

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 12.30.22

This Sunday, January 1st, Amy Stebbins will be leading our worship service. Her message titled: "All the Lord has done for us" will be preceded by the reading of Isaiah 63:7-9. We hope you can join us in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



I WILL TELL OF THE KINDNESSES OF THE LORD,
THE DEEDS FOR WHICH HE IS TO BE PRAISED,
ACCORDING TO ALL THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US—

ISAIAH 63:7

Dear fellow travelers,

Here we are at the end of another year. As we say goodbye to the old and hello to the new, what else we will say goodbye to and what else will we embrace in this new year? What New Year's resolutions are you making for 2023?

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!

Any Committees that want to offer a New Year's wish are welcome to do so during the announcements this Sunday.

Calendar for December 30-January 5

January 1- *Worship with Amy Stebbins on New Year's Day 10 AM*

January 2- *Office closed*

January 3- *Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM*

January 5- *Women's Fellowship 9 AM
Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM*

Upcoming Events

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

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

Article about Neil Henderson

The Valley News did "A life" profile on past church member, Neil Henderson. He passed away earlier this year. Click the link to read the article on the Valley News website: <https://www.vnews.com/A-Life-Neil-Henderson-49292157>

Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in the reverse Advent Calendar. We will be moving your contributions on to The Haven and LISTEN this coming week along with the items presently in the Food Bin in the front of the church. Again, thank you for your generosity

Flowers Committee

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias and Christmas cacti. The sanctuary looked so festive with all of the plants over the past 3 weeks.

Please take with you, this Sunday, plants that you ordered. They will need individual attention soon.

Any plants remaining in the sanctuary after the service on January 8th will be removed by Flower Committee.

If you are unable to pick up your plant(s) by the 8th but intend to keep it/them, please let me know and I'll set them aside in the church for one additional week, marked with your name for safe keeping.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Justine

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. On **December 29** we met at the home of Forrest and Judy Alger to enjoy her Christmas Village. **Thank you to Judy and Forrest for hosting the women.** 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://westlbcc.org/> **and clicking on the "Give" tab along the top, or go directly to the Giving page** <https://westlbcc.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