

Sunday Announcements for March 12, 2023

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

Janet Tezerian, Rick, Jan England's brother, Joseph Boateng, Polly Boyns, Annie Brima and family, Anne Burrows, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Charles & Samira Kiefer, Bill Kilmer, Dorothy Norcross, David O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alicia Simoneau, Donald Tremblay; Barbara, Frank and the Vietze Family; Bill Wong, Laura Zoldak, Kelly, a friend of David Potts, 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.

There is a prayer quilt today for Rhianna Burke. Please come tie a knot and say a prayer for healing and health.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Tower lighting for March is given in loving memory of Dr. C. James Brenneman by his daughter Betsey.

The Rose Window lighting for March is given in loving memory of Heik P. and Irene B. Garabedian, Robert Demers, and my grandson Jason Sullivan by Shirley and family.

The following lightings are available for dedication in 2023:

The August Tower, October Tower, November Tower and December Rose window lightings are available. If you are interested in lighting any of these, 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 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

April Herald: The next Herald will be sent out on April 4th. Please send your article(s) to me no later than Wednesday, March 29th. Thank you.

William Ness is playing today at 3 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant Street, Worcester in the American Guild of Organists members recital. He is first to play two pieces by Alexander Russell on the restored Skinner organ. Free.

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)

March Madness! Sunday, March 12, 2023 - 12:00 noon

UWF is inviting all Wesley youth to join us **today** at our next all circle meeting.

Basketball coach Ryan Brown will be joining us to share his story of how he turned his disabilities into a success story that is sure to inspire all, and then we will move onto the court to learn some of the moves that led to his success.

**be sure you bring your sneakers for this one!*

Sarah Circle collects outdoor toys for Families needing Help with Housing

Central Mass. Housing Alliance (CMHA) has asked if Wesley could collect outdoor toys and activities for them. This collection will replace the circle's 12-year Lenten Mission called Small Gifts for Shelters. Sarah Circle gives CMHA gently used children's books, but the toys should be new with all of the safety information. Here are more suggestions than you could possibly need:

- kickball, soccer ball-- could be smaller than regulation size or Neuf/sponge balls-- and/or goal-net (small)
- Basketball and/or hoop which hangs on a post or door
- plastic bat and/or baseball, Whiffle ball, Neuf ball
- beachball, Frisbee, toss-and-catch toys
- ride-around toys for toddlers
- bubbles solution with larger wands as well as small ones
- toddler push toys such as a fake lawn mower
- kid garden set/tools (plastic); jump ropes
- bean bags for games such as corn-hole
- chalk for sidewalk games such as hopscotch

Please bring your donations to the labeled carton in Brewer Hall. Questions? Contact *Betsy Pennino*.

Wesley's Centennial Celebration

Sunday, April 23, 2022 – Worship and Lunch

Join us on Sunday, April 23, 2023 starting with Worship at 10 am to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Wesley Church! Rev. Vicki Woods will join our worship service, then after we will continue to celebrate with a sit-down lunch in Brewer Hall. Come see photos and a slide show of the church when it was built, and the people from the early years and onwards to 2023!

Photos needed... We are looking for any photos you have taken at Wesley from around 1970 until now that would be okay to display in Brewer Hall. If you have older photos, we'd love to see them too!

Pictures of interest: Sanctuary service or event, Sunday school or Adult Bible group, Choir group, Carty Cupboard workers, bowling, etc. from the more recent past!!!

Please email any photos to sandramcmanus1@gmail.com or bring your photos to the church office in an envelope with your name and contact information so we can return them to you.

Thank you, Sandra McManus

Wesley Centennial T-Shirts

Students of Wesley Church will be designing a Centennial T-Shirt! Stop by and grab an order form and order your Centennial t-shirts today to wear on April 23rd during our celebration. The cost of each t-shirt is \$10. Checks are to be made payable to: Connor Sign & Graphics.

You can leave your order in the Welcome Office (in the box provided) or mail it to: ATTN: Centennial T-Shirts, Wesley UMC, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608.

All Orders **MUST** be in by April 4th the latest. You can also drop your order off during the week when the office is open.

Here's a Chance to Prevent Homelessness

It's a simple idea -- buy your groceries (or your coffee or toiletries) and help a local family stay in their home. You'll be joining area stores in contributing to a fund that gives grants to families facing eviction. One back rent payment, utility bill or storage unit fee can keep families out of the shelter system and all the disruption to their children's schooling.

Here's how it works: When you purchase gift cards from Big Y, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Starbucks, Amazon, Target or TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home Goods, a percentage of that card's value is donated by those stores to Central Mass. Housing Alliance. Families come to CMHA seeking assistance, and since this program began, hundreds of families have received aid.

Look for the birdhouse in Brewer Hall -- at a table near the stage -- after church services. Cards are for sale every Sunday and by email to ACHis4788@aol.com. Please send your orders by the end of day March 27 for delivery April 2 to be sure your Easter basket gift cards are ready!

Come choose a Sunday to help with card sales -- it takes a team to tackle a challenge as big (and fast-growing) as homelessness.