

Sunday Announcements for June 25, 2023

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

Polly Boyns, Joan Hirst, Jim & Judy Hoffman, Terry Mosso (Phil's SIL), Don Johnson (Phil's brother), Bill Zoldak, Al D'Ambra, Charles (friend of David Potts), 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Community Breakfast... There will be no breakfast on July 2, 2023, due to July 4th holiday weekend.

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 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. On the first Sunday of July and August, the Announcements will be replaced with the Herald. Please mark your calendars with the following deadline dates: June 23rd for the July Herald, and July 28th for the August Herald.
Thank you, Debi

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.

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 Nancy Cook

I was in the parking lot of Lowe's at Lincoln Plaza one day when a young man came up to me and asked for money for food. I went to my car and got a \$10 gift card to Stop and Shop and gave him that instead of cash. He was thrilled and pretty surprised. I told him to get items that don't cost a lot, like bananas. He named a couple items he wanted, including a 2-liter bottle of soda. I guess soda was a real treat for someone with no money! He thanked me many times, then headed to Stop and Shop.

So I was able to support both Hope for Housing cards and a hungry young man.

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.