

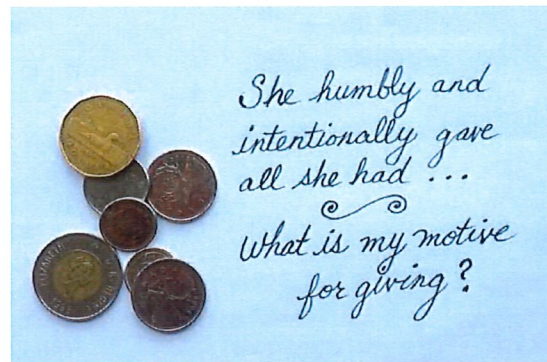
Dear fellow travelers,

Happy Friday the thirteenth! It is the second such day this year and the last one for 2020. The first was in March as we started this odyssey. Here we are eight months later. As we continue through this month with Thanksgiving and Advent coming, I would ask you what are you grateful for this year. Though we may not celebrate the holidays in the same way and we will not be surrounded by all of our loved ones, we can be grateful for what we have.

This Sunday, we will look at the story of the widow's mite found in Mark 12:41-44. Like the widow, we will pledge and make a commitment of our time, talent, and treasure as a way to show our love and gratitude for God. We will use the steeple made by Forrest Alger and put the pledges in and offer our prayers and dedication. Looking forward to worshipping together on Zoom.

"CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW, BUT YOURS. NO HANDS, NO FEET ON EARTH, BUT YOURS. YOURS ARE THE EYES THROUGH WHICH CHRIST LOOKS COMPASSION INTO THE WORLD. YOURS ARE THE FEET WITH WHICH CHRIST WALKS TO DO GOOD. YOURS ARE THE HANDS WITH WHICH CHRIST BLESSES THE WORLD."

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Women's Fellowship continues to meet on Thursday mornings at 9. We learned about Lydia this past Thursday and we will look at the mighty widow this coming Thursday, the 19th. We will then take a break for Thanksgiving before resuming in December. Please Norma know if you would like to be included in receiving a link to our gathering.

The deacons also met on Thursday. Our discussion revolved around upcoming worships. We will continue to worship remotely and how that will work this holiday season. We will be offering an ecumenical Thanksgiving worship on the November 24 with the Lebanon UCC and Methodist churches and Greater Hartford UCC by Zoom. A link will be sent for that service. A Blue Christmas service is in the planning stage for the evening of December 17. The deacons set aside November 28 for decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We are in hopes of hanging the large wreath in the sanctuary, setting up a tree and the advent wreath in the front. Outside we will be hanging the banners and putting out the nativity scene. We also discussed ways to make the season as festive as possible. The deacons will meet again on December 10. Stay tune for more details.

The deacons are looking for 4 families to read this advent season as part of the lighting of the advent wreath. You would be reading from the comfort of your home on a given Sunday while Kirsty lights the candles in the sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact Norma at the church office.

And now a message from Tom Kahl about the men's group walk for this Saturday at 10 am.

Good Morning,

Hope that you are well and have been able to get outdoors and enjoy some of the sunshine and balmy Indian summer temperatures these last few days. It looks like the weather will be turning cooler, but this Saturday's forecast is for sunshine and a seasonally comfortable high near 47F. At our Sept WLCC Men's Group meeting we talked about going for a walk this Saturday (11/14) at the Riverfront park on the CT. River behind Allard furniture. After talking with a couple of guys just want to gauge your interest. The weather looks reasonable, no snow on the ground, I've never been there but the area looks flat, and it's convenient so guys can go for as long or short a time/distance as is personally comfortable. But my concern is our recent rise in Covid 19, and is it safe and responsible?

The biggest plus is that it will be outdoors. Also we can easily keep the minimum 6 ft distance, and even though outdoors we'll ask everyone to wear masks (e.g. Woodstock VT regs). So while there is always risk if you leave your house, we should be safer than going to the grocery store. To me the benefits of fellowship and being outdoors outweighs the risk. But obviously you will have to decide what is best for you.

*I've talked with a couple of guys these last two days and the consensus was to **send out this email to determine interest**. If only one other guy is interested we won't do it, but if at least two or three others are we'll go. The plan would be to meet at the **WLCC and 10 am Saturday and caravan the short distance to Riverside Park**. We'll walk around probably for an hour or so. As previously mentioned I think it's flat and guys can always go back to their car anytime, or conversely go longer. We should be finished before noon and people that want could have lunch by eating takeout pizza someplace in the sunshine.*

Thanks,

Tom

Faithfully
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for WLCC