

Sunday Announcements for June 29, 2025

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

Sandra O'Driscoll, Janice Capen, Xuan Diep (niece of Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy), Pinamang Boateng, Joseph Boateng, Anne Burrows, Janet DeNapoli, Alice Douglas, Dot Ellis, Barbara Fletcher, Beverly Grimshaw, Rosamond Hammond, Linda Keister, Charles Kiefer, Dorothy Norcross, Debbie Plant, Troy Potts, Shea Pugh, Rich Reynolds, David Samanen, Janet Terzian, Donald Tremblay, Barbara Vietze, Danny & Veronica Winder, Grace Woode, Peter Woodcock, Laura Zoldak, David Patrick (Evette Walters husband), Kathleen Herbert (Evette's mom), Francis Mosso (BIL of Phil Johnson), Troy and Cathy Potts (brother & SIL 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.

Pastor Moo as he transitions into his new position in the conference.

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.

The altar flowers are given in celebration of Franklyn & Gbemi Taylor's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 29, 2025 – Men's Mini-Harvest

July 27, 2025 – Women's Mini-Harvest

August 24, 2025 – Children's Mini-Harvest

From Carty Cupboard.... For the month of July, we are in need of healthy snacks for the children of the families we serve. These can be granola bars, small packages of nuts or trail mix, or packages of fruit cups packed in fruit juice. Thank You to everyone who continues to purchase food for those in need.

Nancy

It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School! (VBS)

Join us each evening in Brewer Hall for free dinner at 5 pm and free VBS activities 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. For children ages 4-12 yrs. Younger children may also join with an adult guardian present each evening. Reach out to Rhianna Burke in person or by email at education@wesleyworc.org to register.

Thank you!!! - Rhianna

From SPRC

Saying goodbye is never easy, especially when we don't feel ready to let go of our Pastor. But it's also a blessing, reminding us that the Spirit is working in each of us, and we're called to wherever God needs us.

It's been an absolute joy to serve alongside Pastor Moo for the past five years. He's been a transformative leader for many, a spiritual guide for others, and a loving servant to all.

We'll keep Pastor Moo in our prayers as he answers this new call to be the District Superintendent for the Commonwealth East area of the New England Conference of United Methodists.

Goodbye and God bless you!

On Separate note....

Reverend Nizzi Digan has been appointed by the Bishop to serve the community of Worcester through Wesley United Methodist Church and will join us in September as our full-time Pastor after a two-month sabbatical.

Reverend Digan is an Elder in full connection within the United Methodist Church and comes to us after completing her tenure as District Superintendent for the Commonwealth East district.

We invite you to join us in September as we celebrate the ministries of Wesley at a welcome event for Reverend Digan. We will provide additional information as the summer progresses.

In the interim, we welcome Reverend Stuart Tucker as part-time interim Pastor for July and August. Reverend Tucker is an Elder in full connection within the United Methodist Church and is currently on loan to us from the North Carolina Conference.



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*

Altar Flowers... If you'd like to order altar flowers in honor, celebration or memory of a loved one, come to the Welcome Office and sign up in the book. Please take a form to complete and return it to the office with your payment. It's \$80 for both arrangements on the altar (\$40 per arrangement), or a single arrangement for \$50. The single arrangement will be placed on a brass flower stand in the center of the altar. If by chance two people would like flowers on the same day, we will list them both and they will be placed in the same area as usual, on each side of the altar. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. *Thank you, Debi Reynolds*

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 today after church 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!