

Sunday Announcements for April 23, 2023

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

Deborah Plant, Al D'Ambra, Charles (friend of David Potts), Rick (Jan England's brother), Donald McLaren, Rhianna Burke, Earl Flagg, Janet Tezerian, Joseph Boateng, Polly Boyns, 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), 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 Grace Maul, friend of Janice England. Please come tie a knot and say a prayer for Gods peace for Grace.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Tower lighting for April is given in loving memory of Julius Sr, Helga, Julius Jr, Arthur, Lorraine, Jean, Dorothy, and Irene Tremblay by Donald Tremblay and nieces.

The Rose Window lighting for April is given in loving memory of Doris L. (Swan) Tremblay and Margaret A. (Swan) Fuller by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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

Herald: The next Herald will be sent out on May 3rd. Please send your article(s) to me no later than Wednesday, April 26th. Thank you.

The following Tower & Rose Window lightings are available for dedication in 2023:

The August Tower and November Tower lightings are available. If you are interested in lighting either one of these, 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.

Graduates... It's that time of year again...

Do you have a child(ren) graduating from high school or college? If so, please email your child's name(s), school he/she is graduating from, and where he/she plans on attending next. We will be lifting up their names in June. Please email me **by June 5** at office@wesleyworc.org or leave a note in the office when you are in church. (Please be sure to print neatly so I can read what is written.) *Thank you, Debi*

Moving or Have You Moved?

If you have moved or are planning to move, please send a quick email or call the office to let me know your new address (and phone number if necessary). It's very important that we keep the database up to date. Thank you for your cooperation.

Debi Reynolds

UWF Mission Recognition

Each year the United Women in Faith sponsor a "Mission Recognition Award" to someone who has given of herself to Wesley Church. This award is open to any woman who attends Wesley Church, young or old. In recognition of this person's service, a donation is made to the mission projects sponsored by the District and Conference United Women in Faith.

We are now collecting [ballot](#) submissions. You can drop your ballot in the box in the Welcome Office or mail it to Wesley Church, Attn: UWF Mission Recognition. ***Deadline for submissions is April 30, 2023.***

Centennial Calendars for Sale at Sunday's Centennial Celebration

Wesley UMC is 100 and the United Women in Faith of Wesley want you to celebrate this birthday all year. We will be selling our beautiful calendars this Sunday, April 23. Supplies are limited at this point, so if you've been meaning to get one for yourself or a loved one, now is your chance. Calendars are \$20 cash or check payable to Wesley United Methodist Women. We graciously appreciate your support of this fundraiser for our mission work. Look for our poster near the Welcome Office.

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 Monday, May 8 for pickup on May 14, and May 29 for pickup on June 4.

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

Sarah Circle thanks you for the toys!

The collection of outdoor toys by Sarah Circle has ended (though a few more could be added by April 30th). Thank you so much for the many bats and baseballs, soccer balls and a net, toss and catch toys, runaround toys for the younger children, etc. These will be delivered to Central Mass. Housing Alliance (CMHA) for the 170 families they work with to find affordable housing.

Gala Organ Concert

On Friday, May 12, 2023, at 8 pm, please join us for the Gala Organ Concert at First Baptist Church, 111 Park Avenue, Worcester, featuring Wesley Hall and William Ness. This is part of the final fundraising event for two organs to be in the sanctuary at FBC. Free.

Mission Matters

CMHA Collecting Furniture

Central Mass. Housing Alliance will be collecting clean, gently used furniture on **Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th, from 9 am to 2 pm.** Please call **508-410-8689** to drop off your donations at 6 Institute Road (formerly the large Congregational Church which is 2 blocks north of Wesley). There are limited pick-up times if you're unable to drop off. All furniture will be given to the families which CMHA serves.

IHN Comedy Fundraiser on Friday, April 28th at 7 pm

In the Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN) is holding a fundraiser on April 28th at the Brickbox Theater, 20 Franklin St., Worcester. Tickets are \$75 or \$35 for at home virtual attendance. You can purchase them at ihnworchester.org/comedy. Please see the Mission Bulletin Board for info on the 3 comedians, parking options and sponsorship donations you could make, or ask Betsy Pennino.

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 Betsy Pennino

At a 2017 community supper, the volunteer in charge wondered what to do about having spent \$100 more than the Mission Committee's stated maximum for food. Her husband (loyal volunteers both) was telling me this and added that they wondered if they should pay for \$100 of the food. I said no and about two minutes later, one of our regular guests walked over to give me a \$100 bill! He told me that the suppers had been events to look forward to in his life, on the last Saturday of every month, and he wanted to support them. I showed the volunteer the \$100 bill and said it must be to cover the extra spent on food. We laughed because he is a pastor and has heard of many such occurrences. Later I asked Pastor Jim how he understood such coincidences/God Moments. He said that he didn't understand them but knew they were from God.

Adding a quote from poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning, "Earth's crammed with heaven... but only he who sees, takes off his shoes."