
THE WESLEY HERALD

May 2025

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

Danny & Veronica Winder, Stephen Boyns, 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.

Announcements

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 18 – All Church Meeting following worship

A Message from SPRC...

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Bishop Thomas Bickerton has appointed Rev. Nizzi Digan to be full time Pastor here at Wesley beginning July 1, 2025.

Pastor Nizzi is an Elder in full connection within the United Methodist church and comes to us with more than 20 years of experience. Please join us in offering the warmest of welcomes to Pastor Nizzi.

Do you have a High School or College Graduate???

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 11 at (office@wesleyworc.org). Please print clearly so I can read it. *Debi Reynolds*

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 variety packages please. The request for hot cereal continues through all seasons. Thank You to everyone who continues to shop for those in need.

Nancy

Sunday, May 4 Last Day to Buy Hope for Housing Gift Cards

Due to a change in policy, Central Mass. Housing Alliance will no longer be selling physical gift cards to raise funds for their Hope for Housing grant program. The last day the cards will be for sale is **Sunday, May 4**. In the future, you can buy the gift cards through a phone app for a wider variety of stores.

Allison Hansen will be trained on how to use the Raise Right app, which will accept credit and debit cards, and generate greater returns for the Hope for Housing program -- closer to 10 percent of every purchase.

Please bring cash or checks for Sunday, May 4 gift card purchases. We still have cards available for many stores and coffee shops.

Allison Hansen

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 Betsy Pennino--

The Friday morning Lenten class is reading a book which holds our attention with stories while offering fresh insights to discuss-- The Grace of Les Miserables. The way that the book, and the group leader, were found seemed to be blessed. Veronica Winder had volunteered to lead a book group and Chris Flagg asked her about the Les Miserables book. Veronica had been wanting to read that book ever since she'd bought it several years ago, before she moved here.

The author, Methodist Pastor Matt Rawle, writes what could be the basis of God Moments: "God is always calling our name. God is always reminding us of God's presence." There are also many God Moments in the book, such as Valjean's chance finding of Cosette on Christmas Eve. Her mother had asked Valjean to find Cosette, and it was a life-saving Christmas gift for both of them.

All of the God Moments and Valjean's choices led to his transformation from a thief who distrusted most people to a generous helper of strangers and loved ones. Much of this change was caused by acts of kindness toward him by chance acquaintances.

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RHEINBERGER, Reger.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 7:30PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 3:00PM

THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT.



DID YOU KNOW?

While culturally in North America, Easter is celebrated on a single day, liturgically in the church Easter is celebrated for 50 days. The “Great Fifty Days” begin with Easter Sunday itself and end seven weeks later with the celebration of Pentecost. You may have noticed that in the bulletin that the Sundays during this season are referred to by numbers—the 2nd Sunday of Easter, the 3rd Sunday of Easter, etc., as a reminder that we are still very much in the midst of the church’s celebration of Easter throughout this entire period. Within the historical liturgical tradition of the church under older lectionary systems, each of the Sundays of Easter had a Latin name. Although these Latin names are largely obsolete, even in the present Revised Common Lectionary there are “themes” for each of these Sundays that extend across the readings for all three years of the cycle.

The “first” Sunday of Easter is, of course, Easter itself, the festival which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ.


Throughout the remaining Sundays of the Easter Season, we celebrate the resurrection life of Christ among the community of the disciples and in the world.

- On the **2nd Sunday of Easter**, sometimes known as “Thomas Sunday” the gospel lesson is always the story of Jesus’ post-Resurrection appearance to the disciples and the subsequent appearance to Thomas as related in John.
- The common theme of the **3rd Sunday of Easter** is table fellowship, whether with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, or Jesus’ eating fish with the gathered disciples either in an upper room or on the lakeshore, all of which remind us of the presence of Christ with us when we participate in the table fellowship of Communion.
- The **4th Sunday of Easter** is known as “Good Shepherd” Sunday. On this Sunday the Psalm reading is always the familiar Ps 23, and the gospel reading for each year consists of various portions of John 10, all of which contain references to the shepherd and his sheep.
- On the **5th Sunday of Easter**, we hear some of the I AM statements of Jesus, either from the gospel of John (Years A, B) or the book of Revelation (Year C).
- The gospel readings for the **6th Sunday of Easter** all come from the Upper Room discourse of Jesus in the gospel of John and emphasize the commandment to love.
- Although Jesus’ Ascension to heaven occurred 40 days after Easter (and thus falls on a Thursday) most Protestant denominations observe the **7th Sunday of Easter** as Ascension Sunday.
- The last Sunday of the Great 50 Days is of course Pentecost, the celebration of the birth of the church and the gift of the Holy Spirit.


The spirit and significance of the season are reflected in the environment of worship. The lighting of the Paschal Candle each week continues to remind us of the presence of the Risen Christ in our midst. The liturgical seasonal color is white, and we continue to see the use of white paraments.

Submitted by,

Deborah A. O’Driscoll



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Ghanaian Choir Director	Desmond Cheetham	Finance & Stewardship Co-Chairs	William Wong
Director of Children's Ministries	Rhianna Burke		Peter Hansen
Church Business Administrator	Matt Crane	Financial Secretary	Earl Flagg
Church Secretary	Debi Reynolds	Church Auditor	Cynthia Fletcher
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Wesley Tech Team	Mark Muncey	Staff-Parish Relations Co-Chairs	Chris Flagg
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Co-Lay Leaders	Gifty Bentum-Asante	Sandra McManus,	Cordelia Ferdinand
	Joseph Fletcher	Music Committee	Debbie O'Driscoll
Board of Trustees Chair	Gary Robinson	Worship Committee Chair	Debbie O'Driscoll
Carty Cupboard Food Pantry	Nancy Spencer		

**Wesley United Methodist
Church**

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00am Hybrid Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time 11:30am ALL CHURCH MEETING (BH) 11:30am Confirmation Class (MEL) 7:00pm Sunday AA (CH)	28 OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	29 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	30 1:00pm Carty Cupboard 7:00pm AA - BBSS (CH)	1 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	2 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	3 9:30am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL)
4 8:00am Community Breakfast 10:00am Hybrid Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time 11:30am Confirmation Class (MEL) 7:00pm Sunday AA (CH)	5 OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball 6:00pm Eye Clinic 7:00pm Church Council - Zoom	6 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	7 1:00pm Carty Cupboard 7:00pm AA - BBSS (CH)	8 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	9 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	10 9:30am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL) 7:00pm Contra-Dance (BH)
11 Mother's Day 10:00am Hybrid Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time 11:30am Confirmation Class (MEL) 7:00pm Sunday AA (CH)	12 OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball 5:30pm Worship Committee (Hybrid) 7:00pm Vision Task Force (MEL)	13 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	14 1:00pm Carty Cupboard 7:00pm AA - BBSS (CH)	15 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	16 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	17 9:30am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL)
18 Confirmation 10:00am Hybrid Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time 11:30am ALL CHURCH MEETING (BH) 11:30am Confirmation Class (MEL) 11:30am Mission Committee (MEL) 12:30pm Vision Task Force (MEL) 7:00pm Sunday AA (CH)	19 OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball 6:00pm Eye Clinic 7:00pm SPRC	20 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	21 1:00pm Carty Cupboard 7:00pm AA - BBSS (CH)	22 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	23 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball 5:30pm Sims/Jackson Wedding Rehearsal	24 9:30am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL) 2:30pm Sims Wedding
25 10:00am Hybrid Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time 7:00pm Sunday AA (CH)	26 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	27 5:30pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball	28 1:00pm Carty Cupboard 7:00pm AA - BBSS (CH)	29 3:00pm Wedding Rehearsal (Moo) 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	30 5:30pm Fruits of Labor Basketball	31 9:30am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL) 4:00pm Community Dinner (BH)