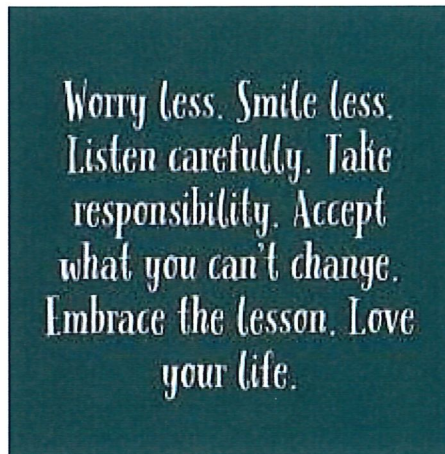


West Lebanon Congregational Church, U.C.C.

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This Sunday we will continue our Lenten series based on "Where your heart is". We will focus on Luke 12: 13-34. It reminds us not to worry, and yet we know how hard that it is. We know that every beating heart experiences some type of worry, we will explore how God helps us when we worry. Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday via Zoom.



Dear fellow travelers

I hope that you have been able to get outside and enjoy the sun and warmer temperatures these last few days. The weather certainly has been a lift to the spirits. As we feast on the beauty of nature, let us fast from the feelings of how we wish things would be. Let us be present in the moment.

The deacons and trustees met last night and after lengthy conversation it was decided that we would return to the sanctuary on May 9 which happens to be Mother's Day this year. We will follow the same protocols that we put in place this past fall, masks, temperatures, sign in and a negative response to the questions.

The deacons continue to meet after and firm up our Lenten worship. We are hoping to make available palms for Palm Sunday to be picked up at the church prior to that Sunday. We will be offering a service on Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7 pm by Zoom. This will be a Tennebrae service with communion. More details will come in the coming weeks as this date gets closer. We also talked about the sunrise Easter service in Lebanon at 6 am on April 4 which will be a joint service with First Congregational and the Methodist churches of Lebanon and White River. We will be offering the opportunity to do the flowering cross on the top step of the Maple Street entry on Easter Sunday. More details in the next few weeks.

The Women's Fellowship also met yesterday. We concluded with The Book Of Joy. We will be starting the new book, The Women of Easter, on Thursday, March 17. The discussion will focus on pages 1-41. The cost of the book is \$4.

A Message from your Missions Committee

One Great Hour of Sharing is the first of the 4 UCC special offerings for 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes and flooding have ravaged communities in the United States and worldwide, leaving families and communities in desperate need of assistance. This offering provides clean water, food, education and health care, support for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. This year's theme is **Let Love Flow**, and your generosity ensures that, even in the midst of uncertainty, the transforming power of God's love continues to change lives here and around the world, as together we build a just world for all.

The Missions Committee will be taking contributions for this offering through the end of March. Please mail in or bring your contributions to the church on weekdays from 10am-2pm. Put "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line of your check.

This Saturday the Growth committee is sponsoring a Corned and Cabbage take out dinner for a flat fee of \$15 with pick up times at 5, 5:30 and 6. Questions or reservations accept at 603.298.8096.

WLCC Trustee March Thumbnail Financial Report

In February 2021 our income was \$15,358 and expenses \$9,888.64. This month's income included \$12,623 in 2021 pledges with \$6,500 prepaying their complete 2021 pledges. These pledge prepayments improve our early year cash flow, but will not add to our total 2021 income. The major February 2021 expenses were maintenance and fuel (\$2,373), parsonage (\$2,017), pastor (\$2,053), and staff payroll (\$2,812). The parsonage expenses included \$1,251 to replace the washer and dryer.

Our 2021 Year to Date through February income and expenses were \$23,649 and \$22,238 respectively. Excluding the \$6,500 in pre-paid 2021 pledges our total pledges through February totaled \$10,019 which is 95% of prorating the \$63,000 in budgeted 2021 pledges for two months..

The Trustees want to thank everyone for the continued support of their time, talents, and treasures to our Church as we strive to best carry out the WLCC's mission to *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and your neighbor as yourself"*.

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

Your Trustees,

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

A thank you to all you have contributed food to our little food pantry. As things warm up we will be able to accept canned and jar foods. We will let you know when that is. Also thank you for the generous food donations which will be passed along in the next few weeks to either the Haven or LISTEN.

A new head of the LISTEN Community has reached out to cook teams in preparation to having groups come in and prepare meals. Stay tuned for more on this.

Be kind to one another.

Faithfully,

Nancy Simpson
for the WLCC