

Sunday Announcements for August 18, 2024

Rich Reynolds (Debi Reynolds' brother in ICU), Shirley Pisarski, Grace Woode, Isabella Consolatti (granddaughter of Gail and Ron Liston), Rosamond Hammond, Linda Keister, Pinamang Boateng, Joseph Boateng, Stephen Boyns, Anne Burrows, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Tom Friend, Beverly Grimshaw, Jim Hoffman, Don Johnson, Charles Kiefer, Dorothy Norcross, Sandra O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alysia Simoneau, Janet Terzian, Donald Tremblay; Barbara Vietze, Peter Woodcock, Laura Zoldak, Georgia (Stacey & Stewart's daughter), Susan (friend of David Potts), Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Page (Allison Hansen's sister), Libby T. (friend of Phyllis Yngve), Neil Ashton (past member), Paula and Calvin Kelly (sister and brother-in-law of Linda Dylewicz),
Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Beth Vietze and family on the loss of her father Frank Vietze. Cards can be sent to 14 Dunanderry Way, Paxton, MA 01612.

Gary Robinson and family on the death of his mother, Marilyn Robinson, on Sunday, July 28th. Cards can be sent to Gary at 93 Paxton Street, Leicester, MA 01524. Her service will be on Monday, August 26th at 10 am at East Greenwich UMC, 1558 South County Trail, East Greenwich, RI. Her obituary can be found online at csori.com.

Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Rose Window lighting for August is given in loving memory of Polly Boyns by Steve Boyns.

The Tower lighting for August is given by Carolyn Bellil in honor and celebration of Pierre Bellil's 96th birthday on August 25th.

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Upcoming Vacations/Time Off:

Moo will be at Spiritual Renewal beginning August 15th, returning on Thursday, August 22nd. If you have a pastoral need or an emergency, please call the church office, Chris Flagg, or Judy Hoffman.

As of right now, I will be on vacation beginning Tuesday, August 20th, returning Tuesday, August 27th. If you need anything that cannot wait for me to return, please speak with Matt Crane or Moo. Otherwise, please email me and I will get back to you when I return. 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 1st bulletin. Please send all articles to me no later than Monday, August 26th.
Thank you, Debi

From Carty Cupboard Food Pantry

For the month of August, we need nutritious Cold Cereal, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Mayo, and Mustard please. The number of people we serve continues to grow. At this writing the numbers for July are not complete, however, the total will be over 500 families. Thank You to everyone who continues to donate to Carty.

Thanks, Nancy

Harvest 2024... The annual Harvest will be on Sunday, September 29th with the International Lunch to follow. If anyone has an item(s) they would like to donate for the main Harvest on September 29th, please 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 Celebration - September 29, 2024

The International luncheon will follow the harvest celebration this year. Please plan on making your favorite dish from your heritage to share with fellow members. Let us know if it will be a main dish, a side or a dessert. There will be signup sheets and foil pans to put your dish in. (Ingredients must be listed to prevent any problems with allergies.)

Volunteers will be needed for set up and clean up!!!!

This is a church-wide function so let's make it a huge success!

For those of you bringing food, please email/text one of us the name of your dish, Country of where your dish is from (so we have 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).

Stephanie Smyth... email smyth0822@gmail.com **OR** you may call or text message Linda D'acri at 508-450-0331.

Thank You in advance for your help in making this a huge success!

Kind Regards,
Stephanie and Linda

Gift Cards Can Prevent Homelessness!

Hope for Housing Fall Dates

Do you buy groceries? Stop by CVS? Grab a coffee at Dunkin, Starbucks or a meal at Panera?

If you do, pay with a gift card instead of cash or credit. Buy your card at Wesley and your purchase will help a family threatened with homelessness actually remain in their home.

Allison Hansen will be selling cards in Brewer Hall after church on the following dates, and will accept orders by email at AChis4788@aol.com. Please give her advance notice if you want to place a larger order.

August 25, September 22, October 13, November 3

November 17 – Shop for stocking stuffers and plan ahead!

December 8 – Secret Santa? Team gifts? Last chance for larger orders this year.

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)

Another God Moment from Enoh –

I traveled to Sugar Land in Houston on August 1, 2024. As I boarded the plane at Logan, I happened to sit next to a family with 5 children. The child who sat next to me was about 6 years old. He asked me my name, and I told him that my name was “Anabanana.” That cracked him up. He laughed so hard and kept repeating Anabanana. We bonded during the plane ride, and it was like we knew each other before. As a result, the whole family just accepted me.

When we landed in Houston, the father asked me where I was going. To Sugar Land, I replied. He then said, “We too are going to Sugar Land, let me check with the guy who's picking us up to see if we could give you a ride.” This man took care of my suitcase and my carryon bag, from baggage claim to checking me into the hotel, before they headed to where they were going. I had never been to Houston before, and I was clueless, but the Lord sent this wonderful family to me with perfect timing.

The weather was perfect throughout my trip. When I returned home and heard about the terrible weather conditions, how planes ✈️ were delayed and some were cancelled, I gave our God all the Glory for seeing me through.



Wesley UMC Community Suppers has been selected by the Store Leadership Team at Stop & Shop to benefit from the Bloomin' 4 Good Program. Wesley Church will receive \$1 from every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of August 2024 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.

08-18-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The church’s priority is always to share with people the bread from heaven, the bread that gives eternal life, while at the same time responding to their physical needs.

Doing this should not be a burden for us. When we eat from the flesh and drink from the blood of the Son of Man, when we abide in him, we are naturally moved to love God and our neighbors in words and deeds.”

- *Alma Tinoco Ruiz*



John 6:51-58

Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean to share the life of God, to participate in the life of Jesus? How does Jesus live in and through you? What does it look like for you to assimilate Jesus’ way of thinking and acting completely into your very being? What helps to bring you into deeper union with the Triune God? How are you a living dwelling place for the divine as you go about your daily life?

- Do you remember the first time you received Holy Communion? What was that experience like for you? What has been your most meaningful experience of the sacrament of Holy Communion? What does Holy Communion mean to you now? How important is it to your life of faith for you to regularly participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion?

- What does it mean for us as a congregation to meet people where they are? How can we further cultivate awareness of the physical and spiritual needs of those to whom we minister? What is the balance in meeting physical as well as spiritual needs of those in the neighborhoods and community around us? What more might we be called to do to embody love of God and neighbor in both word and action?

Daily Household Prayer

O God, help us to love you more fully, to serve you more eagerly, and to worship you more sincerely. Too often the world turns away from you because of what they see in us who call ourselves by your name. Forgive us, Lord, and enable us to demonstrate your light and your love in all that we do. Amen.