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This Sunday is both Valentine's day and Transfiguration Day. We will go with Jesus and the disciples to the mountaintop as we hear the Word of God from Mark 9: 2-9. We will explore what it means to worship the God we love and to be changed by the God who loves us. Looking forward to seeing you via zoom.



Dear fellow travelers,

Are you staying warm? Do you have enough to eat? Have you checked on your neighbor? Has someone checked on you? Are you lonely? As we enter in to the holiday weekend, Valentine's Day (a Hallmark holiday) and President's Day (a government holiday), these questions seem even more important this year. How are we doing caring for one another?

We will be starting Lent this Wednesday with an Ash Wednesday service via Zoom with the First Congregational Church, the Methodist churches and the Greater Hartford Community Church. A separate link will be sent out. We have ashes available to be picked up starting Monday during office hours 10 am-2pm. On Wednesday from 12 noon-1 pm we will be offering an opportunity to drive thru and receive ashes in person.

WLCC Trustee February Thumbnail Financial Report

In January 2021 our income was \$8,291 and expenses \$12,159.

This month's income included \$3,896 in pledges and \$3,000 as a gift. Note that the collector is now counting and depositing funds on a bi-weekly basis and funds received during the last week in January will be recorded in February. The primary expenses were Insurance \$4,317, Pastor \$3,552, and Payroll \$2,973.

Please let any Trustee know if you have any questions or comments.

Your Trustees,

Chair Amy Stebbins, Peter Bickford, Tracy Bickford, John Cooley, Phil Gomez, Linda Maynard, Tom Kahl

Both the trustees and deacons met last evening and discussed several topics of interest to both groups. We are looking at Easter as a possible time to come together in person. No final decision was made, but will be discussed on March 11 again. We will have the opportunity to worship at sunrise Easter morning at 6 am in Colburn Park with the First Congregational church and Methodist churches. We also talked about technology and where we are headed. The trustees discussed this in their meeting which followed the joint meeting.

The deacons discussed the Lenten season looking at Holy Week and Maundy Thursday. It was agreed to offer a service, similar to the one we have been doing the last few years, of Tenebrae with a service of communion. The format, virtual or live, will be discussed at the March 11 meeting.

The deacons also discussed the possible need to help older members of our congregation to get vaccine appointments. They would like to remind the congregation that even though there are no Diaconate envelopes at present on the first Sunday of the month, contributions can be dropped off or mailed in. Please note on check or envelope that it is for the Diaconate Fund. The deacons thank you.

HELP WANTED!!!!

We are looking for people who would be willing to assist our older members to sign up for their vaccine shot. If you are willing to help, please let Norma know through email or phone call. Also if you know someone in need of assistance, please let us know.

We are looking for people to help with the tech work for our Sunday services. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office.

Lastly, I am looking for people willing to work to get the newsletter together weekly. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Faithfully,

Nancy Simpson
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