

Dear fellow travelers,

There is no sign this week out in front of the church, but I see signs out in nature and hear signs in the community. The decrease in sunlit hours and the bare trees are signs that fall is slipping away. The sounds of tired voices that are tired of COVID and tired of the politics abound in the community. When we are hearing those voices and see those signs, let's think of Psalm 46 which starts "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." May this give us comfort.

West Lebanon Congregational Church, U.C.C.

This Sunday is Reformation Sunday, a day to celebrate the stories of the early reformers who because of their faith and conviction brought new life and new hope to the church. This week as we hear the Parable of the Sower found in Luke 8: 4-15 and hear one of my favorite stories written by a friend of mine called The Prince Mammoth Pumpkin, we will see that change happens when we believe and claim the words "Great is Thy Faithfulness." I also am happy to say that while we are still doing worship in the sanctuary we are resuming Zoom this week. If you need the link, please feel free to let us know.

Looking forward to worshipping with you.



Here is part of the news Judi Strong had sent out Monday about Sanctuary Scrip.

I will be placing this month's Scrip order on Monday, Oct. 26, so please have all orders and donations to me by Sunday. Please put them in the collection plate or the stewardship mailbox in the office.

First, I would like to remind everyone that we are collecting donations or gift cards for the Listen Holiday Baskets this month. Listen will be distributing gift cards for clothing and food this year. The local stores that are recommended are Kohls, Walmart and Shaw's in increments of \$100 for clothing and \$50 for food. FYI, Kohls and Shaws offer us a 4% rebate and Walmart offers 2.5%. You can contribute by either a monetary donation in an amount you are comfortable with or you can add a card to your usual Scrip order and designate it for Holiday Baskets. I will add all the monetary donations together and purchase gift cards in the appropriate denominations. If you write a check, please make it out to WLCC and write Holiday Baskets in the memo line. You can leave them at church, put them in the offering plate on Sunday or give them directly to me. This congregation has always been very generous to this program, and I am sure that in this difficult time we will continue to support Listen and our less fortunate neighbors.

Also there is a poster for the Annual Harvest Dinner attached to the newsletter that gives details for this annual event to be hosted on November 7 this year.

In the similar vain **for the month of November, West Lebanon Congregational Church - Community Dinners will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford store located at 8 Market Street, West Lebanon NH.** We again will

be receiving money from the Hannaford Supermarkets to support our supper team efforts at LISTEN. Though we are not cooking we are passing that money to LISTEN.

The Women's Fellowship continues to meet on Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 in the Kilton Room for conversation and Bible Study which has seen us looking at the women of the Bible. This past week we looked at Eve and coming up we will look at Deborah who you will find in Judges in the Old Testament. Please join us.

Faithfully.

Nancy Simpson
for WLCC