

Sunday Announcements for June 8, 2025

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

Phil Johnson, Ronna Davis, Janice Capen, Xuan Diep (niece of Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy), Carolyn Bellil, Pinamang Boateng, Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Janet DeNapoli, Alice Douglas, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Beverly Grimshaw, Rosamond Hammond, Don Johnson, Linda Keister, Charles Kiefer, Dorothy Norcross, Sandra O'Driscoll, Debbie Plant, Troy Potts, Shea Pugh, Rich Reynolds, David Samanen, Janet Terzian, Donald Tremblay, Barbara and the Vietze Family; Danny & Veronica Winder, Grace Woode, Peter Woodcock, Laura Zoldak, David Patrick (Evette Walters husband), Kathleen Herbert (Evette Walters mom), Troy and Cathy Potts (brother & sister-in-law of David Potts), Melissa Houlihan (friend of Bill Robbins), Robert Craft (friend of Michael Terzian), 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.

The family and friends of Tyler Cameron Merrill (25, grandson of Lorna Mattus-Merrill) who unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday, May 27th in Cynthiana, KY. Tyler is originally from Auburn, MA.

Friends of Jane Borthwick who passed away on May 16th.

Janice Capen is in Knollwood Nursing Center, Room 117, 87 Briarwood Circle, Worcester. Visiting hours are from 8 am to 8:30 pm.

Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Tower lighting for June is given in loving memory of Hazel & Sherman Langille by The Bellil Family.

The Rose window lighting for June is given in loving memory of George Hammond by The Hammond Family.

Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join WAUM today (June 8th) at 4 pm for Pentecost service at Epworth United Methodist Church, 64 Salisbury St., Worcester

All are encouraged to attend.

June 29, 2025 – Men's Mini-Harvest

Vacation... Pastor Moo is on vacation returning to the office on June 12th. If you have an emergency, please contact the office (508-799-4191) or Joseph Wilson (508-963-9555).

From Carty Cupboard.... For the month of June we are in need of jelly, condiments, and cold cereal. Thank You to everyone who continues to shop for those in need. Nancy

July 2025 Herald: There is no July Herald. The next newsletter will be in August. All articles are due in the office no later than Monday, July 28th. Thank you. Debi

The UWF will gather to enjoy a “Potluck” dinner on Tuesday evening, June 17th at 6 pm. (You can arrive at 5:45 pm to place any cooked dishes in the oven to keep warm.) We will have a guest speaker, Pam Reidy, from Juniper Outreach to talk about its mission. They have staffed food pantries in six Worcester Public Schools (so far). There will be a brief business meeting also. Hope to see many of our sisters in Faith!

Sandy McManus, Co President of UWF

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 and June 29 to help people set up the app and show them how to order gift cards through their phone.

Allison Hansen

God Moment

During the first week of June, IHN (In the Hour of Need Family Shelter) shut down, with all families living there moved to safe, affordable apartments. On June 8, IHN people are celebrating their 27 years of service to homeless families in Worcester. Friendly House will renovate 91 June St. for possible use by the MA Emergency Assistance Program.

They asked coordinators of volunteers to send in memories they had of being at IHN. I sent the following 2 two God Moments which happened at IHN, the first one in 2013:

A God Moment from Jean Grant

The Mission Committee and Sarah Circle spent a Saturday in May 2013 planting flowers and spreading mulch at the IHN house. Homeless families had first moved there during the previous February. Jean Grant wrote this after returning that fall to tend to the new plants:

As I finished up at the IHN house on June St. yesterday, pruning back flowers planted in the spring, I noticed that one lone flower still bloomed. A lone Easter lily trumpeted headstrong out of the garden. I was surprised to see a lily like that bloom in mid-autumn, but there it stood, petals open, announcing its presence like a white trumpet. As the rest of the flowers were browning, their blooms spent, save for a few yellow tickseed at the end of their bloom, the lone lily (brought by Emi Smith, I believe) stood tall. I couldn't bring myself to cut it back, so I left it there. I left IHN after a morning of work... the rest of the perennials pruned back to the ground for their winter slumber, awaiting their own rebirth in spring... while the lily, a symbol of purity, Easter hope and peace, stood resplendent in the fall sunshine, noting the almost 1-year anniversary of the house's opening. I don't think it was a coincidence.

From Betsy Pennino

There was another of those “unexplainable helpful coincidences” which have often occurred when doing Wesley mission work... One volunteer forgot her IHN shift in the difficulties of getting her father to the doctor. Her father had recently had a brain tumor removed and was very confused. Our volunteer didn't think to call for a replacement, and Director Joanne knew nothing about it. Yet a volunteer appeared at 7pm, someone from another church who had been well trained at IHN!

RESTLESS? SEARCHING?

If you experience a spiritual hunger...
If you desire to bring a deeper dimension to your faith...

we invite you to

COMPANIONS in Christ

A new small group that will provide support for your search.
A path to explore prayer, scripture, and the spiritual journey.
An experience of God's grace and love in daily times of reflection.
This study runs for 28 weeks beginning in the fall – day and time TBD.
Contact: Susan Williams at 508-795-7331 for more information.

What is
COMPANIONS *in Christ*[™]

Companions in Christ is...

- ◆ A small group of people praying together.
- ◆ An opportunity for daily individual reading and reflection.
- ◆ A focus on how you experience God.
- ◆ A group supporting your spiritual growth.
- ◆ An opportunity to learn various styles and forms of prayer.
- ◆ A record or journal of your walk with Christ.
- ◆ An invitation to let scripture form your faith.
- ◆ A time to reflect on where God is calling you and to affirm the gifts God has given you.
- ◆ A discovery of spiritual friends who will listen to and pray for you.

The five study areas are:

Spiritual Journey • Prayer • Scripture
Vocational Gifts • Spiritual Friendship

If you would like more information or are interested in this study,
please contact Susan Williams at 508-795-7331.

WILLIAM NESS, ORGANIST
PLAYING THE GREAT ORGAN AT
METHUEN MEMORIAL MUSIC HALL
192 BROADWAY METHUEN, MA

GERMAN ROMANTIC MUSIC OF REIMANN,
SCHUMANN, THEILE, MENDELSSOHN,
RHEINBERGER, REGER.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 7:30PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 3:00PM

THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT.

