

Notices 6.19.2020

Dear fellow travelers



Here is this week's sign. Just another reminder to keep love in your heart and to love one another. I hope all of you are staying cool and hydrated.

Some messages from the Trustees and a message from the mission committee this week along with an announcement or two make up this week's news. Judi Strong would like to let people know she expects to be receiving the scrip order and will be putting the cards in the stewardship mailbox by Friday, so folks can stop by and pick up your cards.

Also there are **Upper Room** devotional books available for people to take. A small donation for each would be appreciated. Please stop by if you would like one or let us know if you would like one delivered to you. Now a message from Mission...

Parsonage Lawn Mowing: The Trustees want to thank Earle Woodward who faithfully mows the church lawn each week. Walter Parades has been mowing the hillier parsonage lawn, but the Parades's will soon be going to Tennessee for two months. So we're looking for a few volunteers who are willing to mow the parsonage lawn once or twice this summer (takes 1-1/2 hours, powered walking mower at church).

Coming next Saturday, June 27, the trustees will be hosting a drive thru supper. The meal is 1/2 barbecued chicken potato salad, cole slaw, a roll and a brownie for only \$15. The supper will start at 5 pm and run to 6:30 pm or until sold out.

Dear friends,

As we've hunkered down in our homes and worshiped by remote over the past few weeks, we've managed to stay connected, encourage one another, and even enjoy regular Communion. But one thing we've missed is our special collections Sundays. The WLCC Missions Committee invites you to learn more about two special offerings and to give generously between the dates of June 21, 2020-July 12, 2020.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Not long after the end of World War II, Protestant churches worldwide made appeals to the public good for relief and reconstruction. In 1946, on the most popular medium of the day, national radio, Episcopal Bishop Knox Sherrill challenged congregations to raise "one million dollars in one hour." From the beginning, One Great Hour of Sharing was a collective and ecumenical effort, and the UCC was a passionate supporter. The purpose of One Great Hour of Sharing has never changed. The goal is simply to collect special gifts, typically given by UCC congregations during Lent, to assist those in need.

Strengthening the Church

Strengthening the Church is a special offering designed to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, the program largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders at new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

How to Give

- Give between June 21, 2020-July 12, 2020.
 - If paying by check, make checks out to WLCC.
 - Put the name of the collection in the memo line (OGHS= One Great Hour of Sharing, STC= Strengthening the Church).
 - Give to one or both, but if giving to both, PLEASE WRITE 2 SEPARATE CHECKS.
 - Send cash or checks to WLCC, 18 Maple Street, West Lebanon, NH 03784

Ultimately the goal of both collections is simply to carry the church's message of unity, love, and hope to others. We pray this will inspire your generous spirit, and we thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

–The WLCC Missions Committee

Your Trustees **are deeply grateful** to many folks who have been continuing the life of our Church during these last challenging 4-1/2 months without a minister and 3+ months of pandemic. Particularly:

- Our staff of **Aaron**, **Norma**, and **Donna** who have picked up the slack without a minister.
- The Deacons, especially the chair **Nancy Simpson**, who continue to faithfully organize our weekly services and news emails.

- **John and Laurie Tostenson**, who have taken the initiative and donated their time and personal expense in leading the technical development and conscientiously implementing our Sunday virtual "Zoom" worship during these challenging months of the Covid-19 pandemic without a minister.

Thank you for your continued support of our Church during these uncertain times. Your Trustees look forward to a new chapter in our Church when our new interim minister begins in August 2020.

Please always feel free to contact any Trustee if you have any questions, comments, or ideas on how **OUR** Church can better spread Christ's love and message.

Your Trustees,
Chair Amy Stebbins, Peter Bickford, Tracy Bickford, John Cooley, Phil Gomez, Tom Kahl, Linda Maynard

Stay well, remain cool and we look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

Faithfully,
Nancy Simpson
for WLCC