

Wesley United Methodist Church

Sunday Announcements for September 11, 2022

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

Alice & Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Barbara Fletcher, Kay Hoover, Charles & Samira Kiefer, Bill Kilmer, Dorothy Norcross, Debi Reynolds, Marilyn (Gary Robinson's mother), David Samanen, Donald Tremblay, Barbara Vietze, Bill Wong, Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Emily (Donroy Ferdinand's cousin)
Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Tower lighting for September is given in loving memory of Rev. Blaine Taylor by Lois Taylor.

The Rose Window lighting for September is given in loving memory of Ralph W. Ellis by Dot Ellis.

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

WELCOME!!! Today we welcome David Potts as our Wesley Chancel Choir director! David brings a wealth of experience performing great choral literature throughout eastern and central Massachusetts, not the least of which was at Wesley singing under Leroy Hanson and Marjorie Ness. He knows the great canon of choral literature which he will bring to Wesley plus contemporary composers who are writing for the church. Wesley Chancel Choir is delighted to have a dedicated director to lead us into an exciting future.

Sunday School Registration begins today after worship. Registration forms are available at the Sunday School table in the Brewer Hall during the Ministry Fair, or please contact Cordelia puttsghs@msn.com.

Ministry Fair is today after worship service. This is a time of fellowship and to see what Wesley Church has to offer.

Hospitality Committee... Please Come to the Table!!!

At the Ministry Fair please come to our table to sign up for:

- E Membership Directory**
- Coffee Hour Hosting**
- Name Tags**
- One Call notification system**
- How I Can Serve questionnaire**

Additionally, please consider purchasing our Wesley grocery bags at a reduced cost of \$2. If you don't need any bags for yourself, please consider donating bags for us by the Community Refrigerator Program or Carty Cupboard. This will help the clients take grocery items home.

We continue to need volunteers to set up, serve and clean up for Coffee Hour. Training and assistance are available. Please see Linda D'Acri or Judy Hoffman to sign up. If you or your children enjoy refreshments at Coffee Hour, your help is critical to continuing this after worship tradition at Wesley.

Working together to extend God's love,
Hospitality Committee

Centennial Wall Calendar... In 2023 Wesley UMC will celebrate our 100th anniversary!

In commemoration the United Women in Faith will sponsor the printing of a centennial wall calendar featuring photos of our beautiful church building and stained glass windows. More information concerning the calendar will be available at the UWF Ministry table at the Ministry Fair today.

Mark Your Calendar!!! 2022 Harvest will be held on Sunday, October 9th.

Save the Date & Join

Sunday October 16th, 2pm: [Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light](#) and Worcester Congregations for Climate and Environmental Justice invite you to **Love.Earth.Justice: A Multifaith Service of Prayer, Celebration, and Resolve**. We will gather at First Unitarian Church in Worcester at [90 Main Street](#) to celebrate creation and community, mourn all we have lost, and call each other to faithful action. The event will open with a service featuring a sermon from Rev. Vernon Walker, executive director of [CREW: Communities Responding to Extreme Weather](#). Following the service, we will take part in workshops teaching key skills of climate action and resilience. The event will also be remote-accessible. **RSVP here:** <https://bit.ly/lej-2022>. Please contact Miriam at mcohen@massipl.org with any questions.

Small Group Study... ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

The Tuesday evening small group study will resume **October 4th**, you are welcome to join us either in person or through zoom. We will meet at 6:00 pm in the John Wesley room and we will rotate preparation of a light supper, study begins at 6:30 pm. We will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We will be studying ***the Parables of Jesus*** from the Deeper Connections Bible Study series. From the parable of the prodigal son to the mountain-moving faith of a mustard seed we hope to gain powerful historical insights and perspective-shifting cultural context behind the parables of Jesus with this 6-session DVD study. Each session begins in Israel, making it easier to experience and understand the cultural background of key events. Please contact Christ Flagg 508-414-1696 or Judy Hoffman jhoffman24661@yahoo.com for more information.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Thanksgiving will be here in no time and we need to fill 100 Baskets for our Carty Cupboard families.

We are looking for 100 of each item:

Stuffing mix,

Cranberry sauce,

Dessert mixes - brownies or cakes,

Pie crust and filling,

Pickles and olives,

Bread mixes,

Gravy packets

Peace to all!

Chris Flagg - 508-414-1696

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. Next orders are due by end of day September 27 for delivery Sunday, October 2.

Thank you for your support!

Allison

From William's Desk... Today's music centers around the genesis of Johann Pachelbel who until recently was just a figure from history. The popularity of his *Canon in D* has almost made him a household word for the untold times *Canon in D* has been played for wedding processions around the globe. You will recognize the bass line in the offertory anthem as the foundation of the *Canon*. Jean Anne Shafferman "discovered" that *Canon in D* and *Amazing Grace* can be "partner songs" meaning two independent compositions that can be performed simultaneously. So, in making this "discovery" she has put these two pieces together forever with some slight arranging. What definitely must match are the harmonies between the two tunes. Timing of the tunes can be arranged to a degree that they are compatible. Organ prelude is one of Pachelbel's many chorale partitas which is German for variation. Pachelbel was the last great composer of the Nuremberg tradition and the last important southern German composer. Pachelbel's influence was mostly limited to his pupils, most notably Johann Christoph Bach, who was an older brother of Johann Sebastian Bach.

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***

Companion in Christ is: A 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.

This study runs for 28 weeks beginning in October.

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

Have You Experienced a "God Moment"?

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

Betsy (betspenn35@hotmail.com)