

**THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY**

*“The season of Epiphany in the Church marks a time when we attend to what it is God is revealing in the world and how it is and where it is that we see this revelation.”*

*~ Deborah Krause*

The seasons of Advent and Christmas seem to have gone by so quickly. We have in many ways struggled and wept our way through these holy seasons. It has not been easy; and yet, all that our faith story has said to us, is the very reasons we are church! From the beginning of Advent, with the prophet Isaiah, we begged God “to tear open the heavens and come down”, we prayed to God to “Comfort, O comfort, my people” and as people who literally as well as spiritually were experiencing power failure (ice storm), we longed for the light to shine upon us.

In the season of Christmas, we gathered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, celebrating God-with-us, Emmanuel. On the first Sunday after Christmas we once again were amazed by the faithfulness and patient waiting of Simeon and Anna. God comes when God chooses to come, in ways different than we sometimes expect. Simeon and Anna reminded us to trust in the Holy Spirit, to fast and to pray.

In the midst of it all; as we grieved the loss of spiritual leaders and giants in our midst (J. Nelson Spencer and Stan England), we knew there was no way we could hold back Christmas. The storms of life were raging, and in spite of it all, the children told the story of Christmas, and the choir cantata went on as planned. As a church and as a people, we somehow knew we are called to keep moving, to keep praying and seeking, discerning and trusting, in God’s presence in our midst.

And now in the season of Epiphany we continue “to attend to what it is God is revealing in the world (in our church) and how it is and where it is that we see this revelation. We are called to reflect on where we see God’s presence in our church, and once again come to new insights about where and how God’s revelation in Jesus is shining thorough at Wesley today.

Last Sunday as we celebrated Epiphany Sunday, singing *Go Tell it On the Mountain*, we recognized that God continues to call us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and attend to our call and mission in the world. Nothing is to slow us down.

And now, in this season of light and revelation, we continue to make decisions that will affect our life together. There was an all church meeting held on December 28<sup>th</sup> and another one scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>, to share information about our need to reduce staffing at Wesley. These decisions are a result of our 2009 Financial forecast. The Staff Parish Relations Committee has made it clear that we are not overstaffed, but in order to meet our budget request, decisions must be made. Everyone’s prayers and presence is needed as we make these decisions. Final decisions will be made at our Charge Conference that will be held in a few weeks.

*“While God’s glory may be hard to see ‘on the ground’ and ‘off the mountain’ Jesus’ call to follow him demands we look for signs of God’s light and glory.”*

*~ Pastor Vicki*

## PRAYERS, CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

### *Prayer Concerns (from the Sunday Morning Prayer Cards)...*

- ✠ Jane Borthwick returning home Tuesday
- ✠ Lois Johnson following a hospitalization
- ✠ Cheryl King, 43 years old, undergoing treatment for lung cancer.
- ✠ For peace in the New Year around the world and at home.
- ✠ For the financial well-being of Wesley UMC so we may continue to provide spiritual support to its members and the community.
- ✠ For the economy to ease and for good jobs.

### *Celebration ...*

- ✠ Myrtle Douglas is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 11, 2009. There will be an Open House in the Community Room at the Shrewsbury Tower at 36 North Quinsigamond Ave, Shrewsbury from 2 to 4 PM on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please come by and wish Myrtle a Happy Birthday. No gifts please.

## LIGHTINGS AND ALTAR FLOWERS

**THE ROSE WINDOW** lighting for January is given in loving memory of Mrs. William B. Smith by the United Methodist Women.

**THE TOWER** lighting for January is in loving memory of my mother Mary Fletcher and my brother David Fletcher given by Barbara Fletcher.

**THE SANCUTARY** altar flowers on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> were given in honor of all the Carty Cupboard Volunteers to celebrate their hard work and dedication in 2008 and always! Thank you so very much! Fondly, Nancy Spencer.

**THE CHAPEL** altar flowers on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> are given in honor and celebration of Mrytle Douglas' 100th Birthday.

**THE SANCTUARY** altar flowers on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> are given in celebration of Zachary Paul Conlon's adoption and baptism by Mommy and Daddy.

**THE SANCTUARY** altar flowers on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> are given in memory of Mrs. William B. Smith by the United Methodist Women.

The **JULY ROSE WINDOW** is available for lighting. The cost of the lighting is \$40. If you would like to light the Rose window in memory/celebration of a loved one/friend, please call Debi in the office at 508-799-4191. Thank you.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

The following information reflects the un-reconciled income and expense account results for 2008. Final numbers will be published in the next Herald.

	<b>Actual</b>
Total Budgeted Income	\$ 598,632.98
Total Unbudgeted Income	\$ 15,575.47
Total Income	\$ 614,208.45
Total Budgeted Expense	\$ 612,894.04
Total Unbudgeted Expense	\$ 19,221.61
Total Expense	\$ 632,115.65
Net Loss	\$ (17,907.20)
Unpaid Mission Shares	\$ (12,291.36)
Deficit Subtotal	\$ (30,198.56)
Net Deficit carryover from 2007	\$ (2,909.43)
<b>Grand Total Deficit - Period Ending 12/31/2008</b>	<b>\$ (33,107.99)</b>

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**CARTY CUPBOARD REMINDER...** Please help us “Go Green” buy purchasing a Price Chopper re-useable bag when you shop, they are only 99 cents. We have only received 1 so far!!!

**CARTY CUPBOARD** is in need of dry pasta, canned soups and meals in a can, such as, baked beans, ravioli, or stew. Thank you for thinking of Carty Cupboard when you shop.

**FIRST NIGHT 2008...** Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help for this event. Mark & Joyce Andrews, Brent Drajesk and Renelle & I could not have pulled this off without all your help and donations. Even though the weather did not cooperate, we had a successful sell off on Sunday that helped bring this into the black. Wesley will look forward to First Night 2009.

**MEN’S STUDY GROUP RESUMES...** Men’s Study Group resumed on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. New members are invited to attend; feel free to join us even if you are unable to attend every week. The “Men of Faith” Series continues with a new study guide: “Self Assessment”.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Giving thanks for all who made our Advent and Christmas programs so meaningful! This year's pageant, "*The Backward Christmas Pageant*" was extra special, thanks to Alexandra and Alison Kane, who did a great job directing! We were blessed to have over thirty children participate, everyone playing a significant part in telling the story. We give thanks for everyone's commitment... you all did a great job in sharing God's message of love through his son, Jesus!

*Abbigail Adams, Gabrielle Adams, Michelle Augustus, Anastasya Babb, John Babb, Rebecca Barton, Isaac Berko, Landon Cass, Levi Cass, Stacey Edmund, Danielle Ferdinand, Donroy Ferdinand Jr, Rachel Ferdinand, Delaney Hansen, Charles Kennedy, Helen Kennedy, Rufina Ketter, Michael Kilmer, Brian Mangus, Katie Mangus, Cherilyn McManus, Kerri McManus, Edward Ogbarmey-Tetteh Jr, Kendra Ogbarmey-Tetteh, Kristina Ogbarmey-Tetteh, Ken Openshaw, Isabella Piscitelli, Emma Sjoberg, Jacob Sjoberg, Molly Sjoberg, Munah Wisner, and Cherilyn's friend Emily and her brother.*

*Special thanks* to Ann Openshaw for all her effort with the entire program, and the costumes were amazing thanks to Ann! Special thanks to Mary Jett Woodring for stepping in and playing the music! Thanks to Pastor Lisa for all her support! Thanks to Phil Johnson for the initial set-up! And we greatly appreciate all those who help support our efforts allowing us to encourage and walk with the children in their faith through this important ministry! Please take a moment to check out the wonderful photos of the children, taken by William Kilmer, of our time together, preparing and performing the pageant... just visit the church website: [wesleychurchworcester.org](http://wesleychurchworcester.org), and open the page for Christmas Pageant!

Special thanks for all of our members and friends support to our "Prayer Bear Mission Project"! We greatly appreciate the helping hands of Polly Boyns, Cordelia Ferdinand, Alyssa Hansen, Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy, Jesslyn McManus, Beth Vietze, on the day of our Advent Workshop! And thanks to Gerard Piscitelli's help on the day of the pageant!

I will be leading the "**God & Me**" program in March, officially recognized by the Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, and the Girl Scouts of the USA. **All** young people in **grades 2 & 3** are invited to participate in the "God & Me" program even if you do not belong to one of the Scouts groups. Each participant will have his or her own workbook as we explore God's love through these four faith building lessons:

## *SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUED*

- † “God Created Me”
- † “Jesus Is God’s Gift to Me”
- † “I Can Talk with God”
- † “Because God Cares for Me, I Can Care for Others”

We will celebrate the completion of this five-week program with the students receiving the “God & Me” Award presented during church service. Please speak to your children and grandchildren about this special opportunity to grow in their Christian faith - helping them become best friends with Jesus and learn to share their own story of God & Me. Advance registration is required, to learn more, come to Wagner Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and speak to Valerie Jansson.

*As we begin the New Year, I would like to thank you for blessing our ministry with your prayers and support! ~ Valerie Jansson*

### **UNITED METHODIST MEN PRESENTS: A DESSERT PARTY**

**FEATURING: SHILOH-A CHRISTIAN GOSPEL BAND  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 7-9 PM  
BREWER HALL**

This dessert party will be a great way to spend a midwinter’s night with a warm beverage (coffee, tea or cocoa) a yummy dessert, and the company of friends all the while listening to the inspirational music of “Shiloh”.

Shiloh is a 5-piece Gospel acoustic band from right here in Central Massachusetts whose music is influenced by the Southern Gospel, Folk and Bluegrass genres of music.

Colossians 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another, in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

We will take sign-ups in Brewer Hall each Sunday in January so that we will know how much dessert to prepare; the suggested donation is \$7. but a donation in any amount will help UMM in its mission projects.

## **CHARGE CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

Our church website ([www.wesleychurchworchester.org](http://www.wesleychurchworchester.org)) has information on staffing options that may be considered at our upcoming charge conference. The site will give you information on Job Descriptions for the pastors and Christian Education Director, as well as financial projections on staffing considerations. It is always possible that other discussions will be considered so these are in no way final options. If you do not have access to internet and want a copy of this information mailed to you please call the office, or stop in and ask for a copy of the information.

## **PERSPECTIVE FROM JANET LAHR LEWIS - UNITED METHODIST LIAISON IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

Dear Friends,

As the Israelis tighten their grip on Gaza the mood here in the occupied Palestinian territories is one of grief and helplessness. It brings to mind the saying “Pray without ceasing.” Last evening I attended an ecumenical prayer service held appropriately enough at St. Stephen’s Church, built on the site where St. Stephen was martyred near Jerusalem’s Old City. The church was packed with locals and internationals, Christians, Muslims, and even a few “Jews of Conscience” who came to show their solidarity in calling for a halt to the violence. Bishops from many different denominations; Greek, Armenian, Syrian, Latin, Lutheran, Anglican and others, all took part in the reading of the prayers and gospels as we all sat in mourning. During the service a message was read from Fr. Manuel Musallam, a Latin priest who runs the Catholic school in Gaza.

Fr. Manuel mentioned that what is seen on television does not compare to the horrible reality there; the constant bombing, the sounds and smells and screaming in the streets that we do not get through TV. He mentioned Christine, a Christian girl in the tenth grade who died not from the bombings, but from a heart attack caused by fear of the constant bombardment. He also mentioned a young boy whose family could not find him until three days later when they visited one of the hospitals. Fr. Manuel mentioned that although he himself was unable to bring himself to use the word “love” at this time even, he said that the love of Jesus is still felt even despite wars and governments, and that the prayers of people from around the world are needed for both the Christians and the Muslims since they are all one community in Gaza suffering as one people.

As we pray for an end to the ever increasing violence, let us remember that when one person’s blood is the same color as another’s; when blood is spilled on one side it remains on the hands of the other. No one remains spotless.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The **UMW ANNUAL MEETING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 12 noon in East Hall. Lunch will be provided by the Priscilla and Rebecca Circles. Please plan to attend as we install the UMW officers for the year 2009 and remember prayerfully those who experienced death in 2008.

All UMW officers and Circle Leaders are asked to provide a brief end-of-the-year report to be distributed in the annual booklet. Please submit your reports by Sunday, Jan. 11. You may leave them in the UMW mailbox in the office (Attn: M. Watson) or give them directly to Margaret Watson. Thank you for your participation in this yearly task.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet at Wesley Church on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dessert will be served at 6:30 PM followed by the program, A Biblical “Facial.” Lorraine Kronberg will be our hostess and Susan Williams will lead devotions. New members are always welcome!

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## HOPE FOR HOUSING

Got Milk? No? Well, before you run out to the grocery store for milk or your week's groceries, please be sure to pick up a food card at Wesley and help prevent homelessness in the process. Hope for Housing is a non-profit program developed by the Interfaith Coalition to Prevent Family Homelessness with assistance from the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance. The goal of the project is to utilize the collective buying power of congregations to prevent family homelessness and to advocate for homeless prevention policies.

Hope for Housing will purchase food cards in bulk from three local supermarkets which will be sold at Wesley in Brewer Hall each Sunday. The supermarkets in turn, will donate 5% of all sales to the Hope for Housing Central Massachusetts Program to assist families at risk of homelessness.

Food cards are available in various amounts of \$10-\$100 to be used for your grocery shopping at Big Y, Shaw's and Stop 'n' Shop and what you don't use remains on the card for future use. So, by using food cards for our various grocery needs we can make a significant difference and it doesn't cost us anything!

*“This is the fast that pleases me...sharing your bread with the hungry and sheltering the homeless poor.”* Isaiah 58:6-7

## ABBY HOUSE

On December 8<sup>th</sup> if anyone had asked me if I knew of Abby's House in Worcester and what it was they did there, I would have said yes I know of them . . . they are a shelter for battered Women . . . Or so I thought.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> I met with Edla Bloom the Development Director for Abby's House and all I can say now is **WOW!**

I was somewhat right, they are a shelter for battered Women, and now I know **THEY ARE A WHOLE LOT MORE!** They are a Safe Haven, a Support System, a Plan and most of all, a Home . . . and they continue to be there for **ANY WOMAN** that has lost her way, regardless of how it may have happened.

\*Abby's House is currently operating at 4 sites in the city, one site provides free short term emergency shelter for approximately 300 women and children each year, one is a multi family dwelling with 7 units that provide affordable long term housing for mothers with children and the other two provide 71 units of affordable long term housing for single women.

\*Among the many services provided at Abby's House are: a drop-in center, homelessness prevention program, Financial literacy program, Domestic violence services and Community Education

\*They also provide more than 6,000 meals to Women and Children each year.

I am pleased to say that your Mission Committee through the Bessie Carty Good Samaritan fund was able to present a check to Abby's House for \$500.00. The money will be used in the Bessie Carty tradition to provide for emergency needs at the short term shelter.

~ *Chris Flagg*

## SOMETIMES WE HEAR HIM IN A WHISPER . . .

### AND SOMETIMES IT TAKES A STORM!

\$500.00 for the Maine Economic Ministry . . . since I am the Wesley church liaison for the Economic Ministry It was decided that I should designate how this money would be used, so I prayed for guidance . . . and then the lights went out! It wasn't the dark that stirred me though, in fact I wasn't stirred at all until the following night after the sun set and the power still wasn't on, by then my poorly insulated old house had chilled to a temperature somewhere around 20 degrees, that's when I realized what a blessing it is to have heat.

I am pleased to say that your Mission Committee, through the Bessie Carty Good Samaritan fund, has sent a check to the Maine Economic Ministry for \$500.00. The money will be used in the Bessie Carty tradition to provide firewood for families with emergency heat needs.

~ *Earl Flagg*

## OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER AT THE GULF COAST IN FEBRUARY

Mary Ann and Skip Danforth are now recruiting a team of 40 volunteers to go to The Gulf Coast for the week of February 22 - 28. The team will be staying in a new facility that opened in October, and is located on the property of The Aldersgate UMC, Slidell, Louisiana. To the best of our knowledge, although we will be staying in Slidell and probably working there, the team will also be working in New Orleans, and other surrounding communities. The majority of the work will be repairing and rebuilding homes for families who have been in need of safe and clean housing since Hurricane Katrina struck on August 29, 2005. A team of 40 volunteers from The New England Conference will, as a team, have all the necessary skills to do the work. Therefore, each one wishing to take part will find that there is work to be done that you will be able to accomplish. We will be working under the direction, and with support of, The South east Louisiana Disaster Recovery...which is a part of the UMC responsible for disaster relief. They provide the skilled direction of their contractors, and supply volunteer teams with the necessary tools and building materials. This is our \$\$\$'s given through the church at work!!! Those who are interested in becoming part of this team are encouraged to reach us by E-mail at [kitesky@comcast.net](mailto:kitesky@comcast.net) by phone at 508-430-0778 or 774-722-2393 or by mail, PO 1747, West Chatham, MA 02669.

Each volunteer will be expected to contribute \$240 for team expenses. To cover (1) the rental of vehicles while in The Gulf Coast to get to our work sites, (2) our meals, (3) our dorm fees and (4) a misc. fund to cover any additional costs. Volunteers will be responsible for their own travel to and from Louisiana. There are many who have already been to Slidell or one of the other many Volunteer Centers in The Gulf Coast and arrangements can be made to have a couple of them come to your church to share in person with you and others who might be thinking about serving on this team in February. Please think and pray about your participation ...and be in touch. At this time we already have a half a dozen signed up!!! You can be next.

Our Business Administrator, Lorna Mattus Merrill, was a part of the Volunteer in Mission Team to Louisiana in November 2008. If you have questions, please give Lorna a call at the church office.

Dear Wesley Friends,

A big thank you to all who remembered me at Christmas with cards, notes, phone calls, gifts and especially to Dot Ellis who delivered the most perfect poinsettia I've ever seen. Happy New Year to everyone! ~ Jan Capen

## **LIVING FAITH, SEEKING JUSTICE: RECLAIMING SOCIAL HOLINESS FOR UNITED METHODIST**

The New England Church & Society Committee is holding a 2-day event and training on Friday March 27 and Saturday March 28, 2009, in North Andover, MA, with **Tex Sample** as keynote speaker! The event is designed to:

- Rekindle the movement of social holiness for United Methodists
- Connect those who are passionate about moving the church into the ministry of peace and justice
- Resource individuals and congregations toward the ministry of social justice in their context

Save the dates now – March 27 and 28, and watch for more information coming soon!

### **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MORNS DEATHS OF JET CRASH VICTIMS SAN DIEGO (UMNS)**

— A United Methodist parishioner who died when a military jet crashed into her San Diego home was remembered as a devoted Christian, wife and mother. Young Mi Yoon was killed in the Dec. 8 crash, along with her 2-month-old daughter and her mother, said the Rev. Kevin Lee, associate pastor of Korean United Methodist Church of San Diego. Yoon's 15-month-old daughter was believed to have died as well. Dong Yun Yoon, the husband and father, was at work when the fighter jet crashed into the neighborhood while returning from a training exercise to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. The pilot ejected safely. Lee and the Rev. Daniel Yonkak Shin, senior pastor at the San Diego church, visited Dong Yun Yoon at his sister's house on Dec. 8. "We just hugged each other and cried and cried for a long time," Lee said. "We had a brief worship service, and gave him words of comfort from Scripture."

### **GIVE A USED PHONE... SAVE A LIFE**

Last winter Sarah Circle collected used cell phones and batteries for use by victims of domestic violence. The phones were mailed to Safe Havens where they were reprogrammed to call only emergency numbers (without the need of a cellular service plan). Then we discovered that Verizon Wireless collects used phones year-round and sends them to Save Havens. You may donate ANY used cell phones and batteries at Verizon stores located in Solomon Pond Mall (2) plus many Circuit City and BJ's stores. Exact store locations are listed at [www.verizonwireless.com](http://www.verizonwireless.com). Questions? Call Betsy Pennino at 508-829-7131.

## DID YOU KNOW?

On the fourth Sunday in Advent, the Wesley Choir along with soloists and instrumentalists presented a cantata by J. S. Bach during morning worship. Did you know that such sacred cantatas by Bach were written specifically to be heard in the context of a worship service rather than in a concert hall?

The musical term *cantata* derives from the Latin *cantare*, to sing, and in early music history initially refers to dramatic pieces for solo voice accompanied by instruments and borrowing some of the musical techniques of opera, which was evolving at the same time. After the Protestant Reformation the sacred cantata evolved from the newly developed chorales as well as the tradition of singing the Gospel lesson. Although Bach himself rarely used the term *cantata*, by the early 18<sup>th</sup> century this term was used to refer to multi-movement liturgical works usually accompanied by a variety of instruments and consisting of both solo recitatives and arias, as well as choral movements. The texts for the cantatas are generally based on the appropriate scripture readings for a particular Sunday of the liturgical year and consist of direct quotations from the Bible as well as poetic paraphrases and commentary on the Biblical texts. Musically, the cantatas often incorporate one or more chorale tunes, the hymns of the Reformers.

Although we are perhaps most familiar with the organ music of Bach that we hear not infrequently at Wesley for preludes and postludes, cantatas represent the most substantial portion of Bach's musical output. It is believed that Bach may have composed as many as 5 complete cycles of sacred cantatas—one cycle consisting of one cantata for each Sunday of the church year as well as for each Holy Day. Thus, during his lifetime Bach may have composed about 300 sacred cantatas of which about 200 are still extant. (Bach also composed about a dozen secular cantatas for performance at certain civic occasions.) Most of these were written during two intense periods of productivity—between 1713 and 1716 in Weimar and between 1723 and 1729 in Leipzig.

Bach's cantatas were an integral part of the Lutheran liturgy of his time, with a complete cantata being presented each week during the four-hour long (!) services in Leipzig. These amazing pieces attest to the depth of Bach's personal faith, so much so that in certain circles Bach is sometimes referred to as the "fifth evangelist". Now almost 300 years later these pieces which are integrally related to the cycle of the church year can still function in worship as they were meant to—as proclamation of the Word which is timeless.

*Submitted by Deborah A. O'Driscoll*

## 2009 HERALD SCHEDULE

Below are the next couple of Herald mailing dates along with the deadline dates for each mailing.

Please note that the deadline date is Monday at 9:00 AM unless otherwise specified.

<u>Article Deadline Date</u>	<u>Herald Mailing Date</u>
Tues., Jan. 20	Thurs., Jan. 22
Wed., Feb. 4	Wed., Feb. 2

If you have an article, please email it as a Word attachment to:  
**office@wesleychurchworcester.org**



**Please join us from  
9:30-11:00 a.m.**

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