

## Weekly Newsletter 4.30.21

This Sunday, we will continue our sermon series based on the Fruit of the Spirit. This week we will look at love and especially at how to love those that are not so easy to like. We will use 1 Corinthians 13 to demonstrate what God means when he says we should love one another. Looking forward to seeing you via zoom.

—Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers

It is hard to believe we are a third of the way through 2021! Time seems to drift away, and at other times seems to move so slowly. Could it be that God is nudging us to let go of our fixation with time and just be present in the moment?

The Little Food Pantry has seen some withdrawals as well as some additions. Now that the weather is warmer we are accepting cans and jar goods. Some of the items that go quickly are peanut butter, ramen noodles and coffee. At present we have plenty of mac and cheese, pasta and rice, but anything you donate is greatly appreciated. Please pass the word on about the availability of food in the Little Food Pantry.

## **CHAPMAN/WHITNEY Scholarship Applications**

The Trustees will welcome applications during the month of May for the Chapman/Whitney Scholarship. The Chapman/Whitney Scholarship is an educational scholarship opportunity that is available to graduating high school seniors, graduate students, or anyone entering a technical program or other continuing education program. Please pick up your application in the Church Office, Monday – Friday, during office hours from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. All applications are due back by **May 25, 2021**. The Trustees will announce the lucky recipient(s) on Church School Sunday in June, date to be announced. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tracy Bickford or Linda Maynard on behalf of the Trustees.

## **\$anctuary \$crip Reminder**

Early next week you should receive an email about \$anctuary \$crip. Orders are due on the tenth of the month. It is an easy way to support the church by purchasing cards for your favorite places to shop.

Also next week you can expect a letter about the return to worship in the sanctuary and what you can expect. We look forward to seeing you back in the pews.

The flowers in the sanctuary are in celebrations of the marriage of Sarah Montuori to Nikolai on April 24, in Prescott, AZ., and also the graduation of Kyle Hansen from Norwich University on May 1.

## **WLCC Men's Group**

Last Saturday eight of us enjoyed our lunches in the sunshine with balmy 65F temperatures. It was good to see some "real" instead of virtual faces and have a chance to talk. After lunch, planning, and shooting the bull we all participated in a thoughtful discussion led by Pastor Kirsty. Thank you Kirsty for leading it.

Future activities that we discussed were:

- Later this week or next Dick P, Sam S, and Tom K will take down the winter plastic around Jean Brooke's porch that we installed last fall.
- **Horton Center** - On **Saturday May 8th** Will said that he and Earle are doing a road trip for a day to beautiful Horton Center in Gorham NH to help John and Laurie Tostenson prepare the kitchen for the summer season. Sam may join them. Please see John or Laurie if you want to help, and Earle or Will if you want to caravan or possibly carpool. This is inside work.

- **Mowing the Church Lawn** - We discussed this summer's mowing of the WLCC lawn (not including the parsonage) and five guys (Dick, Sam, Will, Walter, Tom) said that they would help. We'll have a sign up for each week and each person will then be responsible for mowing it sometime that week. With five people each should only have to do it four or so times during the season. It takes only about 45 minutes and the self propelled mower is stored in the locked shed in the back of the church. You can get the key from the office (Mon-Friday 9am-1pm) when Aaron is in the office, or see Tom K or Phil G to borrow a key. This is an easy way to help the church and additional volunteers are always appreciated.
- **Cynthia Sleeper's Ramp** - We discussed the access ramp that Cynthia asked if the Men's Group would build for her. Cynthia will provide the material and a lunch, and us the labor. Tom circulated a sketch with the layout that he and Peter B had discussed at Cynthia's. Will said that he has all the professional grade tools we need. To follow-up on Will's suggestion I talked with Bill Neukomm of Cover yesterday and they do not want to provide us the material as it would set an undesirable precedent. Also, because of Covid they have a backlog of ramp projects, and could not fit another one in until 2022. Peter B said that he would look at possible Saturday dates to build it.

**Next Meeting:** We decided that we should meet again on a Saturday in later May. If a date is set for working on Cynthia's ramp then we discussed having a breakfast meeting, and then those willing and able would go work on the ramp. If a date is not set we will determine the next meeting time in a couple of weeks.

Dave C we missed your words of wisdom, but glad that you've recovered from the 24 hour bug.

Please always let us know any ideas you have for Men's Group activities

## **Women's Fellowship**

The women continue to meet on Thursday mornings at 9 AM. We are starting a survey of world religions. The women also discussed the bazaar and have decided to scale back what we offer, have it in early November, and no longer offer a sit down lunch. We will have the bazaar on one level. Stay tune for more details. We will be looking at contacting the Byrne Center about dropping off the prayer shawls we had assembled before everything shut down. We will explore other opportunities to give to our community. We will continue to meet outside in the parking lot weather permitting or in the Kilton Room. Please remember to bring a chair and a mask.

Attached to this newsletter is a photo of the cover of the book, All You Ever Wanted by Dr. Win Green, which has been an inspiration to Kirsty for the Fruit of the Spirit series.

The latest edition of **The Upper Room** is now available in the church office.

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For WLCC