

Sunday Announcements for August 27, 2023

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

David Ankrah in hospice, Linda D'Acri, 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

SPAM EMAILS... *Once again people are receiving emails from Moo asking for help. Please delete these immediately! DO NOT* click on any links. Moo or anyone else from the church for that matter, will never send an email to anyone asking for help monetary or even for gift cards. Also, check the email address the email came from. How? Hover your mouse over the sender's name and it should show you the email address. Any emails from church employees will have @wesleyworc.org... nothing else!

Matt Crane, the Church Business Administrator, will have set office hours on Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm. Please email or call Matt to let him know you're coming in (508-799-4191, ext 111 or email him at Matt@wesleyworc.org). Thank you.

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. If you want to make a donation with a check, please note the UMCOR Advance #901670 in the memo field.

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

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.

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 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. ***If you haven't sent your article in yet, please send it to me by Monday morning, Aug 28th.***

Wesley United Methodist Church

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.

International Lunch... An International Lunch will be held on Sunday, September 24th following worship. More information to come!

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. 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.

All funds raised will support missions for women and children.



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 from Chris Flagg

My Daughter was scheduled to have heart surgery; needless to say I was a wreck with worry.

On the day of the surgery, I decided since there was nothing I could do for her I would go to work, of course that was a foolish idea ... I tried my best to concentrate on driving, but my thoughts kept getting the best of me, frantic thoughts filled with "what ifs" and imaginings of how it would affect her children and God forbid, how I could go on without her.

Finally, I got control of myself and decided I would try to distract myself with the radio, thankfully we are always tuned into 107.3 the Christian music channel. Just as I turned it on a song I'd never heard before started playing, "Gonna be Alright" by Ryan Ellis.

If ever there was a song written to provide the comfort of God's Love and care for me, it was this!

I have no doubt that God heard my cries for help that morning and I have no doubt that God provided the perfect comfort at the exact time I needed it most.

And I am so grateful to know that Everything's gonna be alright!