

Sunday Announcements for November 20, 2022

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

Marilyn (friend of Margaret Watson), Alice & Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, 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 November was given in loving memory of William & Mina Warman by Arline Benoit.

The Rose Window lighting for November is given in loving memory of Clifford S. Duxbury, Jr. and Nancy Caryl Duxbury by Beth-Anne Duxbury and Brian Pitts, Craig Duxbury and Tina Duxbury, and Matthew Duxbury

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Holiday: The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25.

Advent Devotionals for Adults, Youth and Children will be available to pick starting Sunday, November 27th.

Herald: 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.

Poinsettia Orders are now being taken. You will find an order form in your Sunday bulletin, in the Narthex, and on the [website](#). **The deadline date for all orders is Monday, November 21st**. 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*

Wesley Church Conference Saturday, December 3, 2022

The Church Conference will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022
at 10 am to 11:30 am in the Chapel. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Hope for Housing Card Order Dates

Think ahead for those hard-to-decide gifts! Please let me know in advance of these dates if you have any large orders in mind. Card orders are to be submitted to Allison Hansen at ACHis4788@aol.com by end of day Tuesday, December 13 for pick up after church Sunday, December 18.

Don't forget we have much more than grocery cards available now -- T.J. Maxx, Amazon, Target and Starbucks gift cards were added recently, while continuing with Big Y, Stop & Shop, Shaw's, Dunkin' Donuts, Panera and CVS cards.

Please consider volunteering for card sales on Sundays -- one Sunday a month would be a great help!

Allison Hansen



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

MISSION BAKE, CRAFT & PLANT SALE

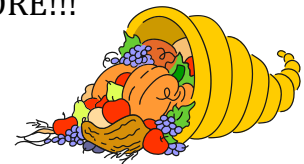
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

To support the following UWF Mission Projects:

All profits will go to the ongoing support of UWF Mission Programs and Summer camperships for Wesley youth.

COOKIES BREADS PIES CAKES... AND MORE!!!

Support the UWF in this Mission fundraiser and enjoy "home-made" baked goods for your Thanksgiving Celebration.



Wreath Making Class



Plan to join us on Saturday, November 26th at 10:00 a.m. in East Hall for a fun morning of wreath making and fellowship.

\$25.00 per person (Price includes supplies)



Pre-registration is required so we can be sure to have the appropriate number of supplies for each attendee. Reserve your spot today, call or text Chris Flagg 508-414-1696.

United Women in Faith Christmas Program

The Wesley United Women in Faith will host their Christmas Program on Saturday, December 3 at 12 noon. Following the holiday lunch, a presentation on antique wooden puzzles will be given by Robert Armstrong. A number of puzzles featuring Christmas and the winter season will be displayed. Robert, an international expert on wooden puzzles, has been featured on public television. He has also participated in several exhibits nationally. This presentation gives us an opportunity to view rare examples of an art no longer practiced but appropriate for the season. Remember the date! You won't want to miss this program!

Margaret Watson for the Wesley UWF

Wesley Centennial Wall Calendar

Our church will soon be celebrating its one hundredth birthday! In April 1923 the parishes of Grace and Trinity Churches united to form Wesley Methodist Church of Worcester, Massachusetts.

In commemoration of this anniversary, the United Methodist Women are sponsoring the printing of special wall calendar for the year of 2023 featuring photos of our beautiful church building and its stained-glass windows. The calendar will be available later this fall for our members in time for Christmas, and the New Year.

Please inquire if you wish to reserve a copy for yourself or hope to make the calendar a special Christmas gift. We look forward to your support for the celebration and commemoration of the one hundredth birthday of our church!

Margaret Watson, UWF

Your Church Needs You!

We are looking for a few people who would like to learn how to run the sanctuary sound system and also help with recordings/live services. These would be two individual jobs. There will even be opportunity to earn some extra cash when we have events that will need these services.

If you feel comfortable learning something as simple as our sound system by using an iPad; or if you are tech savvy and would like to help Sunday mornings for church and have the chance to earn some extra money, please reach out to Debi in the office (office@wesleyworc.org).

If you would like to learn more about either of these, please speak to Mark Muncey or Peter Hansen on Sunday morning.

Mission Matters

Sharing Stone Soup with More of Worcester

At the Oct. 24th Community Supper, the United Women of Faith/UMW served 98 meals (including take outs). They also packaged and delivered to Woo Fridges many servings of meatloaf. Giving leftovers to Woo Fridges is an excellent way to help our neighbors who are unable to attend Wesley's community suppers. It's also a way to use Mission Committee funding to feed more of those facing food insecurity, as the funding is intended. I encourage giving to Woo Fridges food remaining at the end of all Wesley food events. Those attending the event, and the workers who produced the meal, could first take what they can use. (Readers who didn't experience the Nov. 13th worship service may wonder about my "Stone Soup" reference-- the Sunday School children presented a fine interpretation of the children's classic, "Stone Soup.")

November 26 Community Supper is Turkey with all the Fixins'

All are invited to the November Community Supper which will be, for some of our guests, their Thanksgiving Dinner. This is usually our best attended supper and is in the very capable hands of Linda & Lou D'Acri.

God Moments

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 Linda D'Acri

I was traveling at night on 495 when wind and rain started. Since I could hardly see, I was in the "slow lane." I was delivering food to a friend at the Cape, as her husband had just passed away and she had a houseful of people.

All of a sudden, a huge pine tree fell across the road, right in front of me! The tree trunk bounced up, split, and looked like it was heading for my windshield. Suddenly, it laid to rest in front of me!

I did hit the tree, got a flat tire and front-end damage to the car, but I was safe. Through my tears I looked up and said, "Thank you God." I was safe, as was everyone else driving in the heavy rain on that section of 495.



Christmas Wreath Dedications... There are 6 wreaths available for dedication this holiday season. The cost of each wreath is \$18 each. If you'd like to dedicate a wreath in memory of a loved one or in celebration of someone, please reach out to me by email (office@wesleyworc.org) or call the office and leave your name and number and I will return your call.

Thank you, Debi Reynolds

The Fruits of Labor Basketball Club...

This is a CO-ED group... 5th/6th Grade Division and 7th/9th Grade Division. Games are on Thursday & Friday evenings here at Wesley Church, December 8, 2022 – February 9, 2023. Cost is \$60 per participant. For more information contact Kunon Taylor at thefruitsoflabor21@gmail.com.

ADVENT GIFT BOXES OR BAGS

As an Advent mission this year at Wesley, you are again invited to create Advent Gifts of small, needed items. Please place items from the list below in a shoebox (or small Wesley UMC backpack, available on Sundays in Brewer Hall). There's no need to include a Christmas card since the gifts will be given out in January. That's because the last two Saturdays in December are Christmas and New Year's Eves, so there will be no December Community Supper. We're spreading the word of a January 8th Community Breakfast. You can bring to Brewer Hall your wrapped gift box (or backpack with tissue paper) by December 18th.

We have shortened the list below to include only the most needed gifts which are easily recognizable to folks from other cultures. Also, we found that the cans of fruits & vegetables were too heavy for homeless people and single serve cups were more usable. We think that reusable backpacks are helpful to homeless folks, while shoeboxes work for others. Please use shoeboxes (not boot boxes) and the gift is complete when the shoebox is full. *There's no need to include all items on the list.* Also add a plastic spoon & knife which a homeless person would need.

Recommended Items:

- *Toothbrush & toothpaste
- *Bar or small bottle of soap
- *Tissues, Antibacterial wipes
- *Wash cloth
- *Socks
- *Gloves
- *ChapStick or lip balm
- *Band-Aids
- *Pens or pencils
- *Tablet of paper/small notebook
- *Cereal bars
- *Juice boxes or small juice bottle
- *Single serve applesauce cups (pull-top)
- *Goldfish or cheese crackers
- *Dried fruit
- *Hot cocoa packets
- *Canned tuna with pull-top
- *Meal in a can (pull-top)
- *Dark chocolate