

Sunday Announcements for September 25, 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), Ralph (friend of Dorothy Adams)
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

Due to the Brewer Hall floor refinishing work this Sunday's fellowship will be in the former parlor and narthex.

Community Supper on Saturday, Sept. 24th

Thank you, Mfantseman kow, for being in charge of the Sept. 24th supper. This was the end of 6 years of community suppers (not including the exactly 2 years when they were cancelled due to Covid).

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

Harvest 2022 is upon us. This year, Harvest will be on October 9th, and we are asking if anyone has items they would like to be auctioned for Harvest, please contact any of the Ghanaian Association Executives to let them know. Either Paul Hayfron, Helena Korsah, Lawrence Hammond, Ivy Hammond or Gifty Bentum-Asante.

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 Chris Flagg 508-414-1696 or Judy Hoffman jhoffman24661@yahoo.com for more information.

Wesley's Next Week at IHN

We will be providing coverage at IHN **from Sunday, Oct. 30 to Sat., Nov. 5**. If you would like to learn about volunteering there, please talk with Betsy Pennino.

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

Calling Wesley Dish Washers

Beth Maider has generously offered to wash dishes for community suppers whenever her schedule allows. She has done this frequently in past years, but we need others to be available when Beth cannot be. Beth is the daughter of Linda & Lou D'Acri who have been in charge of so many community suppers and food for other Wesley events. Please let Betsy Pennino know if you're able to wash dishes 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.

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.

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

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***

Companions 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)

A "God Moment" from Betsy Pennino

Our one riverboat cruise started in Budapest, Hungary. The first person I talked with in the tour group, upon hearing that we were from Massachusetts, asked if we knew Cape Cod and specifically Mashpee. I said yes, that I had attended one Sunday worship there each August while growing up. The old wooden church had been built in the 1670's for my ancestor, Richard Bourne, who came from England as a missionary to the Indians. After King Philip's War, the native Americans were told to leave Cape Cod but Richard Bourne purchased 10,500 acres and gave the parcel to the Wampanoags. He told them to never sell it to the English settlers. So the first person I met in far away Budapest had spent months in Mashpee as a historian of religion, writing a book featuring my ancestor!