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# THE WESLEY HERALD

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August 2023

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

The Devadhar Family, Tom Friend in Blackstone Valley Health & Rehab, Whitinsville, Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Al D'Ambra, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, 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, 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.

## 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 given by Steve Boyns.

**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

**August Community Breakfast...** The Community Breakfast will be from 8:30 – 9:30 am.

**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 ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org)). Thank you, Debi Reynolds

**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 have all articles to me no later than August 25<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you, Debi*

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

### 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](mailto: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.

### ***Know any crafty crafters?***

#### **UWF wants them for our Craft/Quilt Fair 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.



## Thank You, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Much has been done in the time I was able to serve Wesley these almost four years from 2019. All of you have been willing to journey with me as we prepare for worship with singing, tech support, and general overall planning and participation that makes worship the collective highlight of every week. For that, I am most grateful knowing that you were willing to make changes because an unwelcome pandemic hit us three years ago. The shift to be productive online proved helpful to keep us connected even though we could not be together. I had to learn new skills which led me to discover how much we all value worship and the grace it gives our lives. Even though our days were filled with concern about how we are to get back to normal, you still maintained hope for better days. Better days did come for our choirs to sing again with joyful hearts in delightful Christmas and Easter services. While scheduling was a hurdle, everyone made great efforts to bring the fullness of worship back. Having this strong support from all colleagues at Wesley kept me desiring to continue with zest.

A heartfelt thank you for all your wondrous acts of love at my departure. Truly, it was and continues to be a cherished memory of sharing with me your appreciation of my time with you. I am amazed how a seamstress could look at a picture of me and know exactly what size to make. Truly gifted! Kind words were almost too many to count. Thank you for your love, support and gifts of appreciation. Your collective willingness and energy keep Wesley as a vital, interesting, and caring congregation. Sharing music with you and your reception of my playing will always be a gift to me which many congregations cannot do because they don't take time to think and receive what the organ offers in worshipful praise. The same can be echoed for our two choirs participation in worship. I know music in worship will continue to keep the energy and strength that it has for 100 years.

Many, many thanks, and blessings to you all!

William Ness

## 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***

## DID YOU KNOW?

In our weekly worship we hear and say the word *amen* many times, e.g. as a congregational response at the end of prayer, as an individual response to affirm the spoken or sung Word, as an indication of personal commitment when receiving communion. We also regularly sing the word *amen* at the conclusion of the Doxology, and occasionally we hear an independent choral setting of repeated *amens* sung by the choir perhaps after the benediction. Many of us who are older also can remember a time when the familiar basic unadorned *amen* was sung at the end of every hymn. Some might wonder why what seemed to be such a well-established practice was eliminated by the editors of the 1989 *United Methodist Hymnal*.

Believe it or not, the practice of concluding every hymn with a sung *amen* was a relative latecomer to Christian worship practice. Here is a bit of liturgical history\* for you:

In medieval times, *amens* were added to Latin Ambrosian hymns in which the final stanza expressed praise to the Trinity. Subsequently when the Oxford Movement revived an interest in these ancient hymns in English translation the practice of adding concluding doxological stanzas and *amens* to hymns which did not previously have them began. In the 1861 the Anglican hymnal *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, published for use in the Church of England, added *amen* to the end of every hymn, thinking that an ancient tradition was being recovered and misunderstanding the older use of *amen* only for doxological texts. Up to that point, most hymns (including those of the Protestant Reformation and those of John and Charles Wesley) did not include a sung *amen*. However, following the example of the British Anglicans, by the late 19<sup>th</sup> into the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Protestant hymnals began to add *amens* to every hymn. This included the Methodist hymnals of 1905 and 1935. Then, realizing the historical liturgical misunderstanding, British Anglicans dropped the *amens* in mid-20<sup>th</sup> C, followed by American Episcopalians in 1982. The *amens* were dropped from the *United Methodist Hymnal* in 1989. It is now quite unusual for hymnals to include sung *amens* except for doxologies or in rare occasions in which the composer specifically included one.

*Submitted by Deborah O'Driscoll*

\*Interested in more detail? Check out this online article from Discipleship Ministries: "Why Don't We Sing Amens Anymore?" <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/why-dont-we-sing-amens-anymore>

**Wesley United Methodist  
Church**

# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>Women's Mini-Harvest during Worship</b> <b>10:00am Hybrid Worship</b> 11:00am Fellowship Time 7:00pm Sunday AA (CH)	<b>31</b> 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	<b>1</b> 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	<b>2</b> 1:00pm Carty Cupboard 7:00pm AA - BBSS (CH)	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	<b>4</b> 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	<b>5</b> 8:30am Masons & Eastern Stars (LL C-Rms) 9:30am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (ChR) 5:00pm Miranda/Baptist Wedding
<b>6</b> 8:00am Community Breakfast <b>10:00am Hybrid Worship</b> 11:00am Fellowship Time 7:00pm Sunday AA (CH)	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball <b>7:00pm Church Council - Zoom</b>	<b>8</b> 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	<b>9</b> 1:00pm Carty Cupboard 7:00pm AA - BBSS (CH)	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	<b>11</b> <b>BREWER &amp; EAST FLOORS REFINISHING</b>	<b>12</b> <b>BREWER &amp; EAST FLOORS REFINISHING</b> 9:30am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (ChR)
<b>13</b> <b>BREWER &amp; EAST FLOORS REFINISHING</b> <b>10:00am Hybrid Worship</b> 11:00am Fellowship Time 7:00pm Sunday AA (CH)	<b>14</b> <b>BREWER &amp; EAST FLOORS REFINISHING</b> <b>5:30pm Worship Committee (Hybrid) (JW)</b>	<b>15</b> <b>BREWER &amp; EAST FLOORS REFINISHING</b>	<b>16</b> 1:00pm Carty Cupboard 7:00pm AA - BBSS (CH)	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	<b>19</b> 9:30am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (ChR)
<b>20</b> <b>10:00am Hybrid Worship</b> 11:00am Fellowship Time 7:00pm Sunday AA (CH)	<b>21</b> 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball <b>7:00pm SPRC (CH)</b>	<b>22</b> 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	<b>23</b> 1:00pm Carty Cupboard 7:00pm AA - BBSS (CH)	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	<b>25</b> 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	<b>26</b> 9:30am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (ChR) <b>4:00pm Community Dinner (BH)</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Children's Mini-Harvest during Worship</b> <b>10:00am Hybrid Worship</b> 11:00am Fellowship Time 7:00pm Sunday AA (CH)	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	<b>29</b> 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	<b>30</b> <b>Carty Cupboard - CLOSED</b> 7:00pm AA - BBSS (CH)	<b>31</b> 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	<b>1</b> 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	<b>2</b>

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Chancel Choir Director	David Potts		Ivy Hammond
Ghanaian Choir Director	Desmond Cheetham	Youth Bible Study	Joseph Fletcher
Director of Children's Ministries	Cordelia Ferdinand	Finance & Stewardship Co-Chairs	William Wong
Church Business Administrator	Matt Crane		Peter Hansen
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Assistant Building Superintendent	Phil Johnson	Ghanaian Association	Paul Hayfron
& Sunday Security		Hospitality Chair	Linda D'Acri
Custodians	April Dylewicz	Medical Ministry	Ron Ramsay
	Gerard Piscitelli	Mission Coordinator	Betsy Pennino
Head Usher	David Dagle	Staff-Parish Relations Co-Chairs	Chris Flagg
Communion Steward	Earl Flagg		Judy Hoffman
Wesley Tech Team	Mark Muncey	United Women in Faith Co-Chairs	Allison Hansen
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