

Sunday Announcements for October 16, 2022

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

Family of Rev. David Hollenbeck, Dorothy Adams, Alice & Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Diane Campbell (aunt of Debi Reynolds), Barbara Fletcher, Kay Hoover, Charles & Samira Kiefer, Bill Kilmer, Kris (daughter of Lorraine Kronberg), Dorothy Norcross, David Samanen, Donald Tremblay, Barbara Vietze, Bill Wong, Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Malika Gujarati (family of Jim & Judy Hoffman), 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

Vacation Scheduled:

Moo will be on vacation from Thursday, October 13 – Wednesday, October 26, returning to the office on Thursday, October 27th. If you have a pastoral need or emergency, please contact Rev. James Hoffman at jhoffman24661@yahoo.com or at 860-965-2575.

Herald:

Our next Herald will be sent out on Wednesday, October 26th. Please have all articles to Debi NO LATER than Friday, October 21st.

The next Herald will be sent out on December 1st, with a deadline date of November 21st. Please pay mind to this deadline date as it is before the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Thank you.

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.

Love to SING?

The Music Ministry is now creating a Service of Lessons and Carols, specifically for the Advent season, to be presented in worship on Sunday, December 11. We'd love to have some additional singers to join in this special service. Our musical tradition here at Wesley is strong, vibrant and uplifting, and we'd love to have others join in. Rehearsals are held after church, in the choir room upstairs, until approximately 12:30 (you'll be home in time for kick-off if that's a consideration!) and will begin, in earnest, on October 23. Come try us out! You may love it SO much that you'll decide to be a regular member of the Wesley Chancel Choir. Any questions? Please speak to David Potts or William Ness. Thanks!

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

Wesley's IHN Week is Sunday, Oct. 30 to Sat., Feb. 5

Please let Betsy Pennino know if you are able to provide coverage for the evening shift (5:30 to 8:30 pm) or the overnight (8:30 pm to 6:30 a.m.) There will be a chart on the Mission Committee's bulletin board showing which shifts have been filled. IHN had to choose a new name and managed to keep the IHN abbreviation with "In the Hour of Need Family Shelter."

The Mission Committee will give (Big Y) Hope for Housing cards to pay for food and housing staples during Wesley's Oct. 30 to Nov. 5 week. Your donating Big Y cards would save money to give to another mission. If you would like an explanation of how to do either shift, please tell Betsy (betspenn35@hotmail.com).

Love.Earth.Justice: A Multi-Faith Service of Prayer, Celebration, and Resolve – TODAY!

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.

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 hosting the October dinner. 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.

Pickup is today for those who placed orders by October 11th!

Next orders are due by end of day November 1 for delivery Sunday, November 6.

Stock up now for holiday gift giving!

Thank you for your support!

Allison

Keeping In Touch

Some of you have been wondering how Wesley keeps in touch with our college students and encourages them in their faith journey.

Since the beginning of COVID, the Hospitality Committee has been sending our college students notes twice a year. In September we send blessings on their school year along with prayer cards. In April we send another note with a token gift card and encouragement before final exams.

Our church music director encourages and supports students with musical talents to participate in Wesley's programs and worship.

If anyone has additional ideas and want to play a role in our efforts, please contact:

Judith Barton (jbarton@clarku.edu)

Judy Hoffman (jhoffman24661@yahoo.com)

Poinsettia Orders

The time is coming... and it's coming fast! Beginning Sunday, October 23rd I will have Poinsettia order forms available to place orders. This year our deadline date is November 28th. With the previous week being a very short week, I am setting the deadline to be November 21st (yes, a Monday). If you plan to order plants this year, please be sure to send in your request with your payment. I will not have the time to make calls like I have in the past. Thank you! *Debi Reynolds*

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!