

## Weekly Newsletter 8.27.21

This week we will continue our series, I Love to Tell The Story. We will hear and reflect on the story of Ruth and Naomi found in the book of Ruth. We will explore what it means to be a faithful friend as we help one another draw closer to God, to real community, and to the depths of one's soul. I am looking forward to seeing you in the Sanctuary or on Zoom.

By Pastor Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

Do you ever want to run away? Yes, run away! I have been thinking about running away several times in the recent past. Not that it would be a solution to any of the issues I so desperately want to escape. Is it running away from responsibilities or just life in general? I find myself looking more to find something to run to rather than away from. My path keeps leading me to faith, family and friends for which I am grateful.

Please be advised that the church leaders are continuing to watch Covid cases. Because of increasing Covid numbers the NH conference office will not be opening back up as planned. The conference ministers will continue to work remotely with churches. We continue to recommend that people mask up as they enter our church and will continue to ask people to sign in.

The smaller sized Upper Room will be here soon. We have been in contact with the company. We are sorry for the delay.

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## Coming up in September

**\$anctuary \$crip orders** will be **due on September 10**. Order forms can be found in the \$anctuary \$crip mailbox in the office.

### **Bev Damren's Memorial Service**

A memorial service will be held on Zoom on **September 11th at 11AM**. More details will follow.

### **Rally Day**

Greetings from your Christian Ed team!

Mark your calendars... **Rally day will be on Sunday, September 19**. We are planning on having an outdoor service that day with the Blessing of the Backpacks.

For now, we are planning on doing Sunday school in person this year, following all appropriate health and safety precautions. If things need to change and we need to switch to remote Sunday school, we will keep you posted.

Please contact Linda Kahl, Donna or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward to working with all the children again.

Christine for the CE team.

### **Missions Breakfast**

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we have 20 backpacks with the necessary supplies ready to be delivered to the Mount Lebanon elementary school this Monday, before school starts. *(photos are attached to the newsletter of Missions preparing backpacks)*

Please note that our **next breakfast will be on September 19**, instead of the 12th. We are planning on doing a sit down breakfast outside before the service (breakfast starting at 9:30am) as we did in August. Drive thru breakfasts will also be available between 8 and 9am.

Thank you, you are amazing!!

Your Mission committee (Lorinda, Jackie, Susan W, Dick, John and Christine)

### **Mascoma River Cleanup**

The Lebanon Rotary Club and the Lebanon Conservation Commission are planning another **Mascoma River Cleanup**. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

When: September 25, 2021

Time: 9:30 am to noon

Where: Meet at the pavilion behind the CCBA

Details: At the pavilion you will register and get instructions. You'll be given garbage bags, and an assignment of a section of the river. We clean from Exit 17 to the Connecticut. The river is divided into 12 segments of about half a mile each. Each section requires 4 – 6 volunteers and some assignments may involve two sections.

Bring: Your cell phone so you can call for pickup of trash. You'll be given the phone number at the pavilion.

**Women's Fellowship** continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 9 AM**. This past week we met inside. Several ladies were continuing to knit prayer shawls and we shared ornaments that could be made for the upcoming holiday fair. Kirsty has bought the new books for our fall bible/book study and shared a short biography of the author and read one of the stories. Books are available for those interested in joining us this fall at a cost of \$6. **The Holiday Fair will take place on November 6th**. The tables will include a basket raffle, jewelry, hand crafted items, cheese, Christmas décor and a food table with candy. There will be no coffee hour or luncheon, but we will include some take out corn chowder and chili. More details are to follow.

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**Thank you** to all who have been contributed to the **Little Food Pantry**. It has seen some withdrawals as well as some additions. Now that the weather is warmer we are accepting cans and jar goods. Some of the **items that go quickly are peanut butter, ramen noodles and coffee**. At present we have plenty of mac and cheese, pasta and rice, but anything you donate is greatly appreciated. Please pass the word on about the availability of food in the Little Food Pantry.

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### **WLCC Giving Options**

We have instituted several new electronic (credit/debit/ACH) giving options. Note that these are in addition to the conventional giving methods, **and if you are comfortable with the giving method you currently use there is no need to change**. The intent of adding these electronic options is to make giving more convenient, which will hopefully increase our revenue. Note that the church is charged a nominal processing fee with each electronic transaction, so please consider covering that fee if you use an electronic option. The electronic options will allow you to specify where you would like your gift to go (e.g. general fund, memorial gift, missions, etc.).

You can access these options by going to the WLCC home webpage ( <https://westlebcc.org/> and clicking on the "Give" tab along the top, or go directly to the Giving page <https://westlebcc.org/give/>. If you have any questions or problems please see Aaron in the WLCC office or our co-collectors Christine Kidd or Laurie Tostenson.

Faithfully  
Nancy Simpson  
for WLCC

