

Sunday Announcements for July 23, 2023

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

Joan Hirst, Jim & Judy Hoffman, 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, Dorothy Norcross, David O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alicia Simoneau, Janet Terzian, Donald Tremblay; Barbara, Frank & the Vietze Family; Bill Wong, Laura Zoldak, Malika Gujarati (family of Jim & Judy Hoffman), Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Page (Allison Hansen's sister).
Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Our hearts and prayers are with Prema and their family on the unexpected death of Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar on Tuesday, July 18th. Prayers and letters of condolence can be sent to them at 7128 Thorndale Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Steve Boyns and his family on the death of his aunt, Virginia (Young) Boyns of Grafton, MA, at the age of 104, on July 15th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Matters

New England Justice for Our Neighbors (NEJFON) Celebration

New England JFON is holding their 2nd 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) or Moo know if you would like to receive a free ticket.

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 30th***, and the Children's Harvest will be August 26th. The main Harvest will be on Sunday, September 30th 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.

Harvest 2023...

If anyone has an item(s) they would like to donate for the main Harvest on September 24th, please bring to the Church Office or speak with Gifty Bentum-Asante. Thank you.

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

The August Herald will be distributed on Sunday, August 6th. Please have all articles to me by Friday, July 28th.

Thank you, Debi

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 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.

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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.

The altar flowers today are given in celebration of Skylar Ryann Polin's Christening by Linda Dylewicz.

Altar flowers... 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.

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GOD MOMENT

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 Susan Williams

In 2002, on Thursdays, my schedule was packing bags at Carty Cupboard, walking 3 times around Elm Park, and visiting my mom at Clark Nursing Home. She was 87, had Alzheimer's, was blind and had recently suffered a stroke.

On Thursday, April 10th, I packed bags at Wesley and then went to Elm Park. On the sidewalk (Park Avenue side) I looked down and, hopping around my feet, was a baby squirrel. I was very surprised, and the people present were as well. I saw his mom hanging head-down on a nearby tree, so I gently walked him back into the park. This happened two more times.

I decided to walk through the park to my car when a memory flashed through my mind. In April of 1956, when I was about 14 years old, our dog caught a baby squirrel. My mom rescued him, and we raised him until he was old enough to live on his own. Then mom released him.

I stopped in my tracks and asked God, "Is my mom going to die today?" I went to visit her for a while and then went home. A couple of hours later, I received a call from the nursing home and went back. I was with her when she passed and felt such Peace, released. Why? I realized I had mourned for years as I watched her slowly fade from reality, and now, she was home.



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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