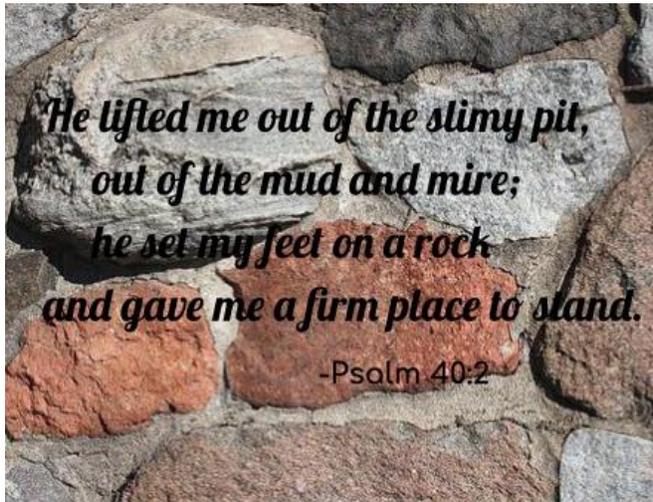


WLCC Weekly Newsletter 1.13.23

This Sunday, January 15th at 10am, Amy Stebbins will be leading our worship service. Her message titled: "The Rock Upon Which We Stand," will be preceded by the reading of Psalm 40:1-11. We hope you can join us in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



Dear fellow travelers,

Well, it is Friday the 13th, the first of two this year. I'm wishing all goes well for everyone this day as I ready myself to take a break from writing this piece for the newsletter. I will be reading it from warmer climes for a few weeks while recharging my batteries, something we all need from time to time. It is not a disconnect from my faith. God is always there even when I am not listening, and I am thankful that He is.

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 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.

Calling all Committees!

All Committees need to send reports to Aaron by Tuesday, January 24th for the annual meeting that will take place on January 29th.

Calendar for January 13-20

January 13- *Men's Group 6:00 PM Dartmouth Hockey game and pizza before*

January 15- *Worship with Amy Stebbins 10 AM*

January 17- *Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM*

January 19- *Women's Fellowship 9 AM*
Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events

January 21- *Brian Trottier Memorial Service 1 PM*

January 22- *Worship with Christine Kidd 10 AM*
Vision Navigators Meeting after church

January 23- *Game Night 5:30 PM*

January 24- *Reports from committees are due for the annual report*

January 29- *Annual Meeting after church*

\$crip Orders

The Scrip order has gone in and there will be a notice when the cards available for pick up.

Vision Navigators

A Vision Navigators meeting will be held on Jan 22nd at noon in the Kilton room. Please attend if you are interested in discussing the church's future.

Missions

Greetings from your Missions group,
Happy New Year to all!

First, thank you so very much for your generosity for the Christmas fund, which will help the retired ministers. We raised \$855... you are amazing!
Second, Missions will be coordinating (but not necessarily doing) the monthly Listen dinners. This is a brand new task for us, so please be patient while we go through growing pains. In any case, the next dinner is January 19 and we need volunteers to help cook it and serve it. Please, let

us know if you would like to help. There will also be a sign up sheet at the entrance of the church this week-end.

Lastly, we want to thank Lorinda and Dick to have helped the group so much. They are taking a well deserved break! Thank you both!

Until next time,

Christine

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:

(Tonight)Friday, Jan 13th 6:00pm - Dartmouth vs St Lawrence hockey game - Similar to pre-Covid times we'll meet at the church at 6:00 pm, go out for pizza, then watch the 7 pm game in Hanover. We hope that you'll join us.

WLCC Game Night

Join us on the **second and fourth Mondays each month** when we'll informally get together at **5:30 pm in the Kilton Room** and play games for an hour or two. Some will be playing cribbage, but it's not restricted only to cribbage, and folks are encouraged to also bring other card or board games that they enjoy.

The next Game Night will be on **Monday, Jan 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Kilton Room**. Feel free to bring any snacks or drinks to share, the only requirements are to bring yourself and a sense of humor.

From Your Collector's Desk

First of all, a huge thank you to Laurie who for so many years was either the collector or the co-collector (including an extra year from what she was planning) for this church. Your help was and is invaluable. Thank you, Laurie!

Second, I will send an acknowledgement to all of you who have pledged for 2023, as well as the giving statements for 2022. This will take me a little bit of time and I am sorry for any inconvenience this might create for you.

Lastly, we are still looking for a co-collector to help me stay on the right path!

The job is really easy, you just need to be with me for about 30 min per week, help count cash and read checks. Collection can be done after church on Sunday or during the week after work, whatever is most convenient. I would love to work with anyone who would be willing to give it a try! Please, think about it!

Thank you,

Christine (collector)

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets at 9 AM on Thursday mornings. . 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. **Now that the temperature can be below freezing, we are only accepting items that are not in jars or cans for placement outside.** 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