

Sunday Announcements for September 15, 2024

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

Christiana Amoah, Barbara McLaren, Francis Mosso (BIL of Phil Johnson), Sandra O'Brian (family friend of Phil Johnson), Cathy (sister-in-law of David Potts), Kimberly Shays (Deborah Surette's daughter), Rich Reynolds (Debi's brother), Shirley Pisarski, Grace Woode, Rosamond Hammond, Pinamang Boateng, Joseph Boateng, Stephen Boyns, Anne Burrows, Isabella Consolatti (Gail and Ron Liston's granddaughter), Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Beverly Grimshaw, Jim & Judy Hoffman, Linda Keister, Charles Kiefer, Dorothy Norcross, Sandra O'Driscoll, David Samanen, Alysia Simoneau, Janet Terzian, Donald Tremblay; Barbara and the Vietze Family; Laura Zoldak, Margie (Linda Keister's sister), Page (Allison Hansen's sister), Libby T. (friend of Phyllis Yngve), Paula and Calvin Kelly (sister and brother-in-law of Linda Dylewicz),
Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Rev. Megan Stow, Bob (father) and family on the death of her mother, Ruth on September 10th.

Elizabeth Boateng and family on the death of her brother Elijah on September 7th.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 3, 2024 – ALL CHURCH MEETING

Wesley's Vision Task Force will host a conversation about possible new directions for our church on Sunday, November 3 after the service. More details are to come, but please save the date so you can bring your ideas and thoughts to the discussion.

Wesley Church Parking Lot

Our parking lot is scheduled to be seal-coated and relined next Thursday (9/19) and Friday (9/20). The lot will not be available on Saturday (9/21) to park in. This hasn't been done in a while and is an important part of its maintenance. On those days the parking lot must be completely clear. If you need to come to the church office, please plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the church office during business hours. (508) 799-4191

Worcester Area United Methodist (WAUM) Music & Fellowship on September 15th is cancelled.

From Carty Cupboard Food Pantry... For the month of September, we need nutritious Cold Cereal and meals in a can, like stew and Chef Boyardee products please. Thank You to everyone who donates money and or food to Carty Cupboard on a regular basis, we appreciate your generosity and kindness.

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Harvest 2024 – Sunday, September 29th!

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.

2025 Offering Envelopes... Due to the fact that the printers are 10+ weeks out on jobs, we are compiling our list of people who would like 2025 Offering Envelopes early. This list will be submitted to the company by October 18th, therefore it is very important that you let me know as soon as possible (no later than October 9th) that you want offering envelopes. *Thank you, Debi*

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

The October Herald will be part of the October 13th bulletin. Please send all articles to me no later than Monday, October 7th. *Thank you, Debi*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! International Lunch Celebration – Sunday, September 29th!

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.

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.

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 for September is given in loving memory of Ralph Ellis.

The November Tower lighting is available. If you'd like to light the Tower in honor/celebration or in memory of a loved one, please contact me in the office or send me an email.

Debi Reynolds (office@wesleyworc.org)

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

Each day I travel up route 20 to get to work, it's not uncommon for traffic to be heavy and the traffic lights can be unbearably long, so I'm always plotting and scheming in my head about which "shortcuts" will get me to work the fastest. I have three choices for the last part of my route... turn off route 20 and take back roads, but that would mean a lower speed limit and I could end up getting stuck behind a school bus picking kids up at their individual houses, or I could travel a little further down the road past the place where I need to turn and then make a loop around at the next intersection and backtrack, or I can just pull into the lane designed for my final turn and wait out the very long light.

On one particular day I decided to pull into my designated lane, I was the only one waiting to turn and the oncoming traffic was very heavy, so I wasn't expecting the light to change any time soon. As I sat there waiting for the light to change, I started thinking about how this whole light system was designed to make it easier (and safer) for me to get to my destination, it may take longer than I'd like it to sometimes but eventually the pre-designed plan will fall into place and I will be on my way. As I sat thinking about all of this the light did in fact change, the oncoming traffic slowed to a stop and as I began to take my left hand turn I said a small prayer of thanks for the people who developed the light system that helps to keep me safe.

Then it happened...
the God moment!

A split-second thought that changed my mood for the rest of the day.

The realization that my life with God can be described as similar to that traffic light... I can try taking shortcuts or doing things "my way", or I can choose to be patient and know that God already has a pre-designed plan and even if it's not in the timing I would choose, it will always be the safest way, the best way, the way that leads to life.

Thank You God.