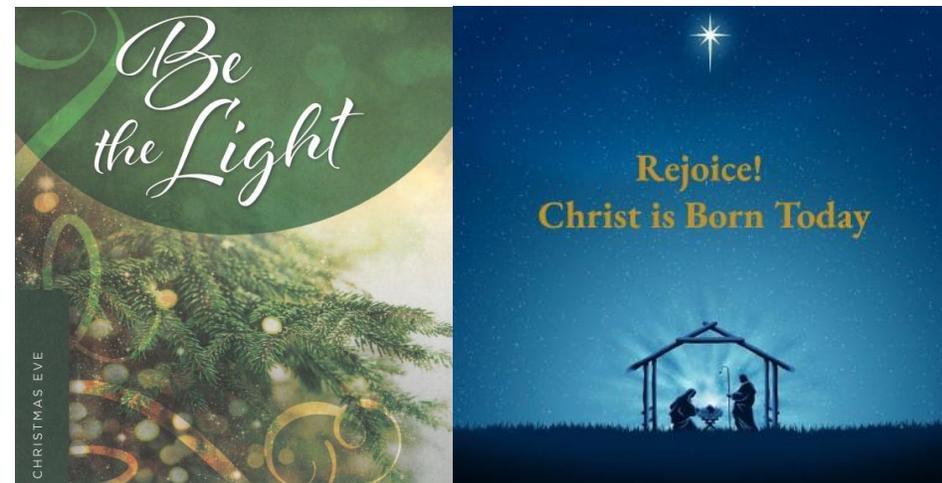


## WLCC Weekly Newsletter 12.23.22

Join us for our service of Lessons and Carols this Christmas Eve on December 24th at 7pm. The following morning, our Music Director, Aaron Richter, will lead the Christmas Day service at 10am. It will include Advent/Christmas hymn requests, Christmas poems and a time for Christmas stories and reflections from the congregation. We hope to see you in person or on Zoom!



Dear fellow travelers,

Do you like roller coasters? I am certainly not a big fan of them. There have been so many ups and downs recently, including the weather today, that I feel like I am on a roller coaster. I am thankful for my faith which has kept me on an even keel during the turbulent times. My prayer for you is that God gives you that peace this Christmas.

**Reminders: Masking is optional. We recommend wearing a mask. If you are entering the sanctuary, we ask you to 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.

### **New Traffic Pattern**

*Please be aware there is a new traffic pattern. We will enter the sanctuary through the rear door that way people can get out of the cold as they make their way to a seat in the sanctuary. The guest book, collection plate and bulletin will be inside the rear door on a table just as up front. This will keep the warmth inside the sanctuary.*

### **Thank you**

*Thank you to Ethel Montouri for taking the remaining books from the hallway.*

### **Calendar for December 23-30**

**December 24-** *Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols 7 PM*

**December 25-** *Worship with Aaron Richter on Christmas Day 10 AM*

**December 26-** *Office closed*

**December 27-** *No Handbell Rehearsal*

**December 29-** *Women's Fellowship 9 AM at Judy and Forrest Alger's  
Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM*

## Sanctuary Scrip Cards

Scrip cards have arrived! They are in "Sanctuary Scrip Orders" mailbox in the office. They can be picked up Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm or before or after worship on Sunday morning.

## Missions

Greetings from your Missions group,

Now, we need to do our last appeal of the year!

We are starting the Christmas fund (formally known as the Veterans of the Cross) this Sunday and will run it until the end of the month/year. This fundraiser is the last one of the 5 for 5 fundraisers for the UCC for the year.

There are special Christmas envelopes for you to use in the sanctuary if you donate cash, if you donate via check or Tithely, just specify that it is for the Christmas Fund.

Thank you so much for your continuous support in all our Missions endeavors!

Merry Christmas to all!

Christine, Lorinda, Jackie, Dick and John.

## "Reverse Advent Calendar"

Thank you for your generosity and your continued support of this Advent activity. Please place your remaining items under the tree this Saturday night or Christmas morning. We will be delivering the results of this drive to the Haven and LISTEN after Christmas.

## Men's Group

The Men's Group is open to all whether you attend regularly, occasionally, or for the first time. We are an informal group that meets for fellowship, service, fun, and food. Future planned activities are:

**Friday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm** - Dartmouth vs St Lawrence hockey game - Similar to pre-Covid times we'll meet at 5:30 pm, go out for pizza, then watch the 7 pm game in Hanover.

We hope that you'll join us.

## Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets at 9 AM on Thursday mornings. On **December 29** we will meet at the home of Forrest and Judy Alger to enjoy her Christmas Village, meeting at 9 in the church parking lot and carpooling for those interested. Come join us for coffee and conversation! Save **October 21, 2023** for our Christmas Bazaar!

## Little Food Pantry

**Thank you to all who have contributed food, but we are still in urgent need of food for our pantry!** Some items that go quickly are peanut butter, cereal, ramen noodles and coffee, also shelf stable milk. During the warmer months canned and jarred goods are welcome. Food can also be put inside the Food Bin in the sanctuary which is taken to the Haven or LISTEN. Thank you to all who have contributed. 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.

Faithfully

Nancy Simpson

for WLCC