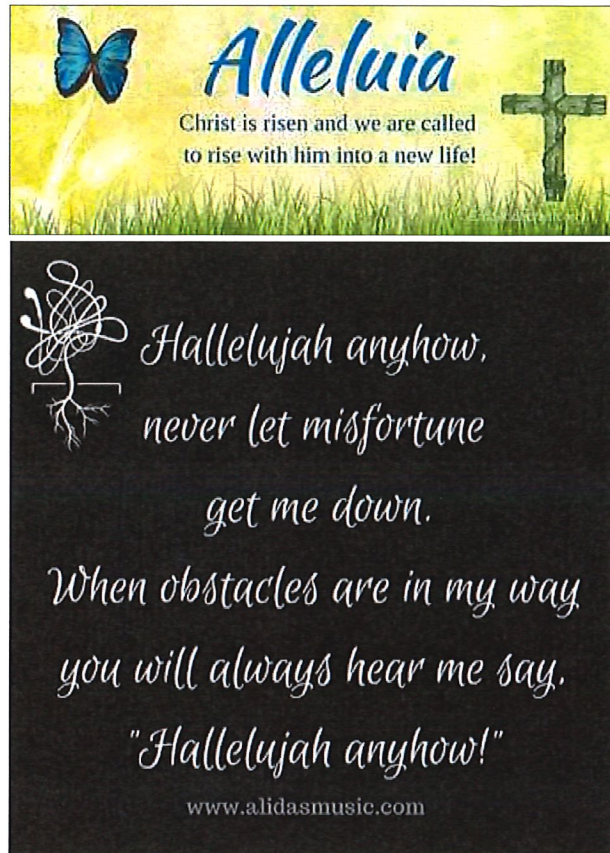


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**West Lebanon Congregational Church, U.C.C.**

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This Sunday we celebrate Easter. We will gather at 6:00 am for a Sunrise service at Colburn park and then at 10:00 we will have a beautiful zoom service to sing, pray and share our alleluias as we proclaim he has risen he has risen indeed. We will look at the Easter story told to us from the Gospel of Mark found in Mark 16:1-8. Looking forward to worshipping with you and celebrating in the power of the resurrection.



Dear fellow travelers,

We have turned the calendar page and we are now in the month of April. We eagerly look forward to warmer, brighter days filled with the renewal of springtime flowers and the greening of the grass. Despite the grim and sad news that we receive daily, we are Easter people and long to shout Alleluia!

A thank you to all who participated in our Maundy Thursday service last evening, I thought it was very moving and hope that you did too. It amazes me that this was our second Zoom Maundy Thursday service!

Today is Good Friday. Our sanctuary will be open for prayer and quiet reflection from 12- 3 pm, but please call the office ahead for time slot to come in. We will ask you to ring the bell, sign in and do a temperature check before entering the sanctuary. Reverend Kirsty will be available at this time.

On Easter there will be a 6 AM service in person in Colburn Park as well as a Zoom service at 10 AM. We will be filling the flowering cross as we did last year on Easter. The cross will be out in front of the church before the sunrise service for people to place flowers in during the day. Please stop by and add flowers to the cross. Before sunset a picture will be taken of the cross.

There will be no communion on Easter Sunday, but we will celebrate communion on Sunday, April 12.

With great regret we announce the actual retirement of Norma Hazelton, effective April 23rd. Norma is finally ready to really retire, and will be stepping down and relaxing for a change. Trustees will be accepting applications from within the congregation between now and April 2. After April 2 the job will be opened for public applicants. Duties of the job are support of all the church programs, documents and being the face of the church to walk in individuals. Telephone protocol, email and multiple administrative tasks fall to the church efforts, which include breaking in two ministers and dealing with Covid! All the best, Norma!

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 9 am and is looking forward to meeting again in person as the weather improves. We are reading the book The Women of Easter and we will be discussing pages 145-193 next Thursday. On April 22 will start a study of world religions as our bible study.

On Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 pm the trustees and deacons will meet together and will discuss our return to worship in the sanctuary on May 9 before each group has their own meeting.

Faithfully

Nancy Simpson  
for WLCC