nevertheless, where we are now is vastly different from those dark early days—we have seen the miracle of vaccines and treatments, and the resilience of the human spirit. The pandemic is not over yet, but God has been with us and will continue to be with us for sustenance, comfort, and guidance. Thanks be to God.