

## Sunday Announcements for August 14, 2022

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

- Marilyn, Gary Robinson's mother
- Margie, Linda Keisters sister
- Barbara Vietze
- Barbara Fletcher
- Alice & Joseph Boateng
- Donald Tremblay
- Linda Keister and family on the death of her sister, Pamela Wolfe Roblyer, on August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Family and friends of Florence Burgess who passed away on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Family and friends of Rev. Thomas S. McKeown who passed away on July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 August is given by Nancy Cook.

**The Rose Window lighting** for August is given in loving memory of Mary Bolles by her children, Gary Bolls, Billy Boles, and Jade Cherry, and their families.

**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.

### Vacation Information...

Debi will be on vacation from August 15 – 26, Returning to the office on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you need something that cannot wait, please reach out to Matt Crane, the new Church Business Administrator ([matt@wesleyworc.org](mailto:matt@wesleyworc.org), ext 111).

**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 21<sup>st</sup> they will be donated to Carty Cupboard. Thank you.

## A Message from SPRC

On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), it is my great pleasure to be able to share several announcements with you today.

First;

You may already know the person I am about to introduce...

For the last several months David Potts has been singing with our choir, he's performed several solos, and led the choir several times as a guest conductor.

Today we are pleased to announce that beginning in September David will become a part of our paid staffed music program here at Wesley.

Working closely with William Ness, David will assume the role of permanent Choir Director for the Wesley Choir.

Together with William and Desmond we welcome David and look forward to the musical collaborations of our entire music team.

Second;

After multiple searches and several interviews, we are pleased to announce that we have hired a new Church Business Administrator, Matthew Crane comes to us with a bachelor's degree in business and a Master's degree in Divinity studies as well as having many years of personal experience serving underprivileged populations.

We look forward to welcoming both Matthew and David and ask for your prayers that they may find success, and more importantly, a home here among us at Wesley.

Third;

Part of a system that ensures complete financial compliance includes having two different people responsible for the recording of finances. One person should be responsible for accounts payable, while a second person, or "Financial Secretary" (usually a volunteer) would be responsible for recording incoming finances.

For obvious reasons, part of the responsibilities of the Church Business Administrator would be to record all accounts payable.

So, as our final announcement today, we are pleased to share that Earl Flagg has agreed to volunteer as financial secretary. Earl will begin his training in mid-August.

Today we thank God for Earl, Matthew, and David, and for their willingness to share their gifts with all of us.

Thanks be to God.



**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*

**2023 Offering Envelopes...** Due to the fact that the printers are 10 to 12 weeks out on jobs, we are compiling our list of people who would like 2023 Offering Envelopes early. This list will be submitted to the company by October 1<sup>st</sup>, therefore it is very important that you let me know as soon as possible (no later than September 20<sup>th</sup>) that you want offering envelopes. You may do so by clicking [here](#).  
Thank you, Debi Reynolds

**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.

### **From Carty Cupboard**

At this time, we are **ONLY** accepting paper grocery bags with paper handles, like the bags from Trader Joe's and Whole Market. We are no longer accepting any other bags of any kind, as we have way too many.

If you are donating nonperishable food, please only donated UNOPENED boxes and bags of food, we have to throw away anything that is out of its original packaging. Also please make sure the used by date is within any month of the current year.

Thank You to everyone who continues to donate to Carty Cupboard we do really appreciate it.

*Nancy Spencer*

### **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 September 6 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*

### **July Community Supper**

Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy and Khoa Kennedy volunteered to be in charge of the July 30<sup>th</sup> Community Supper. Helping with that effort were their entire family, members of Troop 7054 of Scouts BSA which Maria leads, plus a few Wesley volunteers. About 100 meals were served in Brewer Hall or taken home. Khoa's pork roast was delicious and commented upon.

## Calling Wesley Bakers and Dish Washers

Two groups of Ghanaian members have signed up for the next two Community Suppers. Esther Circle will lead the August 27<sup>th</sup> meal and Mfantseman Kow of Worcester volunteered for the September 24<sup>th</sup> supper.

Wesley Bakers, Esther Circle would like to serve your homemade cookies/brownies/bars with ice cream on August 27<sup>th</sup>. We all hope that weather more suitable for baking will be with us by then!

Esther Circle is also hoping to find someone to wash dishes using our old fashioned but effective dish washer. Please let Betsy Pennino or a member of the circle know if you're able to help wash dishes on August 27<sup>th</sup> (or at a future community supper). If someone washes the dishes, we're able to use the Wesley china and flatware which is good for the environment and says to our guests that we are serving them with our best. The other option is what they're used to -- paper plates & cups with plastic flatware.

### RESTLESS? SEARCHING?

If you experience a spiritual hunger...  
If you desire to bring a deeper dimension to your faith...

**we invite you to**

### ***COMPANIONS in Christ***

A new small group that will provide support for your search  
A path to explore prayer, scripture, and the spiritual journey  
An experience of God's grace and love in daily times of reflection

Contact: Susan Williams at 508-795-7331 for more information.

## New England Justice for Our Neighbors

Invites you to Our

**10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** on **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** at **1 PM**

### **St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**

435 Central Street, Acton, MA 01720

Help us celebrate 10 years of service to New England immigrants!

Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code on the flyer in Brewer Hall.



## 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”

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.



*Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 2 PM*

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*Desmond Cheetham & Antoinette Ansong*

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St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 570 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA

