

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 3.11.22

This week we will continue our series Full to the Brim by exploring Luke 13:31-35 and Psalm 27. We can be full to the brim when are willing to be authentic and honest and vulnerable and allow God to strengthen, comfort, and protect us. Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday on Zoom or in the Sanctuary. Don't forget to set your clocks otherwise you may be late.

By Kirsty DePree



Many days have been added to our calendars through social media to commemorate people, places, and things. Some are more noteworthy than others. March 8 is designated as International Women's Day. The first time I recall hearing about this day was in 2018 when Bethany posted a "Happy International Women's Day!" message. I really didn't think much about it. In fact, I think I muttered something like, "All days should be International Women's Day." Fast forward March 8, 2022; I find myself reflecting upon this day so differently than I did in 2018. I recently discovered that International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8 because it is strongly related to the women's movement during the Russian Revolution (1917). Hmmmm!

First, let me clearly state that I have the highest regard for the men of Ukraine, and this is by no means meant to ignore the sacrifice they are making to protect their families, the Ukrainian people, and their homeland. BUT, since the 8th honored international women, I have been reflecting more and more upon the bravery of the Ukrainian women. I admire those who have chosen to stay and with their strong, resilient Ukrainian spirit put together care packages for the men who are fighting while others make camouflage nets to protect them. I admire those women who have chosen to stay underground with their children amidst all the bombing and wreckage, and I admire those who have chosen to flee to safer places to protect their children. No one decision is braver or better than the other. I am sure each of these women agonized over their decision before making the one they felt was the right one for them and their families. In honor of these women, I will continue to pray for them, their bravery, their continued resilience, their children, and their husbands, sons, brothers, fathers, etc who are fighting this war. May it come to an end soon.

Yours in Christ,
Diane

Reminders: If you wish to enter the church on any day, please mask up, practice physical distancing, use good hand hygiene and stay home if you are not feeling well. We will be continuing these practices until the situation changes toward the positive. We thank you for your cooperation. **Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead at 2 am this Sunday, as we "Spring Forward."**

Calendar for the week of March 11th- 18th

March 13 – Worship service 10 AM

March 17 – Women's Fellowship 9 AM

Missions

Greetings from your Missions committee,

The war in Ukraine is heartbreaking and Missions would like to help. We therefore are raising funds during the month of March to send to (at least) Physicians Without Borders, who have been there very quickly after the conflict started. We have 2 generous congregants who will be matching your gift up to \$100 each. We truly appreciate your generosity to help our far away neighbors.

Your Missions group (Lorinda, Jackie, John, Dick and Christine).

WLCC Men's Group

With spring arriving it's time to come out of hibernation and the Men's Group is planning some activities. All men are invited whether for the first time or a regular.

- **Saturday April 2nd.** In the morning (9-11am) those able can help the Deacons and Trustees with the annual pre-Easter sanctuary cleaning. Then around 11:30am we'll gather with those unable to help with the cleaning to share lunch, have a discussion topic, and learn some words of wisdom.
- **Saturday April 23rd** - Hood Museum Tour: Linda Oidtmann has reserved us a spot for her to give us a tour at Dartmouth's Hood Museum. Eight or so of us had a nice time a couple of years ago and there are now new exhibits. The museum opens at 1pm on Saturday, so we'll meet for lunch at the Church at 11:30am and then those interested will travel up to Hanover a little after 12:30pm for an hour or so tour.
- **Saturday May 21st** - Trustee Church Work morning followed by a lunch meeting

Please contact Aaron in the office or Tom Kahl if you have any questions. We hope you can join us.

Updating the Directory

Have you tried contacting someone using the directory only to be unable to contact them because the information is not correct??? Many of us have dropped a landline, changed an

email address or moved. Please help us to update the directory by emailing Aaron in the church office at office@westlebcongo.comcastbiz.net

Nominating

Below are the positions we still desperately need to fill:

A Clerk
A Co-Collector

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is meeting at 9 AM on Thursday mornings. Join us for fellowship and all women are welcome.

Little Food Pantry

Thank you to all who have been contributed to the **Little Food Pantry**. **Some items that go quickly are peanut butter, cereal, ramen noodles and coffee, also shelf stable milk. Remember that during the winter months no canned or jar items should be put outside. It can be put inside the Food Bin in the sanctuary which is taken to the Haven or LISTEN.** Please pass the word on about the availability of food in the Little Food Pantry.

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. **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.