

## Sunday Announcements for July 9, 2023

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

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.

Steve Boyns and family on the death of his wife, Polly. There is a separate insert with her funeral arrangements. Cards can be sent to Steve Boyns, 3 Thayer Pond Road, #11, North Oxford, MA 01537.

### TOWER & ROSE WINDOW LIGHTINGS & ALTAR FLOWERS

**The Tower lighting** for July is given in loving memory of Mable & Luther Marsh, and Evelyn and Martin Samanen by Carol, Dave, Steve, and Jeff Samanen.

**The Rose Window** lighting for July is given in loving memory of Bill Woodring by Blair, Karl, John, and Mary Jett Woodring.

**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

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

Once again, on the first Sunday of August, the Announcements will be replaced with the Herald. Please mark your calendar with the following deadline date for articles: July 28<sup>th</sup> for the August Herald.

*Thank you, Debi*

### Upcoming Mini-Harvests

It's that time of year again to prepare for our annual Harvest. The Women's Harvest will be on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Children's Harvest will be August 26<sup>th</sup>. The main Harvest will be on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> with the International Lunch to follow. 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.

## Hope for Housing card orders resume in August

The homelessness prevention program, Hope for Housing, creates a fund to help families on the verge of homelessness remain in their homes. Distributed by the Central Mass. Housing Alliance, these grants can cover back rent, a security deposit for a new home, utilities, even storage fees. A portion of gift card sales every Sunday is added to this fund.

For the month of July, we will have plenty of cards for sale, but new orders for larger quantities will not be placed until August. Email Allison Hansen at [AChis4788@aol.com](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com) by August 14 for delivery on August 20.

For summer birthdays or graduation gifts, consider a gift card that helps keep Worcester families in their homes! Look for the birdhouse near the stage in Brewer Hall after church.

## 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*

## Mission Matters

### **New England Justice for Our Neighbors (NEJFON) Celebration**

New England JFON is holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Celebration and Fundraiser on Sunday, July 30th, 3 pm to 5 pm. The location is the Brickbox Theater, 20 Franklin St. in Worcester. Entertainment and refreshments are promised, as well as information on JFON. It provides legal assistance to immigrants at the Worcester clinic (Epworth UMC). Donations are used to hire lawyers for this work.

Tickets are \$40 per person and the Mission Committee could purchase a group ticket for 7 people plus Pastor Moo, if there is sufficient interest. Please let Betsy Pennino ([betspenn35@hotmail.com](mailto:betspenn35@hotmail.com)) or Moo know if you would like to receive a free ticket.

## 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](mailto: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.



### Host Families Needed

Learn about another Culture without even leaving your home. Families are needed to host International Foreign Exchange Students from a wide variety of countries. Students are 15 - 18, all speak English, are fully insured medically, bring their own spending money, and would attend your local High School. Perfect matches are made with common interests between the exchange student and the family. Host families can be a single parent, a family with teenagers, a family with young children or a family where children are grown and no longer live at home. Host families provide meals and a bed which can be shared with another sibling, snacks, and guidance. The benefits of hosting a student are many, including making a friendship for a lifetime. Maybe even going to visit your new son or daughter in their country. We have two students that have specifically requested Massachusetts - a girl from Spain and a boy from Italy. For more information please contact.

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