

## Sunday Announcements for July 31, 2022

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

- Marilyn, Gary Robinson's mother
- Emily Smith
- Pamela and Margie, Linda Keister sisters
- Barbara Vietze
- Barbara Fletcher
- Alice & Joseph Boateng
- Donald Tremblay
- 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

**Vacation Bible School** has been cancelled due to the lack of volunteers.

**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*

**Lost & Found...** There are items that have been left behind here at Wesley. Please take a look at the table in Brewer Hall and see if anything belongs to you. If items are not claimed by August 10<sup>th</sup> they will be donated to Carty Cupboard. Thank you.

**Today's Music...** Istan Slamet will play clarinet on all the voluntaries in worship with organ or piano accompaniment. Istan is from Albany, New York and is majoring in Robotics Engineering at WPI, where he will be a rising sophomore this fall. Outside of his studies, Istan plays the clarinet in the symphonic orchestra at WPI and with the Medwin Quartet.

**Upcoming Sunday Announcements...**

Debi will be on vacation from August 15 – 26, Returning to the office on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, if you have anything you would like in the Sunday Announcements in August, please submit your article(s) by Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> as she will be preparing everything in advance. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Mark Your Calendar...** The Ministry Fair will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like a table, please let Debi Reynolds know ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org)).

**Save the Date -- September 10 UWF Steering Committee Meeting**

Mark your calendars -- United Women in Faith (formerly known as United Methodist Women) will have their steering committee meeting at the church at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 10. Watch your email for more details.

**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*

**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"

Betsy Pennino shares this:

What caused my special interest in "God Moments" were a number of experiences I had at Wesley. They happened when I was working on missions as coordinator of the Mission Committee or in charge of Sarah Circle events like the Easter Egg Hunt. An example occurred (while setting up for a family supper I was in charge of) when I realized there was something important we needed and only one person (Liz) knew where it was. Almost immediately I saw Liz walking toward me, though I had had no idea she was even at Wesley. She was in a meeting and decided to take a break just then!

Before another Sarah circle family supper, I couldn't get the allen key to keep open the upper door on Gertrude Ave. and my engineer husband couldn't either, so how would families get in? We were about to give up when Brian Jansson came up the stairs to the door. He had Val's full set of Wesley keys which easily adjusted the bar on the door to stay unlocked! (We discovered that our allen key was too short.) What brought Brian to that corner of the church at that moment carrying a complete set of Wesley keys?

I was at home making up a grocery list which included foods for a church supper which Emily Smith (the 1st) and I were in charge of-- or maybe she was my trusted consultant. Realizing that I needed some info from Emily, I drove to Stop & Shop, walked in, and there was Emily with her shopping cart right inside the door! I had no idea that she was going to Stop & Shop and had never seen her there.

When I started noticing these often unlikely coincidences which always helped me accomplish some project, I mentioned them to an older Wesley member when we were working together in the kitchen. I wish I could remember her face but I certainly recall her response-- "That often happens at Wesley." If you have observed such moments at Wesley or in your life, please tell me to share your story with the congregation.