

## Sunday Announcements for January 29, 2023

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

Polly Boyns at Fairlawn Rehab, Vicki (cousin of David Potts wife).

Kelly, a friend of David Potts, Alice & Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Barbara Fletcher, Charles & Samira Kiefer, Bill Kilmer, Kris Kronberg, Dorothy Norcross, David O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alicia Simoneau, Donald Tremblay; Barbara, Frank and the Vietze Family; Susan Williams, Bill Wong, Laura Zoldak, Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Malika Gujarati (family of Jim & Judy Hoffman), Emily (Donroy Ferdinand's cousin); Page, Allison Hansen's sister, Ralph (friend of Dorothy Adams).

Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Family and friends of Shirley Ferris (98 yo) who passed away on January 11<sup>th</sup> in Newcastle, ME. Cards can be sent to Judi Ekholm, 44 Marigold Farm Lane, Whitefield, ME 04353; or to Lisa Maliska, 3 Heritage Lane, Apt 2D, Wiscasset, ME 04578. Shirley's obituary can be seen on the board in Brewer Hall by the office.

### 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 February Rose Window and Tower lightings** are available for dedication. If you are interested in lighting either in memory or honor of a loved one(s), please let Debi in the office know. The cost of each lighting is \$40 for the month.

**Altar flowers...** The 2023 calendar is now available. If you'd like to place flowers on the altar on a particular Sunday, please stop at the Welcome office and sign up in the book. Please be sure to fill your name in on the day, then take an order form and submit it to Debi in the office with a check.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Vacation Schedule:

Moo will be on vacation from Thursday, February 2 – Wednesday, February 15, returning to the office on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have a pastoral need or emergency, please contact Rev. James Hoffman at [jhoffman24661@yahoo.com](mailto:jhoffman24661@yahoo.com) or at 860-965-2575.

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

#### January Community Supper

All are invited to the January Community Supper which will be Homemade Macaroni and Cheese, Salad, Bread, and baked goods for dessert. This month's supper will be prepared by the United Women in Faith.

### **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](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com). February orders are due by the end of the day February 14 for distribution on Sunday, February 19.

### **New Bible Study Series on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Evenings**

Everyone is invited to participate via Zoom in the ongoing Tuesday group from 6:30 to 8 pm. This small group meets on the first and third Tuesdays, starting on Feb. 7th. The new book is The Life of Jesus, Participant's Guide. The group just finished a book from this series which requires no "homework." The book is mostly topics to notice in the videos, questions to discuss, and optional daily reflections. The videos explore the main events of Jesus' life to understand what made him so extraordinary. What is learned will be applied to life today.

Betsy Pennino will be facilitating the discussion and technical expert Bill Wong will make sure the videos run smoothly. Please contact Judy Hoffman to sign up. You can get a book (\$7) from Judy or Betsy.

### **New Member Class**

Would you like to become a member of Wesley Church? Would you like to learn more about Wesley UMC? Are you interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church? Two class sessions will lead you to know more about the United Methodist Church and about Wesley UMC; then, if you choose, you can become a member of Wesley Church.

Classes are scheduled for:

Sundays, January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM in Mary Ellis Lounge

**OR** Wednesdays, February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Mary Ellis Lounge

Classes will cover the history and organization of the United Methodist Church as well as the history and opportunities of Wesley UMC. Both classes will be identical.

Please contact the church office at 508-799-4191 to let Debi know you are interested, or email Jim Hoffman at [jhoffman24661@yahoo.com](mailto:jhoffman24661@yahoo.com), or join us!

## ONECALL TELLALL

Don't sit and wonder on a Sunday morning if a storm is going to cancel church. Instead, receive a phone call and find out immediately!

Whether it be a cancellation because of a snowstorm, a meeting that has been cancelled or even to remind you of a special event taking place at Wesley, we will reach out to you by phone. This is a pre-recorded call, so please make sure your voicemail has space and it should save the call in case you miss it.

If you would like to sign up for this, please put your name, home phone number and **one phone number per household** on the sign-up sheet just outside the Welcome Office.

This is just another way for us to help keep you informed of what is going on at your church.

## 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](mailto:betspenn35@hotmail.com))



### A God Moment by Nancy Cook

#### Right Place at the Right Time

When IHN used rooms in the church I connected with the leaders and families there. One day as I drove in the parking lot, their director Joanne was leaving. We both stopped and she told me their van had run out of gas, with families on board. She was on her way to help them, but she had no gas can. I knew where one was, so got it and took her and gas to the van way out on Grafton Street. It happens sometimes that I am at church just when I am needed... to unlock a door, give out some food, or find a requested item. And once to deliver gas.