

## Sunday Announcements for July 24, 2022

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

- Emily Smith
- Pamela and Margie, Linda Keister sisters
- Barbara Vietze
- Barbara Fletcher
- Alice & Joseph Boateng
- Donald Tremblay
- Marilyn, Gary Robinson's mother, in rehab following a fall and breaking her collar bone.
- Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.
- Anne Burrows
- Charles and Samira Kiefer
- Bill Kilmer
- Bill Wong
- Dorothy Norcross
- David Samanen

### Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

**The Tower lighting** for July is given in loving memory of Bill Woodring by Blair, Karl, John, and Mary Jett Woodring.

**The Rose Window lighting** for July is given in loving memory of Mable & Luther Marsh, and Evelyn & Martin Samanen by Carol, Dave, Steve, and Jeff Samanen.

**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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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, this message IS A SCAM. Please delete the message and do not click on any link you may receive. 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.

**Herald Notice...** The next Herald will be on September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have an article you need in this Herald, please be sure I have it by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you, Debi*

**Volunteers Needed!** We are looking for a couple more volunteers to be substitutes to help in the office by answering phones and doing light office work as needed. We are especially in need of someone for Thursdays in September.

We are looking for phone support 9 am to 1 pm each day. If you have time and can help, please reach out to me via email ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org)) or phone 508-799-4191 or to Judy Hoffman ([jhoffman24661@yahoo.com](mailto:jhoffman24661@yahoo.com)).

*Thank you, Debi Reynolds*

### **Gift Cards Prevent Homelessness -- Yes, Really!**

Your purchase of gift cards for local grocery stores, coffee shops and department stores can make a difference in the lives of families on the verge of homelessness. A percentage of the value of each card goes into a fund for grants to families facing eviction. Back rent, electric bills, even storage facility bill payments can keep a family in their homes instead of entering the shelter system.

Cards are available from grocery stores, CVS, Panera, Target, Amazon, TJ Maxx/Marshalls, Dunkin and Starbucks. Cards are available after church most Sundays (volunteers always welcome!) and through pre-orders to Allison Hansen at [AChis4788@aol.com](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com). Next orders are due by end of day August 9 for delivery Sunday, August 14.

September's orders are due by Sept. 6 (right after Labor Day) for delivery Sunday, September 11. A second round of orders is available later in September, with orders due September 27 for delivery Sunday, October 2.

*Thank you for your support!*

*Allison*

### **Vacation Bible School Help Needed**

**Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

***You have awesome talent, and we need you!!!***

Do you love Science?

Are you awesome at Arts and Crafts?

What about telling Bible stories?

Sports?

Or working with children?

***Wesley VBS 2022 is the place for you!***

Please call Cordelia Ferdinand (774-437-9453), speak with Chris Flagg, Judy Hoffman, or Pastor Moo if you would like to help.

We are also in need of meal preparations for each night. Please contact Judy Hoffman if you can help.

With Christ all things are possible.

Blessings, Cordelia

### **UWF Making Dinner for VBS Kids August 9**

Calling all United Women in Faith (UMF) members and friends! We are making dinner for the Vacation Bible School campers on Tuesday, August 9. Let Allison or Barb know you can make it -- cooking up hot dogs, mac and cheese and chopping up veggies starts at 3:30, with supper at 5.

## From the Director of Music

Summer music continues with various soloists and groups. This Sunday an arranged Bell Quartet will play in worship. On the opening hymn the bell trio is playing with myself on piano. Our "solo" work is an arrangement of *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* where each of us has a distinctive part just as singers do in choir. We will be playing through the range of the bells and sometimes be crossing to get "our" bell notes. One thing is for sure none of us gets much rest playing continuously since each part must be played.

On July 31, Istan Slamet, as rising sophomore at WPI will play clarinet on all the voluntaries in worship. We will be ending with a favorite melody from Gabriel Faure (accent grave one).

August 7 has the Ghanaian choir with soloists taking the service with Desmond at piano and keyboard. August 14 has a brass duo of French horn and trombone playing a duet and solos by two high school students. On August 21 on of Worcester's favorite singers, Scott Taylor will sing two solos in worship. I am away on vacation on August 28 when Dr. O'Driscoll will be playing the Skinner. With all this variety I hope we can lift your spirits in worship with these wonderful gifts so graciously given.

### 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*

I was asked for a description of God Moments. Here's one from Squire Rushnell, author of the God Winks books which give many examples of God Moments:

"A godwink is a remarkable coincidence which gives us encouragement that God hears your wishes and give messages of reassurance."

Pennsylvania minister Jerry Schmoyer describes them this way:

"A God moment... is a special time when it is clear that God has intervened in an exceptional way. Thank God for a clear answer to prayer, a sudden revelation of God's will, a perfect circumstance which is no chance happening, a provision of a need, or a deep feeling of love."



### A "God Moment"

Judy Hoffman writes:

I hope most of you don't know this fact about me but I confess I have a sharp tongue! I experience God moments all through the day when I have sarcastic, unkind, mean or angry thoughts and before I speak God curtails my tongue.

Thanks be to God!