

Sunday Announcements for September 10, 2023

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

Daniel Ankrah, Phil Johnson, Linda D'Acri, Judy & Jim Hoffman, Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Al D'Ambra, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Tom Friend, Joan Hirst, 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, Susan (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

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.

Vacation... I am on vacation for two weeks beginning Monday, September 11th and will return on Monday, September 25th. If you need anything that cannot wait for me to return, please speak with Moo or Matt Crane. Otherwise, please email me and I will get back to you when I return. Thank you.

Debi (office@wesleyworc.org)

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

As most of you already know, the Harvest Service will be held on the last Sunday of September. Following the service, we will hold an International luncheon.

In the past, members of our congregation made a favorite dish from their heritage to share with fellow members. We are looking for those of you who love to cook and try new things to join us on this celebratory day! There are foil pans out for you to take to fill with what you would like to bring on Harvest Sunday.

I am also looking for volunteers to help with setting up beforehand and clean up afterwards.

For those of you bringing food, please email me the name of your dish, Country of where your dish is from (so I can make a flag of the country it represents to place next to it) and list of ingredients (for those who have allergies or are gluten free).

My email is smyth0822@gmail.com

Thank you in advance and I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you!

Stephanie Smyth

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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!

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](#)

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

The September Herald will be part of the October 1st bulletin. Please have all articles to me no later than September 25th. *Thank you, Debi*

Mission Matters... The Abby's House 5K Run or Walk is on Saturday, 10/14/23. Starting at 9 AM at the West Boylston Middle/High School, participants will have views of Wachusett Reservoir. There's no need to obtain sponsors because the Registration Fee is the donation. Registration before Oct. 1 is \$30 per adult. All adults, students and babies in strollers are welcome (no pets). Abby's House provides shelter and advocacy services to homeless, battered and low-income women and their children. More info at abbyshouse.org/event/.

Do You Love to Sing?

If you answered "Yes!" to this question, then please consider joining the Wesley Chancel Choir. Did you know that singing in a choir has many health benefits? Singing not only exercises your brain, it has many physical benefits. Research has shown that singing can improve breathing, posture, and muscle tension. It is also a wonderful way to meet and get to know new friends.

We rehearse upstairs in the Clark Choir Room beginning 15 minutes after the end of our Sunday service (approximately 11:15) until approximately 12:30.

In addition to the full Chancel Choir, there will be opportunities for smaller group singing such as quartets, treble groups, and duets.

Everyone is invited to sing with the Chancel Choir. Don't worry if you can't attend every rehearsal. Join us when you are able. Enjoyment of music is the only requirement.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

David Potts - dpotts@yahoo.com

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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 September is given in loving memory of Rev. Blaine Taylor by Lois Taylor.

The Rose Window lighting for September is given in loving memory of Ralph Ellis.

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.



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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 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!