

Sunday Announcements for October 2, 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, 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 October is given in loving memory of Joseph Ventura by his family.

The Rose Window lighting for October is given in loving memory of John Hansen by his family.

Altar flowers 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.

Be Alert to Spam Email

Thank you very much to those who have alerted us about receiving spam emails that are intended to look as if they have come from the bishop or the New England Conference. Any legitimate email that comes from the bishop's office or others on the New England Conference staff will have an address that ends in @neumc.org or neumc@brtapp.com

We are aware that this is an ongoing problem, and it is all but impossible to stop. We encourage you to always look carefully at any emails you receive – including checking the full sender email address – before responding. If you have any questions about an email that claims to be from the Conference, please don't hesitate to reach out to the sender (by sending a new email; do not reply to the suspect email). Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendar!!! 2022 Harvest will be held on next **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.

Reminders:

If you need to schedule a meeting or event here at Wesley, please email or call Debi Reynolds at office@wesleyworc.org or 508-799-4191, ext 102.

If you would like information on your pledge, please contact Matt Crane at matt@wesleyworc.org or 508-799-4191, ext 111.

Wesley's Next Week at IHN

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

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.

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

Pickles and olives

Bread mixes

Gravy packets

Pie crust and filling

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 16, 2-5 pm: Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light and Worcester Congregations for Climate and Environmental Justice invite you to **Love.Earth.Justice.: A Multi-faith 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 worship service will lift up prayer, song, and reflection from diverse faith traditions, including 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. **Please RSVP here:** <https://bit.ly/lej-2022> and contact Miriam at mcohen@massipl.org with any questions.

Mission Matters: October 29th Community Supper

Some of you asked about last Sunday's announcement that the September community supper marked the end of 6 years. The intended meaning was that October 29th is the beginning of the 7th year, not including the exactly 2 years of cancellation by Covid. The United Women of Faith (formerly UMW) will be in charge of it. The first community supper was in October 2013, hosted by Sarah Circle and the Mission Committee. How we do suppers has evolved over the years. If some group is considering putting on a supper, I could give you my favorite reading -- "Everything You Might Want to Know about Running Wesley Community Suppers." (Betsy Pennino)

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 October 11 for delivery Sunday, October 16.

A second round of orders is available later in November, with orders due November 1 for delivery Sunday, November 6.

Stock up now for holiday gift giving!

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 email it to me. The story can be anonymous or signed, and all are invited to participate. Betsy (betspenn35@hotmail.com)

The double rainbow over Buckingham Palace as Queen Elizabeth's passing was announced as a God Moment for many.



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 faraway Budapest had spent months in Mashpee as a historian of religion, writing a book featuring my ancestor!