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Dear Congregation Members and Friends of Wesley United Church

It is the time of year when things would normally begin starting up at the church once again. However, as we are all aware, this year has been anything but normal. Due to COVID-19, our lives, and the life and work of the church, have been turned upside down. I hope and pray that you have all fared well throughout these trying times and that you are beginning to, once again, feel some order returning to your lives.

Wesley United Church Women have begun preparing for our **Annual Memorial Hymn Sing** which is scheduled for **Sunday September 27th at 7:00 pm**. This continues to be a special evening of remembrance and celebration, giving us the opportunity to offer thanks and remember those who have been special to us but are no longer with us. It enables us to affirm our faith and trust in God and God's infinite love which surrounds us all. Through this service, you are invited to celebrate the life, actions and events of a family member, relative, a friend; anyone who has touched your life in a special way, or just to give thanks for life itself by sponsoring one of the hymns listed below.

This service will be taking a different format than in previous years as we are still under restrictions regarding the number of people who may attend and the current ban on congregational singing. As a result, our choirs will not be able to participate but we have been blessed by four individuals who have offered their ministry of music to sing the hymns: Alan Piercey, Annabeth Hawkins, Karla Pilgrim and Darrin Martin. We are grateful for their willingness to share their gifts in this way.

This service will be broadcast live on VOWR, as well as on our YouTube channel and FaceBook Live. As in the past, prior to the singing of each hymn, the dedications will be read as follow: In loving memory of (Name) or In thankful celebration of (Name/Occasion). On the form below, please be sure to indicate the hymn you would like to have sung and the information as you would like to have it read.

Our Memorial Hymn Sing has proven to be the major fundraiser for our UCW and proceeds from the Hymn Sing are used to support the life and work of Wesley United Church. Please return your request form and donation to Wesley United Church, in the envelope provided, by **Sunday September 20th**. You can do this by mailing your donation, dropping it off at the church office or placing it in the offering plate when the church re-opens. I wish to thank you in advance for your ongoing support of Wesley United Church and our United Church Women.

Sincerely,

Debra Sparkes-Mercer, President of Wesley United Church Women

Request Form

Annabeth Hawkins:	_____	The Beautiful Isle of Somewhere	_____	His Eye Is On The Sparrow
Karla Pilgrim:	_____	In The Garden	_____	Softly And Tenderly
Alan Piercey:	_____	It's Suppertime	_____	Precious Memories
Darrin Martin:	_____	How Great Thou Art	_____	Amazing Grace

In loving memory of _____

OR

In Thankful Celebration of _____

From: _____

Amount \$ _____ Wesley Envelope # _____

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