

Sunday Announcements for September 14, 2025

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

Tim Murphy, 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.

Tim Murphy is now home, waiting for a liver transplant. Please continue to keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time. Cards can be sent to Tim Murphy, 13 Grove Street, Upton, MA 01568.

What's Happening at Wesley...

September 21, 2025 – Ministry Fair

Come and learn about the mission and ministry of Wesley UMC and join groups of your choosing.

*Please reach out to Chris Flagg at 508-414-1696 to reserve table space for your Ministry group.

September 27, 2025 – Community Dinner, 4 pm – 6 pm

September 28, 2025 – Annual Harvest

The annual Harvest will be on Sunday, September 28th. If anyone has an item(s) they would like to donate for the main Harvest on September 28th, please speak with Gifty Bentum-Asante. ***Please bring your item(s) to the Welcome Office by September 25th***. Let us all pray about ways we plan to give to the Lord and know that is our little token of saying *Thank You* for all that He has done for us.

Please see the insert to learn more about Harvest. If you have any questions, please speak with Gifty Bentum-Asante.

October 5, 2025 – World Communion Sunday

Let's come together and bring bread from your native country. If you plan to bring bread from your native country, please let Earl Flagg know (erf115@msn.com). You will bring your bread forward to be displayed at the Holy Communion table. We plan to fill the table with bread from all over to represent diversity and God's abundance.

October & November 2025 Heralds:

The next newsletter will be in October. All articles are due in the office no later than Monday, September 29th. Thank you.

Debi

Please note: The November newsletter will be prepared early as the first is a Saturday. Please mark your calendars for articles to be in no later than October 20th. The last week of October will be very busy for me as I will be preparing to be on vacation the first two weeks of November. Thank you.

Carty Cupboard

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Nancy Spencer for her faithful service as director of Carty Cupboard over these past 21 years. Nancy, you have truly been a blessing to all of us and to the countless families you've served, and we are all extremely grateful for the gifts you've shared.

God Bless you,

The Congregation & Guests of Wesley Church

***** Important Update*****

Until further notice, Carty Cupboard food distribution will be offered once per month on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. beginning September 20, 2025.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We currently need people who can:

- carry cases of food into the church on Friday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Help with set-up on Saturday morning 8:30-10:00 a.m.
- Help with distribution 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Help w/clean-up 12:00 p.m.
- Help with offering hospitality
- At this time we are still searching for a director for the food pantry.

Please reach out to Chris Flagg 508-414-1696 or Pastor Nizzi if you would like to volunteer

Lightings & Altar Flowers

The Rose window lighting for September is loving memory of Ralph W. Ellis.

The Tower lighting for September is in loving memory of Rev. Blaine Taylor by Lois Taylor.

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

God Moments from Betsy Pennino--

We love library book sales and, arriving at one, I saw a title which is one of my favorite phrases, Random Acts of Kindness. As I started reading it, I realized that these kind acts are God Moments. Here are a few general examples of Random Acts of Kindness to make the descriptive name come into focus:

- * Donations other than money-- Donate used clothes and housewares. Plant flowers where others can enjoy them. Leave a kind note where a delivery person, child or family member will find it.
- * Call a family member or friend you haven't spoken with in a while.
- * Allow someone to go ahead of you in a check-out line or in heavy traffic.
- * Volunteer-- Call a nonprofit organization that does work you believe in and offer to help.

There are many inspiring quotes about kindness, and these are just a few:

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless." Mother Teresa

"How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time." Morgan Freeman

"The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace." Mahatma Gandhi

You might look for random chances you are given to help other people. You could send/tell this column about acts of kindness you have done or ones which have been done for you. As with all God Moments, these could be signed or anonymous and sent to Betsy Pennino (betspenn35@hotmail.com). Similarly, generous acts can be done anonymously or with the recipient aware.

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.