

Sunday Announcements for June 4, 2023

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

Polly Boyns, Joan Hirst, Jim & Judy Hoffman, Lea Shea (Carol Samanen's sister), Terry Mosso (Phil's SIL), Don Johnson (Phil's brother), Bill Zoldak, Al D'Ambra, Charles (friend of David Potts), Rhianna Burke, Earl Flagg, Joseph Boateng, 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.

Peter and Allison Hansen and family on the death of his father, Holger "Hogie" Hansen on May 27th.

Mercy Peacock and family on the death of her father, Prosper Awuma on May 21st.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Tower lighting for June is given in loving memory of Hazel & Sherman Langille by The Bellil Family.

The Rose Window lighting for June is given in loving memory of George Hammond by The Hammond Family.

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... GET YOUR GRADUATES NAMES & INFORMATION IN TODAY!!!

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*

Upcoming Heralds: There are always extra copies of the Herald in the Narthex by the Welcome Office.

During the summer we generally have one Herald. However, we are going to try something a little different. The first Sunday of July and August, we will expand the Announcements as if it were a Herald. Please mark your calendars with the following deadline dates: June 23rd for the July 2nd Announcements, and July 28th for the August 6th Announcements. *Thank you, Debi*

Upcoming Vacation...

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.

Nursery / Child Care... We are not able to provide childcare for ages 0-4 at this time, however we invite you to take advantage of the 0-4 family play space that is conveniently located in the formal parlor just outside of the sanctuary.

Upcoming Mini-Harvests

It's that time of year again to prepare for our annual Harvest. The Men's Mini-Harvest will be held on Sunday, June 25th, the Women's Harvest will be on Sunday, July 30th, and the Children's Harvest will be August 26th. The main Harvest will be on Sunday, September 30th. Let us all pray about ways we plan to give to the Lord and know that is our little token of saying Thank you for all that He has done for us. Thank you.

Feast, Learn, Plan with UWF Thursday, June 15, 6 p.m.

Bring a friend and come join Wesley's United Women in Faith group for a potluck supper. Learn more about one local afterschool program we have supported, African Community Education (ACE), a non-profit established to help new arrivals from Africa achieve academic and community success in Worcester.

After our speaker, we'll talk about plans for the year to come, starting in September. Bring your thoughts, hopes and dreams for UWF! And a dish to share, please. We'll eat at 6 and begin our program at 7.

Allison Hansen and Barb Ingrassia

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 it's 29th Annual Food Drive - 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.

Invitation to Father's Day Cookout at Dismas House

We are invited to the Sunday, June 18th Cookout at the Dismas House Family Farm. "Free food, animals, cornhole and more" are offered. The hours are noon to 3 pm and the location is 687 Lincoln Road, Oakham, MA. Questions? Call 508-882-0000. RSVPs are appreciated.

Across the U.S., Dismas Houses are geared to successful re-entry of former prisoners ("returning citizens") into society-- with vocational and life skills. John Wesley often visited the incarcerated and the Wesley Mission Committee gives them a significant gift every year.



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, June 26 for pickup on July 2.

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

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 by Betsy Pennino

The weeks between Memorial Day and July 4th are a good time to remember one of the great coincidences-which-was-more-than-just-a-coincidence: our 2nd President John Adams and 3rd President Thomas Jefferson died on the same day which was the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence! Adams had been a major promoter of winning freedom from England and had written the Massachusetts State Constitution which influenced the U.S. Constitution. Jefferson had written the Declaration of Independence. Both were Ambassadors to France and won French support during the Revolutionary War and its aftermath when there were no laws in place about paying war debts and collecting money through taxes.

Each was near death but wanted to live until the 50th anniversary of their grand experiment: it was unheard of in the 1700's that citizens could elect their leaders and government representatives and that people would have equal rights before the law. It took generations for the country to live up to the hopeful vision set forth in the Constitution.

On the morning of July 4, 1826, Thomas Jefferson was near death at Monticello and asked, "is it the 4th yet?" John Adams also hovered near death in his Quincy, MA home. When he died, his last words were, "Thomas Jefferson survives." Jefferson had actually died 5 hours before that, but the fastest news could move then was on horseback. Five years later, the 5th American President, James Monroe, also died on July 4th.

FREE ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

MAY 28
4:00 P.M.
GAVIN KLEIN



JUNE 11
4:00 P.M.
WESLEY HALL



First Unitarian Church

90 Main Street Worcester

DR. ALLEGRA MARTIN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

firstunitarian.com



JUNE 18
4:00 P.M.
WILLIAM NESS



JUNE 25
4:00 P.M.
CATHY MEYER



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