

Sunday Announcements for May 21, 2023

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

Jim & Judy Hoffman, Laura (Debi Reynolds' mom), Alex (Debi's nephew), Terry Mosso (Phil's SIL), Don Johnson (Phil's brother), Hogie Hansen (Peter Hansen's father), Bill Zoldak, Al D'Ambra, Charles (friend of David Potts), Rhianna Burke, Earl Flagg, Joseph Boateng, Polly Boyns, Anne Burrows, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Charles & Samira Kiefer, Bill Kilmer, Donald McLaren, Dorothy Norcross, David O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alicia Simoneau, Donald Tremblay; Barbara, Frank & the Vietze Family; Bill Wong, Laura Zoldak, Kelly (friend of David Potts), Malika Gujarati (family of Jim & Judy Hoffman), Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Page (Allison Hansen's sister), Ralph (friend of Dorothy Adams).
Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Solomon Aryee and family on the passing of his brother, Emmanuel Aryee, shortly after their father passed away.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Tower lighting for May is given in loving memory of my parents, Norman and Mary Fletcher and my brother, David Fletcher by Barbara Fletcher.

The Rose Window lighting May is given in loving memory of my mother and brothers, Marjorie, Leonard, and Harry by Emily Smith.

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of my husband, Bill Capen, on the 17th anniversary of his passing (May 27th) by Janice Capen.

The altar flowers last Sunday were given in celebration of Skylar Ryann Polin – my new granddaughter born on April 23, 2023, given by Linda Dylewicz and April Dylewicz.

August Rose Window lighting is available. If you'd like to dedicate this lighting in memory/honor or celebration of a loved one, please call Debi in the office. The cost of the lighting is \$40.

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

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 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*

June Herald... The June Herald will be sent out on June 1st. The deadline for all articles are due by Friday, May 26th.
Thank you, Debi

Upcoming Vacations...

Pastor Moo is on vacation beginning May 11th, returning on Thursday, May 25th. If you have an emergency, please call Debi in the church office (508-799-4191, x 102).

Debi will be on vacation beginning Friday, June 9th, returning on Tuesday, June 20th. If you have any articles you'd like for the Sunday Announcements, please have them into her by June 1st. All bulletins and announcements will be completed before she leaves. Also, any altar flowers orders for June please have to her by June 1st.
Thank you.

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 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.

May 27th Community Supper

Volunteers and baked goods welcome! Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy will be running the supper. If you, your friends, or family members would like to come cook, serve, or help clean up we'd love to have you join us! And if you love to bake, we'd love to have tasty desserts for our guests. You can email Maria at gorsuchkennedy@hotmail.com or call/text at 508 954 8233 to sign up or get more information.

Dinner will be oven fried chicken, roasted potatoes, salad, watermelon, beverages, and dessert.

New Bible Study Series on 1st and 3rd 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 June 6th. The new book is The Miracles 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.

Lorraine Kronberg 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 (\$10) from Judy or Chris Flagg.

***"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
I Thessalonians 5:11***

Mission Matters

Shaw's will hold their 29th Annual Food Drive from June 5 to 11

One in 12 people in Worcester County does not have enough nutritious food to eat. There are many outreach groups offering food and Shaw's will collect food for those centers. Both of Shaw's Supermarket locations in Worcester will be collecting food and essential household items. For more information, check the Mission bulletin board in Brewer Hall.

From Carty Cupboard Food Pantry

2023 Thanksgiving at Carty Cupboard Food Pantry...

We are changing with the times at the cupboard. Over the past couple of years more and more clients have said that they are not interested in cooking a turkey for Thanksgiving and are instead wanting to make other dishes that are special to their families or to their culture. To still be able to help them celebrate, we are no longer distributing the Turkey boxes but instead giving them gift cards to purchase the items they would like. We would like to give each family that signs up in advance at least \$30.00 in gift cards from Shaw's or Stop and Shop. Here's how you can help, when you see the Hope for Housing table on Sunday morning you can purchase a gift card and tell the person at the table that it is for Carty Cupboard Thanksgiving, and they will get it to us. Any denomination gift card will be helpful.

To Everyone who continues to donate to Carty Cupboard Food Pantry we thank you.

Nancy

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 Janice Capen

As I was driving to find the physical therapy office I had gone to before, I missed my turn and quickly became lost (I have absolutely no sense of direction, so I get lost easily). Somehow, I ended up in Holden. As I was sitting at a light, there was a white slash across the light. Not knowing what it meant, I proceeded to turn left when the light turned green. As I drove on this road, a nice older man, got out of his car quickly and told me I was driving on a one-way street, the wrong way. He asked me where I was headed, and I told him Briarwood. He then told me to follow him. He was kind enough to have the other cars wait while I turned around and I followed him along. When we got to the light at East Mountain and West Boylston Streets, I got out of my car and went and told him I was okay from here. He proceeded to ask me my name, and I replied, Janice. He then asked for my last name, so I told him Capen. A few minutes after I got home my phone rang. It was the receptionist telling me she received a call asking if I got home okay. She made the comment, "there are still good people in this world." Yes, there is!

What a God Moment! For him to be there to stop me on the one-way road, then he took me to a familiar place. But to end it with a call to make sure I was home safely. God sent me an angel.