

Sunday Announcements for May 18, 2025

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

Danny & Veronica Winder, Janet DeNapoli, 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, Anne Burrows, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, 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),
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.

Stephen Boyns is now at Odd Fellows Home, Room 113, 104 Randolph Road, Worcester, MA 01606.

Gary Ventura and family on the death of his wife, Joan, back in February. Cards can be sent to 309A Blackshire Drive, Panama City, FL 32404.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 18 – All Church Meeting following worship

June 8 at 4 pm – Worcester Area United Methodist Churches
joint Pentecost service at Epworth United Methodist Church.

All are encouraged to attend.

2025 Offering Envelopes are in! You can pick them up on Sunday - they will be located in the Narthex. You can also come to the office during the week to pick them up (Tuesday-Friday).

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

The June Herald will be part of the June 1st bulletin. Please have all articles to me by Friday, May 23rd the latest. Thank you for your cooperation. *Debi*

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

Nancy

Hope for Housing Cards Now All Digital

The cause remains the same, but like many things these days, the process is digital. You can help prevent homelessness by buying gift cards online through Raise Right, an app you can download, and then specify Central Mass. Housing Alliance as your charity of choice. There are many more types of gift cards for purchase through the app, and CMHA's Hope for Housing grant fund receives anywhere from 2 to 10 percent of each card's value!

If you wish to order physical cards, you can do so with a flat-rate FedEx shipping charge.

I will be at the table in Brewer Hall on Sunday, June 1 to help people set up the app and show them how to order gift cards through their phone.

Allison Hansen

UWF Mission Recognition Award

The United Women in Faith (UWF) Mission Recognition Award was presented to Allison Hansen on Sunday, May 11, 2025 during the 10 am Worship Service here at Wesley UMC Worcester. She has worn so many distinctive hats that we mentioned just some of her contributions. She grew up in Manhattan and is a wife and mother of two adult children. They both apparently inherited their parents' love of travel to faraway places.

Professionally, Allison founded a company and has run it for 28 years. She writes for business—web copy, annual reports, newsletters, etc. She has also published two books—a biography of the founder of Morgan Company and a second biography of a WPI professor and politician.

She has been active in the business community and has received recognition from her peers for her involvement—including an award from Corridor 9 Chamber of Commerce.

At Wesley, she has been a member of the choir for about 32 years which is almost as long as she has been here. She also signed up for Sarah Circle, a woman's group, and served as Circle Chair for years. Allison also has led the circle's annual Lenten Book Group for 15 years.

She was Co-President of UWF for the last 10 years and just stepped down in January. In that role, she arranged speakers for UWF meetings from many organizations, such as African Community Education. She's always knowledgeable about what's happening in Worcester and thus has recommended organizations for UWF donations too. Allison arranged panel discussions including one on housing challenges in Worcester to which the public was invited.

Always looking for opportunities to widen mission, she saw that UWF, (aka UMW) money in the Wesley Endowment could fund major mission projects. This led to the UWF (UMW) Galaxy Fund which contributed to establishing sources of clean water in Ghanaian villages. She also set up a mission at Wesley generate money which helps Worcester people (who are rent challenged) to stay in their homes. And on many Sundays for years, we've seen her selling grocery and other store cards which, allow us to help the homelessness in Worcester. Allison Hansen is supportive of all Wesley peoples' ideas for mission.

We're so honored to have had her volunteering her tireless efforts here at Wesley United Methodist Church, Worcester, MA.

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Presented by: Co-Presidents of UWF, Barbara Ingrassia, Sandra McManus and Cordelia Ferdinand

