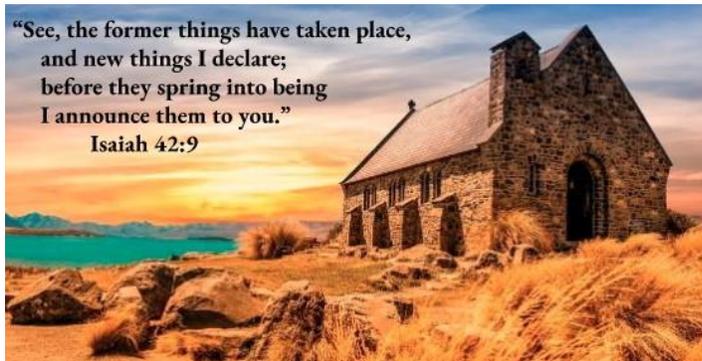


WLCC Weekly Newsletter 1.6.23

This Sunday, January 8th at 10am, Karen Lipinczyk will be leading our worship service with Communion. Her message titled: "This IS our Beginning" will be preceded by the reading of Isaiah 42:1-9 & Matthew 11:2-11. We hope you can join us in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



Dear fellow travelers,

Here we are at the beginning new year, new resolves and new directions. We started the year with the announcement that there will soon be a settled pastor at a service lead by a church member. While there are new ways and directions to pursue, the hope is that we will not give up our old ways of nurturing and welcoming all who come through our doors, showing God's love to each other and to strangers.

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 6-12

January 8- *Worship and Communion with Karen Lipinczyk 10 AM*

January 9- *Game night in the Kilton Room 5:30 PM*

January 10- *Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM*

January 12- *Women's Fellowship 9 AM*
Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events

January 13- *Men's Group 5:30 PM Dartmouth Hockey game and pizza before*

Judi Strong's Operation

Sam said that Judi's knee surgery went extraordinarily well. We ask for continued prayers for her as she recuperates.

Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in the reverse Advent Calendar. On Thursday morning the women divided the food into two piles. Thanks to Phil Gomez and Tom Kahl who moved your contributions on to The Haven and LISTEN this past Thursday. Again, thank you for your generosity

\$crip Orders

Please have your \$crip orders into the office by Tuesday, January 10th at 10am. If you come by when the office is closed, put your order in the mailbox by the door.

WLCC Game Night

A few weeks ago, some of us enjoyed playing cribbage so much that we decided to have bimonthly game nights. So, on the **second and fourth Mondays each month** 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.

All are invited to join us on **Monday, Jan 9th and 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Kilton Room**. Although if you want to feel free to bring any snacks or drinks to share, the only requirements are to bring yourself and a sense of humor.

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 13th 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. . 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