
THE WESLEY HERALD

October 2023

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

Nana Boadi Amoah, Deborah Plant, Tim Murphy, Linda D’Acri, Judy & Jim Hoffman, Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Al D’Ambra, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Tom Friend, 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.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Tower lighting for October is given in loving memory of Joseph Ventura by his family.

The Rose Window lighting for October is given in loving memory of John Hansen by his family.

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.

Announcements

Kofi & Ama Results from Harvest

Here are the totals from the Kofi & Ama on Harvest Sunday. ***Congratulations Sunday!!!***

Sunday	\$ 719
Monday	206
Tuesday	202
Wednesday	208
Thursday	351
Friday	246
Saturday	145
No day specified	<u>80</u>
Total	\$ 2,157

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

The November Herald will be part of the November 5th bulletin. Please have all articles to me no later than October 25th. *Thank you, Debi*

From Carty Cupboard....

To everyone who has donated gift cards for Thanksgiving 2023, we thank you so very much! We will be accepting gift cards from Shaw's or Stop and Shop until the end of the day on October 15th. You can help two missions at once if you purchase the gift cards for Thanksgiving from the Hope for Housing table on Sundays.

At this time in the food pantry, we really need meals in a can like Chef Boyardee, or stew. We are also in need of hot or cold cereal.

Thank you!

Nancy

Mission Matters



Invitation to Fall Harvest Days at Dismas Family Farm...

We are invited to the Oct. 7th and 14th Fall Harvest Days at the Dismas House Family Farm. Both dates are Saturdays, and the hours are noon to 4 pm. Hayrides, the hay maze and barn slide, face painting, pumpkins, and delicious fall treats are planned. The admission is free. The location is 687 Lincoln Road, Oakham, MA. Questions? Call 508-882-0000. RSVPs are appreciated.

Across the U.S., Dismas Houses are geared to successful re-entry of former prisoners ("returning citizens") into society-- with vocational and life skills. John Wesley often visited the incarcerated and the Wesley Mission Committee gives Dismas House a significant gift every year.

Volunteering for Wesley's IHN Week-- Sunday, Oct. 29 to Sat., Nov. 4

Please let Betsy Pennino know if you are able to provide coverage for the evening shift (5:30 to 8:30 pm) or the overnight (8:30 pm to 6:30 am) during Wesley's week at In the Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN). (I expect to be at Wesley every Sunday until then, or you can use the sign-up sheet on the Mission Bulletin Board.) If you would like an explanation of how to do either shift, please ask Betsy.

Currently volunteers may choose to stay in the IHN office or move around the house to interact with the families. Volunteers no longer provide dinners but are encouraged to bring food to prepare their own.

The Mission Committee will give IHN Hope for Housing cards to pay for food and housing staples during Wesley's Oct. 29 to Nov. 4 week. Your donating these Big Y cards would save money to give to another mission.

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. **Order by Monday, October 2 for pickup on Sunday, October 8. Order by Monday, October 23 for pickup on Sunday, October 29.**

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

QUILT SHOW AND AUCTION

Saturday, October 21, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wesley United Methodist Church
114 Main Street, Worcester

Enjoy a showcase and auction of quilts
handmade by women in Uganda.



Limited number of quilt sizes and wall hangings on offer.

Light lunches will be available for sale.

All sales support United Women in Faith's missions
for women and children.

Email Chris at erf115@msn.com

William and Marjorie Ness, Artistic Directors for the Reger 150 Festival sponsored by the Worcester Chapter of the AGO, want to invite you to attend as many of the events as you wish on Nov. 3, 4 & 5. 2023. All concerts are free and open to the public. There is one featuring the Wesley organ!

On November 4, 7:30pm at Wesley United Methodist Church, Worcester, six AGO members will play Max Reger’s Opus 59 in entirety. Each person has two consecutive movements. Our performers are: Kevin Neel (*Praeludium and Pastorale*), Stanley Hanson (*Intermezzo and Canon*), Jonathan Bezdegian (*Toccata and Fugue in D minor*), Michelle Graveline (*Kyrie eleison and Gloria in excelsis*), Randy Steere (*Benedictus and Capriccio*), and Wesley Hall (*Melodia and Te Deum*).



Following opus 59 is another organ work, Sonata no. 2, where he returns to longer movements that require coherence and much practice. Reger’s stylistic changes in op. 60 require a through-composed performance mindset to make sense of this music. Op. 59 offers its own technical challenges of just where you must put each finger to perform these works with a comprehensive legato. Reger never disappoints one in the many times you must use thumb glissando!

Other works of Reger that are included in this concert are Romance, WoO II/10 arranged for trumpet and organ, Intermezzo no. 2, Op. 45 for piano and Adagio from Violin Sonata no. 1, Op. 1. These pieces will provide a break after the first six works of op. 59 and before the second six works of op. 59. Musicians playing these are works are Kevin Neel with Bruce Hopkins; Kristjon Imperio, piano; Arielle Flores, violin with Kristjon Imperio accompanying. Please come to this outstanding concert of musicians from Worcester AGO and local instrumentalists. Don’t miss it! There is no admission charge. All are welcome. Doors will open at 6:45 PM. <http://www.reger150.org>



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SATURDAY
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8pm at First Parish of Arlington
630 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington, MA



SUNDAY
OCT. 15

4pm at First Unitarian Church of Worcester
90 Main Street, Worcester, MA



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 Steve Boyns

For 70 plus years I have been to the same roadside burger and fry stand in Grafton for onion rings and foot-long hotdogs. I introduced Polly to Bradish's in 1975, and we have gone every year since then for the opening the day after Memorial Day. This year because of her cancer and not feeling up to it she could not go. I went anyways and ordered the usual - onion rings and a hotdog and sat at our favorite table. Suddenly, a pair of cardinals arrived, unafraid and enjoyed sharing the rings with me. When I saw Polly later, I told her what happened, and she said she knew she was there with me. Talk about a God Moment.

A note on cardinals from Betsy --

"Seeing a cardinal might be a sign that a passed loved one is visiting you and telling you that they'll always be with you. Many Native American tribes believe that cardinals, or redbirds, carry messages between the physical and spirit world. Cultures around the world have similar beliefs."



Wesley UMC Community Suppers has been selected by the Store Leadership Team at Stop & Shop to benefit from the Bloomin' 4 Good Program. This time, your organization will receive \$1 from every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of October 2023 at:

545 Lincoln Street, Worcester MA

This is a great opportunity to bring some beautiful flowers into your home and help support the Community Supper program as well.

DID YOU KNOW?

On the first Sunday of each month, our congregation participates in the sharing of a sacred meal during our worship service. Although in our congregation we most commonly refer to this meal as Holy Communion, there are several other names which are used, such as Eucharist or Lord's Supper. Each of these names emphasizes a different aspect of this sacrament.

The term **Holy Communion** has connotations of the loving relationship we have with God and with each other. It is an acknowledgement that when we receive the elements, we are in communion or fellowship not only with one another in our congregation but also with all Christians in the world, a point especially reinforced as we observe World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October each year. The communion extends beyond the confines of both geography and time to unite us with Christ and all Christians throughout history.

The word **Eucharist** comes from the Greek *eucharistia*, meaning "thanksgiving", and has been used since the beginning of the second century to refer to celebration of the Lord's Supper. As part of our Communion liturgy, we generally include what is known as the Great Thanksgiving. The roots of the Great Thanksgiving in terms of both form and content extend back to the characteristic grace used by Jews before eating, in which, in addition to thanking God for blessings, they also remember the history of God's mighty acts. It is believed that Jesus would have used the form of such a prayer when he offered thanks at the Last Supper. Historically the early church borrowed from such Jewish prayers, and the basic pattern of the Great Thanksgiving is ancient.

Referring to the **Lord's Supper** reminds us that the observance of this meal derives from the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples on the evening before his crucifixion. We commemorate the occasion of the Last Supper specifically on Maundy Thursday in Holy Week. In the New Testament Paul uses the term Lord's Supper as he describes Jesus' meal with the disciples. (I Cor 11:20) To refer to this sacrament as the Lord's Supper is a reminder that each time we participate in this meal, Christ is the one who issues the invitation and is the host for the meal.

No matter what name we use for the celebration of this sacrament, it is the means by which we appreciate the present reality of the Risen Christ who sustains us for ongoing worshipful service.

Submitted by Deborah O'Driscoll

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