

## Sunday Announcements for August 20, 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 & 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Support Hawaii Wildfire Relief Efforts

Please join us in prayer for those affected by the wildfires in Hawaii. Wind-driven fires on Maui have caused loss of life and widespread damage. UMCOR is currently coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to provide a solidarity grant for emergency supplies.

[Donate to this and other U.S. disasters here](#)

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

Also, if you have any upcoming meetings you need to schedule for while she is away, please email her as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Ministry Fair...** The Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> following worship. If you would like a table, please let me know by September 7<sup>th</sup>. ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> bulletin. I will email the Herald out on September 1<sup>st</sup>. **Please mark your calendar and send all articles to me no later than August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Upcoming Mini-Harvest...** The Children's Harvest will be August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Harvest 2023...** The annual Harvest will be on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> with the International Lunch to follow. If anyone has an item(s) they would like to donate for the main Harvest on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**International Lunch...** An International Lunch will be held on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> following worship.

## Wesley United Methodist Church

### 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. *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](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com). 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.

### *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](mailto:erf115@msn.com).

All funds raised will support missions for women and children.



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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](mailto: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***