

Sunday Announcements for February 18, 2024

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

Tom Friend, Paula and Calvin Kelly (sister and brother-in-law of Linda Dylewicz), Al (friend of Linda and Lou D'Acri), Sandra Scheys (who visits the church often), Linda (a friend of Linda D'Acri's), Linda Keister, Todd (Linda Keister's friend), Pinamang Boateng, John Davis (Ronna's husband), Dot Ellis, Earl Flagg, Jim Hoffman, Dorothy Norcross, Grace Woode, Baby "T" with a heart condition (friend of Carol Samanen), Beverly Grimshaw, Peter Woodcock, Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Ray Cournoyer (friend of Bill Robbins), Barbara Fletcher, Kathy Freeburn (friend of Linda D'Acri), Don Johnson (Phil's brother), Charles & Samira Kiefer, Sandra O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alysia Simoneau, Janet Terzian, Donald Tremblay, Barbara, Frank & the Vietze Family; Laura Zoldak, Susan (friend of David Potts), Malika Gujarati (family of the Hoffmans), Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Page (Allison Hansen's sister).
Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

The family of Al D'Ambra who passed away on Sunday, February 11th. Cards can be sent to Debra Young, 393 South Main St., Pascoag, RI 02859.

Cliff Cunningham and family on the death of his wife, Joyce Cunningham (long-time member), who passed away on January 28, 2024, at the age of 93. Cards can be sent to Cliff Cunningham, P O Box 868, Acton, ME 04001; or to Cindy & Kurt Wicks, P O Box 306, Acton, ME 04001.

There are two prayer quilts today. Please come tie a knot and say a prayer for Paula and Calvin Kelly for healing and comfort.

Announcements

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

The March Herald will be part of the March 3 bulletin; however, it will be posted by March 1st. Please send all articles to me no later than Friday, February 26th. *Thank you, Debi*

From the Trustees

We continue to have occasional "visitors" in the building during hours when the building is closed, or when only custodial staff is present. We are sympathetic to the plight of the homeless, especially during these winter days and nights, and we try to address this issue in our community in a number of ways, but we cannot have unauthorized people in the building during off hours, for obvious safety and liability reasons. If you see anyone in the building you do not recognize, especially at off hours, please contact a member of our staff. We are contacting renters and those who use the building at off times to be diligent about not propping doors open or leaving them unattended. We have new security measures in place which should help, but it is just a reminder to keep the building secure, especially if you should be in the building at off times. Thanks!

Lenten Brochures Available

The Lenten brochures are available to pick up in the Narthex. If you cannot come in and would like one, please email or call Debi to have one mailed.

UWF to Host Affordable Housing Conversation on March 9 with Ed Augustus

Ed Augustus, the Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities, will be the keynote speaker for a program on the affordable housing crisis at Wesley on Saturday, March 9. Together with panelists from local agencies, he will address approaches the state is taking to create more homes.

United Women in Faith will host the meeting with lunch at noon in Brewer Hall and the program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **All are welcome.** Childcare will be available. Invite your friends!

Grocery Gift Cards -- Now Accepting Email Orders

Gift card sales to prevent homelessness will now be available after church once a month. If you would like to order cards, please email Allison at AChis4788@aol.com, and depending on availability, she will bring your order the following Sunday, or after the next pick-up date from Central Mass. Housing Alliance.

Cards from local grocery stores, coffee shops, CVS, Panera and Target will still be on offer after church on:

March 3	June 2
March 17 (don't forget those Easter baskets!)	June 16
April 14	August 4
May 5 (just in time for Mother's Day and graduations)	

Thanks to all the people who continue to support this ministry!

Allison Hansen

Mission Matters

Almost every week, In the Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN) is in need of volunteers to be at the house when staff are not there. I've been sending the Director's invitations to only those Wesley folks who have volunteered before for the evening or overnight shifts. One volunteer suggested that I make this opportunity to serve available to more Wesley people and so more will begin receiving those emails. If you've never volunteered at IHN on June St., I can give you information on what the role is, answer your questions, and show you around the house at the start of your first shift.

Betsy Pennino (betspenn35@hotmail.com)

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The March Rose Window lighting is available for dedication. The cost of is \$40 for the month. If you are interested, please email me (office@wesleyworc.org) or call the office and let me know.

Thanks, Debi Reynolds

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 Quote from Betsy...

Below is a quote from last September's "Wesley's Daily Reflection." It speaks to me of God Moments.

"...God works in quieter ways, obscure ways, ways that seem natural — like coincidence, like happenstance, like in the everyday decisions that we make all the time. God is at work in and through what happens around us, even when it doesn't seem like it. God is present, even when it feels like absence. God is acting, even when it feels like stillness."

Derek Weber