

## Sunday Announcements for July 20, 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.

### Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Tower lighting for July is given in loving memory of Mable & Luther Marsh, and Evelyn & Martin Samanen by Carol, Dave, Steve, and Jeff Samanen.

The Rose window lighting for July is given in loving memory of Bill Woodring, by Blair, Karl, John, and Mary Jett Woodring.

**The Tower** lighting for August is available. If you'd like to dedicate this lighting, the cost is \$40. Please reach out to Debi in the office. Thank you.

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 27, 2025 – Women's Mini-Harvest**

**August 24, 2025 – Children's Mini-Harvest**

### *It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School! (VBS) July 28 – July 31*

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](mailto:education@wesleyworc.org) to register.

*Thank you!!! - Rhianna*

**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*

**August 2025 Herald:** The next newsletter will be in August. All articles are due in the office no later than Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. 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*

### **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](mailto:betspenn35@hotmail.com))

#### ***A God Moment from Debi Reynolds***

Have you ever thought about helping someone/group out because you can? For years I wanted to help with rescues but financially I couldn't. Then one day back in late October 2013 I was browsing Facebook, and I came across a post of a dog that needed help - needed a foster home to go to because he didn't get along with the boyfriend's dog. And because it was the boyfriend's house, Cody's owner had to let her dog go. It was a painful, difficult decision.

I talked it over with my husband at that time and reached out to the rescue to learn more about what it all entailed. Long of the short, the rescue took care of vet bills, I was to help him learn that he was a good dog, feed him, give him all the love, and help him find a new home.

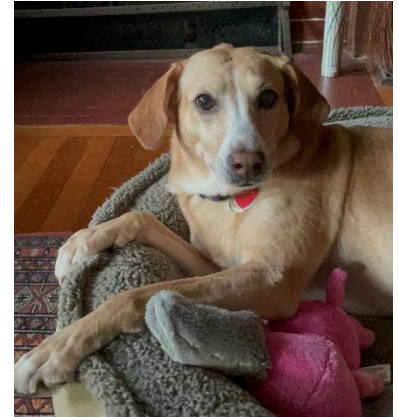
That was the beginning of my rescue days. Since then, I have fostered around 100+ dogs/puppies too. Sometimes I had as many as 4 puppies, my own dog Sasha, and I would dog sit for friends. I once had 9 in my house all at once, plus 3 cats and a rabbit! Yes, it was absolutely chaotic and fun. I would do it all over again if I could.

One day in 2014 I was asked to bring another foster dog to an adoption event in CT. Her name was Lorena. I set out early that morning to my friend Janet's house in Springfield where Lorena ("Lo") was being dropped off. When I got there, I found a very scared dog, who in my opinion had no business at an adoption event. Yet, we took her. I sat on the floor against a wall for 4 hours with this dog, shaking and scared. Still being new to the rescue world and this being one of my first events, I was a bit shy. But I finally stood up and said enough, and we took her home. Later as I drove home, I couldn't get out of my head how scared she was. Yet, she was drooling a lot, and she was lethargic too. Still, I was new to this... so I was learning.

Later that evening Janet called me very upset. She said when the foster mom came to pick Lo up, she backed up to the corner of the crate and began shaking all over again. Lo was scared of her foster!!! The foster began yelling at her and eventually told Janet that she had given her drugs to calm her down for the event. Turns out she overdosed her. Well, that didn't sit well with me either, and I immediately set out to get her! The powers at be agreed that Lo had to be moved and let me take her.

On Mother's Day, May 11, 2014, Lorena joined the family along with my dog Sampson, and a puppy (who was in the process of being adopted). This girl was terrified of everyone and everything. Because I sat with her for so long that first day, a bond had begun to form. We worked at putting a harness on her, taking her out back to the fenced in yard, taking her out the front door for a walk, a food bowl being placed close to her... I could go on. Slowly, Lorena began to trust me more. She learned from the other dogs too. It took about two months before we could walk a small block, but she did it! Every day we worked at things, every day she was rewarded, every day was a new day.

In late October I took her to an adoption event in CT. John Gagnon's place had space indoors and outdoors, high walls and plenty of space where we could be off to the side for her to be comfortable. At one point a young boy, Sam around 9yo, walked up to me and asked if he could pet my dog. I got down and said he could try, but I didn't want him disappointed if she wouldn't let him. To my surprise, and everyone around us, she walked up to him as he got down to her level and spoke so softly to her. She moved in closer... so many people just stopped and stared. This was amazing! In time, he was then able to take her leash and walk her around the fenced in area. When Sam's parents said, okay let's go see the other dogs, he said, 'Lorena's my dog mom, she's the one.' We set out to make this happen. After a few house visits and all the necessary paperwork, I took Lorena home on November 23.



*This is Lola, aka Lo, in her home.*

This is what fostering is about. Six months with me... and this family was her family. God brought them together. God brought us together. A God moment at it's finest.



*save the date for*  
**WATERWALKING**  
*STEPPING OUT IN FAITH*  
 a spiritual life retreat  
*for new england lay persons*  
 with guest speaker **Rich Huguen**  
*former NEUMC conference lay leader*

**SEPTEMBER 5 - 6**  
 Fri: 5:30 - 8:30pm Sat: 9am - 7:30 pm

*hosted at* **Living Faith UMC,**  
**53 Grove Street, Putnam, CT**

**Cost: \$65 per person or \$25 to register**  
 registration forms available at seacoast district office  
 or by visiting church website: [livingfaithumc.net](http://livingfaithumc.net)  
*registration deadline: August 22nd*

**Contact Kathi Peterson for more information**  
[annaneva1@msn.com](mailto:annaneva1@msn.com) or 860 - 455 - 3552

*Registration forms can be found  
 on the board in Brewer Hall.*