

## Weekly Newsletter 9.3.21

We will conclude our summer sermon series, "I love to Tell the Story" by hearing the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den from Daniel 6:1-27. We will explore the power and importance of prayer in those moments when it feels like you are in a Lion's Den. Looking forward to seeing you this Labor day weekend, whether it is in person or via Zoom.

By Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

A feeling of fall is in the air as we celebrate the last weekend of the summer season. Although summer is not over until the autumnal equinox, September 22, the season has traditionally ended with Labor Day Weekend. Though many of us have been away on vacation, God has not been away or on vacation. He is always there!

We will be asking all to wear masks when they enter the church because Lebanon has again instituted the mask mandate for the city's inside spaces as numbers continue to climb. We will continue to practice the other protocols we have put in place like social distancing, hand sanitizing and signing in.

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### Technology Meeting

The technology group met last night and discussed how we will be moving forward with purchase of the TV and camera and the tech plans for the future. Earlier in the summer it was announced that Zoom would be transitioning to live streaming, that will not be happening immediately but will be later this fall. We will continue to send out a link for Zoom each Friday as we have been doing. Stay tuned for more details.

### Deacons and Trustees Meeting

On Thursday September 9th the deacons and trustees will meet at 6:30 pm in the Kilton room.

## SWOT Team

SWOT metamorphosis! Just as 2020 and 2021 have been a time of change for all of us, so to for the SWOT team. As we have dug deeper into the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to our congregation, we have all realized - It's not the simple! The Pandemic challenged us all to think differently, and so we have. In looking toward the long term future of our church, the SWOT team has emerged from our chrysalis to become The Vision Navigators. No single committee should be the determining factor in our future. But we can help guide the process. And so we invite you on the first steps along the road. Over the next months we will be providing opportunities for prayerful reflection. And we can always use more prayer!

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## Upcoming Events

### Card Shower

Jean Brooks will turn 90 on September 5. Let us shower Jean with cards! Her address is Genesis, Room 217 A, 24 Old Etna Road, Lebanon, NH 03766.

**\$anctuary \$crip orders are due on September 10.** Order forms can be found in the \$anctuary \$crip mailbox in the office. Any questions please ask Judi Strong (603.381.5737).

### Bev Damren's Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held on Zoom on **September 11th at 11AM**. The program and zoom link for the service will be sent out in an email.

### 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.

## **Drive thru Supper**

Our next drive through dinner will be a chicken barbecue sponsored by the trustees which will be held on Saturday, September 18 from 5 to 6:30. More details to follow.

## **Missions Breakfast**

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we delivered 20 backpacks with the necessary supplies to the Mount Lebanon elementary school this past Monday (**Photo attached to newsletter**). 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.

PREREGISTRATION preferred.

Reward: A clean river and refreshments at noon.

**Women's Fellowship** continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 9 AM**. This past week we met outside. Kirsty has bought the new books for our fall bible/book study. We will start our study next week looking at the first 3 stories. If you are interesting in joining us please contact the church office.

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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  
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for WLCC