
THE WESLEY HERALD

April 2025

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

Janet DeNapoli, Kasey Charzenski (Kimberly Lindsey's son), Robert Craft (friend of Michael Terzian) Shea Pugh, Troy (David Potts brother, wife of Cathy), David Patrick (Evette Walters husband), Kathleen Herbert (Evette Walters mom), Carolyn Bellil, Debbie Plant, Sandra O'Driscoll, Melissa Houlihan (friend of Bill Robbins), Alice Douglas, 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, Barbara McLaren, 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), Paula and Calvin Kelly (sister and brother-in-law of Linda Dylewicz), Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

Announcements

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 13 – UWF Bake, Craft & Plant Sale

April 17 – Maundy Thursday:

6:30 pm – Soup & Bread

7:00 pm – Holy Thursday Service

April 18 – Good Friday – 12-3 pm - Sanctuary Open for Prayer

April 20 – 10 am - Easter Sunday Worship

April 27 – All Church Meeting following worship

May 18 – All Church Meeting following worship

It's that Time of Year again! Graduates...

Do you have a child(ren) graduating from high school or college? If so, please email your child's name(s), school he/she is graduating from, and where he/she plans on attending next. We will be lifting up their names in June. Please email or leave a note in the office by Friday, May 31 at (office@wesleyworc.org). Please print clearly so I can read it. *Debi Reynolds*

Offering Envelopes should be coming soon. In the meantime, if you use a pew offering envelope, please be sure to write to envelope number on it. As well, it's helpful to the counters if you can write your envelope number on your check – next to your name or on the memo line. *Thank you.*

UWF Bake, Craft & Plant Sale... On Sunday, April 13th, there will be a Bake, Craft and Plant Sale in Brewer Hall after church. Please bring your donated items to church on Sunday morning so that they can be arranged, tagged and displayed. This is a fundraiser for the United Women in Faith, UWF, to help with our missional giving. So please mark your calendars now so that you don't forget to participate in the baking, crafting and propagating your house plants for the 'Sale' and shop here too on Palm Sunday!!!

From Carty Cupboard Food Pantry... For the month of April, we are in need of meals in a can, like Chef Boyardee, and baked beans. Also, cold cereal, and oatmeal in variety packages please. The request for hot cereal continues through all seasons. Thank You to everyone who continues to help to feed those in need.
Nancy

Help Keep Families in Their Homes...

Looking for a way to help Worcester families face homelessness? Buy groceries or a cup of coffee! This is an easy way to help address our city's growing numbers of unhoused individuals and families.

- 1) Buy a gift card for Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Big Y, CVS, Panera, Dunkin, Starbucks, Amazon, Target, or TJ Maxx/Marshalls. Larger orders, please email Allison Hansen at AChis4788@aol.com.
- 2) Do your regular shopping.
- 3) Rejoice that close to 10 percent of your purchase goes to grants for back rent, utilities, car repair or other expenses that make the difference for families remaining home or on the street.
- 4) Repeat!

Allison will be in Brewer Hall after church on:

April 6 – Last chance for Easter baskets!

May 4 – Don't forget Mother's Day! • June 1

Thank you! Allison Hansen

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

The May Herald will be part of the May 4th bulletin. Please have all articles to me by Monday, April 28th the latest. Thank you for your cooperation.
Debi

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)

God Moments from Enoh

- (1) On Saturday, March 1, 2025, my husband decided to go to the car wash on West Boylston St. An hour later, he called to inform me that he had a flat tire. He told me to bring him the manual pump from home, but it didn't work. He had to call AAA who showed up but couldn't solve the problem either. AAA called the tow truck to take our car to the tire warehouse on Grove Street, Worcester, at about 6 pm.

On Sunday, March 2, at about 1:30 pm, the warehouse called to tell us that our car was all set, and we could pick it up. I was so shocked because I didn't expect them to work on Sunday. My husband and I were off on Saturday. He was going back to work on that Sunday night, and I was to be at work 5 am, Monday morning.

To God's Glory, the car was fixed on time, and we were not charged any amount.

- (2) My spring break from college started on 3/6/25. Two days later, I came down with a cold and cough. It lasted till 3/14/25. By Monday, 3/17/25, I was completely healed, so I was able to go back to work. What an awesome God!!!
- (3) On Sunday, March 16 3/16/25, I was on my way back from church. A car that was going straight on Gold Star BLV, turned suddenly and crossed over my lane without any signal or waiting to clear before he turned. The Lord shielded me from a fatal accident that could have occurred. I was very thankful to my Lord for this miracle.


DID YOU KNOW?

On Good Friday this year our sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation from 12 Noon to 3 PM, the time when Christian tradition teaches that Jesus suffered and died on the cross. No matter where you are on Good Friday, at some point during the day you might engage the Good Friday tradition of meditation and reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ. The Seven Last “Words” are not single words but phrases spoken by Jesus as he was dying on the cross. All the statements come from Gospel accounts of the crucifixion. However, there is no single account of the crucifixion that contains all seven of the sayings. In fact, only one of the quotations is found in more than one gospel. There is, however, a traditional ordering of the sayings based on a compilation of the story of the crucifixion as related in the four canonical gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The seven passages in the traditional order are as follows:


1. Father forgive them, for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34).
2. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise (Luke 23:43).
3. Woman, behold your son: behold your mother (John 19:26-27).
4. Eli Eli lama sabachthani? — “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34).
5. I thirst (John 19:28).
6. It is finished (John 19:30).
7. Father, into your hands I commit my spirit (Luke 23:46).

In part the tradition of a service (sometimes known as the Three Hours’ Devotion) based on the words of Christ on the cross traces back to 4th Century Jerusalem, where each year the events of Jesus’ life were commemorated by devotional services at what were believed to be the original sites of their occurrence. These services included a three hour devotion on Good Friday. While some of these observances (including celebration of Palm Sunday) of the ancient Jerusalem church found their way into the worship traditions of Christianity in general, the tradition of the “Three Hours’ Devotion” was lost until it was revived in the 17th century by Jesuits in Peru and subsequently adopted by Roman Catholics as well as various Protestant denominations. The collection of sayings has been set to music by many composers, and the texts themselves are the basis for reflection by many Christians, not only on Good Friday, but throughout Lent and Holy Week.

*Submitted by,
Deborah A. O’Driscoll*



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