

Sunday Announcements for August 13, 2023

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

Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Al D'Ambra, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Tom Friend, Joan Hirst, Jim & Judy Hoffman, Don Johnson (Phil's brother), Charles & Samira Kiefer, Bill Kilmer, Dorothy Norcross, David Samanen, Alicia Simoneau, Janet Terzian, Donald Tremblay; Barbara, Frank & the Vietze Family; Bill Wong, Bill Zoldak, Laura Zoldak, Charles (friend of David Potts), 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.

Debbie Surette and his family on the loss of her fiancé Harvey Bolles, who passed away on July 26th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Email Alert from NEC

A flood of bogus emails have gone out saying that "you need to review the attached invoice", which is a fake containing a virus.

Anything from anywhere that you don't recognize saying "please open attached" or something like "you've successfully unsubscribed from refund, payroll, etc." or something similar should be deleted.

Clare J. Chapman
Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services
New England Conference
The United Methodist Church

Upcoming Vacation... Debi will be going on vacation for two weeks beginning Monday, September 11th. If you have any upcoming events that you would like an article in the Announcements in September, please have them to her by August 30th as she will be preparing everything in advance.

Ministry Fair... The Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, September 10th following worship. If you would like a table, please let me know by September 7th. (office@wesleyworc.org). *Thank you, Debi*

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

The September Herald will be part of the September 3rd bulletin. I will email the Herald out on September 1st. **Please mark your calendar and send all articles to me no later than August 25th.**

Thank you, Debi

Upcoming Mini-Harvests... The Children's Harvest will be August 26th.

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Harvest 2023... The annual Harvest will be on Sunday, September 24th with the International Lunch to follow. If anyone has an item(s) they would like to donate for the main Harvest on September 24th, please bring it to the Church Office or speak with Gifty Bentum-Asante. 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.

From Carty Cupboard Food Pantry

I would like to thank those of you who have generously donated gift cards to Carty for this year's Thanksgiving distribution. Each one donated will be helpful. If you would like to donate, please see the person at the Hope for Housing table on Sundays. We are asking for Shaw's and Stop & Shop cards in \$10.00 amounts. I am hopeful to be able to give out \$30.00 per family.

At this time, we are desperate for cereal, it can be hot or cold. If hot, the variety packs of oatmeal are a good choice, and if cold, please get a regular size box because the family size boxes are too large for our bags with all the other things we need to fit in as well.

We are very grateful for your continued support of Wesley's mission to feed those in need.

Thank You, Nancy

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, August 14 for pickup on August 20.*** September orders will be due by September 11 for pickup on September 17.

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

TOWER & ROSE WINDOW LIGHTINGS & ALTAR FLOWERS

The Tower lighting for August is given in Thanks for Wesley Church.

The Rose Window lighting for August is given in loving memory of Polly Boyns by Steve Boyns.

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.

Know any crafty crafters?

UWF wants them for our Craft/Quilt Fair on October 21!

Calling all crafters

that could be you or friends and colleagues.

United Women in Faith will be hosting a fundraising Craft and Quilt Sale on Saturday, October 21. Quilts like the one in this photo made in Uganda will be auctioned off that day.

Please let Chris Flagg know if you or a friend want to buy a table for that day. Email Chris at erf115@msn.com.

All funds raised will support missions for women and children.



 

WPL COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023 FROM 11:30 AM - 3 PM
MAIN LIBRARY - 3 SALEM SQUARE • WORCESTER

JOIN WPL FOR OUR THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY FOR ALL AGES! THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE FREE FUN ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT, PLUS FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

DJ CHUCK CHILLIN'	BALLOON ANIMALS	FOOD TRUCKS
PHOTO BOOTH	FRIENDS BOOK SALE	ICE CREAM TRUCK
EVER AFTER	HENNA	60+ VENDORS
STORY BOOK	FACE PAINTING	GIVEAWAYS
ENTERTAINMENT	DOWNTOWN	CHILDREN'S CENTER
LOCAL NONPROFITS	WORCESTER BID	CANDY BAR

 **WORCESTER** The City of Worcester
Funded in part by the City of Worcester through the American Rescue Plan Act.

And don't forget to stop by In the Hour of Need's table too!

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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)



I NEED A HOME

Last year a friend told me of quilted hearts that are going around the world. It is called "I NEED A HOME". I checked into it and found it was for me because I sew/quilt and have so much left-over pieces of fabric. I joined a Tennessee "I NEED A HOME" group and began what has been a wonderful ministry for me. It is not related to any church. It is just a way to show that there are loving, caring people in the world. So simple. Make a 5-inch hanging quilted heart and decorate it with buttons, lace, or any kind of decoration that you wish. Then pin on a tag that reads:

I NEED A HOME
I found a Quilted Heart
<http://www.IFAQH.com>
#IFAQH

Simple but oh so powerful. I have seen hearts on FB that people have found all over the world, I pray over every heart I make and then the fun is putting them in unexpected places. I have put them hanging on trees in cemeteries, on walking trails, parking lots, near the hospital, doctors' offices, and churches but never expected that I would know who found my hearts.

One Sunday as I was getting into my car in my church parking lot, I felt a prompting by the Holy Spirit to put one on the car next to me. It was a car with a handicapped tag hanging on the mirror. I put the heart on the door handle and forgot about it.

The next week one of only two people who knew I did this quiet ministry called me and told me that she knew the person who found the heart. It was a woman in the church that I did not know who had just lost her father and was grieving. It turns out that they had this little ritual between them. Whenever they saw a heart anywhere, they would take a photo of it and send it to each other. Maybe it was a rock, or a leaf, a picture, anything that was heart shaped. She was so touched that someone who did not know her sent her the most special blessing ever because it felt like her Dad was watching over her.

I never expected to know who found my hearts or know why they were special to them, but I do know that God sent me a blessing. I will continue making and praying over the hearts and putting them in unexpected places for people to find, hoping that they reached them in a special way.

Lorraine Kronberg, Kingsport, TN

"A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." John: 13: 34, 35