

Sunday Announcements for January 15, 2023

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

Susan Williams, recovering at home after being in the hospital.

Polly Boyns in the hospital and preparing for surgery on Tuesday. Please pray for a good outcome and please give her and Steve this time of privacy.

Vicki (cousin of David Potts wife) who lost her long-time partner to Leukemia.

Kelly, a friend of David Potts, Alice & Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Barbara Fletcher, Cheryl Johnson (Phil Johnson's wife), Charles & Samira Kiefer, Bill Kilmer,

Kris (daughter of Lorraine Kronberg), Dorothy Norcross, David O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alicia Simoneau, Donald Tremblay; Barbara, Frank and the Vietze Family; Bill Wong, Laura Zoldak,

Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Malika Gujarati (family of Jim & Judy Hoffman),

Emily (Donroy Ferdinand's cousin), Marilyn (friend of Margaret Watson), Paige, Allison Hansen's sister, Ralph (friend of Dorothy Adams). Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Rose Window lighting for January is given in loving memory of Mrs. William B. Smith by the United Women in Faith.

The Tower lighting for January is given in loving memory of my mother and father, Mary & Norman Fletcher and my brother, David Fletcher, by Barbara Fletcher.

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Mrs. William B. Smith by the United Women in Faith.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

It isn't very often composers are siblings but in the case of the Mendelssohns it was obvious growing up in their home they would be drawn to music and composition where they regularly heard concerts at their large estate in Berlin. Both Fanny and Felix showed promise while in their teen years at composing songs. While Fanny was not encouraged to continue composing Felix was groomed to become a professional musician.

Due to her family's reservations, and to social conventions of the time about the roles of women, six of her songs were published under her brother's name in his [Opus 8](#) and [9](#) collections. In 1829, she married artist [Wilhelm Hensel](#) and, in 1830, they had their only child, [Sebastian Hensel](#). In 1846, despite the continuing ambivalence of her family towards her musical ambitions, Fanny Hensel published a collection of songs as her [Opus 1](#). She died of a stroke in 1847.

Felix had a successful career as a composer and performer. He also died from a stroke in November 1847, age 38, after Fanny who died in May 1847. Niels Gade knew the Mendelssohns and was a pall bearer at Felix's funeral.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church will be closed on Monday, January 16th in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Herald: The next Herald will be sent out on February 1st. Please send your article(s) to me no later than Friday, January 27th. Thank you.

Community Suppers have a New Coordinator

Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy has agreed to be in charge of community suppers starting in January. She has led several suppers, assisted always by her family and usually by her scout troop also.

Thank you, Maria! If your group or family would like to sign up for a month to lead a community supper, speak to Maria (or I could give her a message). Suppers are held on the last Saturday of each month.

The January 28th supper will be prepared and served by the United Women of Faith (formerly UMW).

Betsy Pennino

UWF Annual Meeting/Lunch Sunday, January 15

All women of Wesley are invited to the United Women in Faith annual meeting in Brewer Hall on Sunday, January 15th after church. Thanks to Linda D'Acri, we will have a delicious soup lunch before our meeting. We will be reviewing the past year, honoring those who passed and discussing ideas for a new year.

Thank you!

Allison Hansen and Barbara Ingrassia, co-presidents

Wesley Centennial Calendar

Help celebrate the New Year with the beautiful photos the calendar displays!

We will continue to display and sell the 2023 Wesley Centennial Calendar after church services on the first three Sundays in January. They will be available in Brewer Hall and will also be available for the Annual UWF Meeting on January 15. If you live locally and cannot attend the church services, we can take calendars to your home. If you would like to have a calendar delivered, please contact Margaret Watson at margikw@outlook.com or 508-414-2430.

The calendars are \$20. each. Checks should be made out to: Wesley UMW

Best wishes for the New Year!

Margaret Watson

Prevent Homelessness with Gift Cards

It's a simple idea with community-wide impact -- buy gift cards for your groceries or other shopping and help Worcester-area families stay in their homes! Working with the Central Mass. Housing Alliance, Wesley offers gift cards for sale each Sunday. A portion (anywhere from 2 to 10 percent) of the face value goes into a fund that helps families who are facing eviction. One rent check or utility bill payment from this fund can keep a family together in their home, rather than the upheaval of living in a shelter or on the street.

Available in a variety of denominations, grocery gift cards are on sale from Shaw's, Stop & Shop and Big Y. Cards are also for sale from CVS, Target, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Panera, TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home Goods and Amazon. Look for the display near the stage in Brewer Hall after church! Volunteers are always welcome -- pick a Sunday that suits your schedule.

Advance orders may be made via email to Allison Hansen at AChis4788@aol.com. January orders are due by the end of day, January 17 for distribution Sunday, January 22.

Volunteering for Wesley's IHN Week-- Sunday, January 29 to Saturday, February 4

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 am) during Wesley's week at IHN. (Her contact info is in the online directory.) If you would like an explanation of how to do either shift, please tell Betsy.

On the Monday of Wesley's October week at IHN, all of their staff and families were tested for Covid. Members of 3 families tested positive and the director notified me immediately. I quickly emailed our members who were volunteering and asked if they wanted to cancel. Currently volunteers may choose to stay in the IHN office or interact with the families. Volunteers no longer provide dinners but are encouraged to bring food to prepare their own.

The Mission Committee will give IHN Hope for Housing cards to pay for food and housing staples during Wesley's January 29 to February 4 week. Your donating Big Y cards would save money to give to another mission.

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 by Debi Reynolds

As I was getting ready for my latest vacation, an international cruise, I was asked for my license at the bank on Saturday. I was in complete horror when I noticed my license was not in my wallet. She let me process my request, by asking lots of questions, and then off I went in search of my license. I retraced my steps to every single place I had been that morning. On my way home to look I called my mother and was about to cry telling her I can't find my license. I asked her, 'who do you pray to when you need to find something?' She told me and I said my prayers. When I got home, I searched everywhere! High and low, looked in the same places 3 times, maybe more!

At this time, I decided to go to church because that's the only other place I had been. Again, I searched everywhere! Every folder I made the last few days, between papers I touched or filed, in the kitchen... absolutely everywhere! I was so sick to my stomach that I couldn't find my license. I needed it to travel! I was heading out to leave and as I walked by the counter in the sewing room, I found a debit card. I spoke with Allison and Barbara for a minute in the kitchen while they were preparing the Community Dinner, then went and dropped the card off in Matt's office.

As I was about to leave again, I walked through the kitchen yet again and Judy Hoffman had just come in and said, "fancy seeing you here." As my stomach turned in knots, my reply was "I can't find my license." She said to me, "I have a copy of it." I shook my head and thought to myself, 'What good will a copy do?', and replied to her 'What?', and she said again, 'I have a copy of it, for the Cori check.' And just then the lights came on!

I remembered taking it out to make a copy of it for SPRC for my Cori check. I ran to the office and there it was sitting on my printer in my office! I happily heading out, through the kitchen, thanking Judy ever so much for coming in! and I said to her, "This is a God Moment!"

I was not going to come to work to look for it because I honestly believed I had it with me on Thursday and Friday! But, as I was in complete despair at home, my gut told me to go to work to look! Had I not come to work, and had I not found that debit card and stopped to talk to Allison and Barbara, I would have left earlier and missed Judy coming in. And I probably would not have remembered taking it out to make a copy of it.

I firmly believe in the power of prayer and that God directs us to where we need to be.