

## Sunday Announcements for January 12, 2024

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

Carolyn Bellil, Debbie Plant, Ruth Wentzell (friend of Elaine Peterson), Sandra O'Driscoll, Melissa Houlihan (friend of Bill Robbins), Alice Douglas, Deborah Plant, Barbara McLaren, Cathy (sister-in-law of David Potts), Rich Reynolds, Grace Woode, Beverly Grimshaw, Rosamond Hammond, Linda Keister, Pinamang Boateng, Joseph Boateng, Stephen Boyns, Anne Burrows, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Jim & Judy Hoffman, Don Johnson, Charles Kiefer, Dorothy Norcross, David Samanen, Janet Terzian, Donald Tremblay, Barbara and the Vietze Family; Peter Woodcock, Laura Zoldak, 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.

Ivy Hammond and family on the death of her father, Captain Isaac Eshun Famiyeh on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be sent to Ivy at 163 June Street, Worcester, MA 01602.

Debi Reynolds as she grieves the sudden loss of her friend Cheryl on New Years Eve, and now her great-aunt & Godmother on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Tower & Rose Window Lightings & Altar Flowers

**The Rose Window lighting** for January is given in loving memory of Mrs. William B. Smith by the United Women in Faith.

**The Tower lighting** for January is given in loving memory of my parents, Mary & Norman Fletcher, and my brother, David Fletcher by Barbara Fletcher.

**The altar flowers today** are given in loving memory of Isabel Smith and those who have passed on in 2024.

### Announcements

#### AN ALL-CHURCH MEETING

will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025, following worship.

#### Gently Used/New Coats, Hats & Gloves are Needed

***Do you have a gently used winter coat that you no longer wear?*** We are collecting gently used or new coats, hats and gloves for the people who come to the monthly Sunday Breakfast. During this season of giving let us help keep our neighbors warm.  
*Thank you, Linda D'Acri*

#### February 2025 Herald: ***There are extra copies of the Herald in the Narthex by the Welcome Office.***

The February Herald will be part of the February 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin. The deadline for articles is Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Thank you for your cooperation.  
*Debi*

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR IHN (IN HOUR OF NEED)

*Sheri Linn, Program Director of IHN, will be at Wesley on January 19<sup>th</sup>  
and will be speaking during church about their program.*

IHN works in partnership with The Faith Community, groups and individual volunteers to provide shelter and assistance to families with children who are experiencing homelessness. They house up to six families, located at 91 June Street in Worcester.

We are looking for volunteers for 2 shifts for the week of January 26<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday – Saturday, time slots:

Evenings 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Overnights 8:30 pm – 6:30 am (a room is provided for you)

You can sign up in Brewer Hall on the bulletin board under “Mission”. Please provide your name and phone number for contact.

Please contact me for more information or with any questions. *Gerard Piscitelli (774-253-7362)*

**From Carty Cupboard...** Over the course of 2024, we at Carty Cupboard Food Pantry assisted over 6,400 families totaling over 27,400 adults and children. The current volunteers have given their time and effort for many years, and in a few cases decades to help those in need. We couldn't serve all the people that we do without the support of all of you. A huge THANK YOU to all the people of Wesley and our partner churches who have donated food and money to help make this mission possible.

In January we need jelly and hot cereal in variety packages please. *Thank you, Nancy Spencer*

### **Gift Cards Can Prevent Homelessness!**

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](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com). Please give her advance notice if you want to place a larger order.

January 26 - plan for Valentine's gifts! ❤️ February 23

March 16 - stock up now for Easter baskets!

### **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](mailto:betspenn35@hotmail.com))

### **God Moment from Betsy Pennino...**

The first thing I did on New Year's Day was to look out the window. I saw 10 robins feasting on the red berries of our winterberry bush right under the window. As the saying goes, "one robin does not a spring make," but 10 robins? Surely, they could be a sign of something good to be expected!

Many people believe that robins are often used as messengers sent by the divine and angels to remind people that they are not alone. The robin, the sign of an angel, reminds us to have faith and trust in our future.

The original quote was from Aristotle, one of the ancient Greeks-- "One swallow does not a summer make."