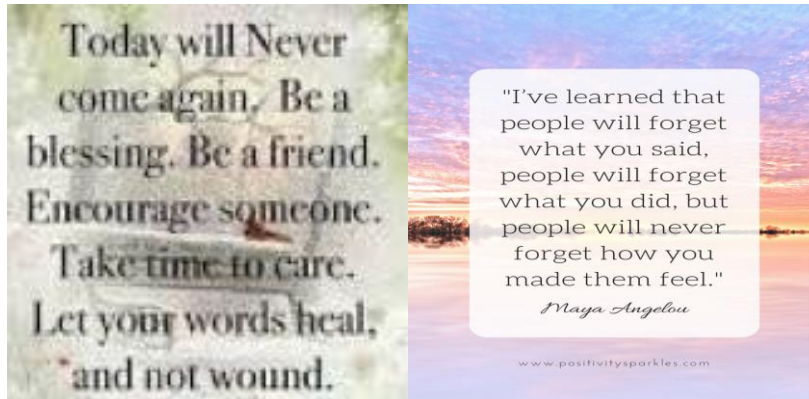


Weekly Newsletter 8.13.21

This Sunday, we will worship together at the Greater Hartford Community church at 10:00 A.M. We will focus on the story of Barnabas told throughout the book of Acts. Barnabas was known as an encourager. We will explore what it means for us to encourage one another. Looking forward to seeing you! There will not be zoom this week.

Pastor Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

From fog and cooler than normal temperatures last week to the heat and humidity of this week, what a roller coaster ride we are on! The news continues to be an up and down ride as well. What are you holding on to? I like to follow the advice of a fellow member who says, "Let go and let God!"

Reminders- This Sunday, **August 15th**, we will be worshipping at the Greater Hartford UCC at 10 AM. There will be **no Zoom this Sunday**. The church office will be **closed** this Friday, **August 13th**.

Bev Damren's Memorial Service

With sadness the church received word last week that long time member Bev Damren has passed. This past Saturday, **August 7th** there was calling hours at Ricker's Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held here at WLCC on **September 11th** at **11AM**. More details will follow.

\$anctuary \$crip orders are due in soon. Orders can be found in the \$anctuary \$crip mailbox in the office.

Thank you to the **Mission Committee** for a delicious breakfast last Sunday.

Joint Meeting of Trustees and Deacons

There will be a joint meeting of the trustees and deacons on **August 12th at 6:30pm in the Kilton Room**, followed by separate meetings of both groups. The group will be looking at singing and mask wearing. Stay tuned for more tech details on the ending of Zoom and the start of live streaming.

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 9 AM**. This past week we met inside. Several ladies were continuing to knit prayer shawls and we shared ornaments that could be made for the upcoming holiday fair. Kirsty has bought the new books for our fall bible/book study and shared a short biography of the author and read one of the stories. Books are available for those interested in joining us this fall at a cost of \$6. **The Holiday Fair will take place on November 6th**. The tables will include a basket raffle, jewelry, hand crafted items, cheese, Christmas décor and a food table with candy. There will be no coffee hour or luncheon, but we will include some take out corn chowder and chili. More details are to follow.

Christian Ed has set **September 19th** as rally day for Sunday School. More details will follow.

Thank you to all who have been contributed to the **Little Food Pantry**. It 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.

WLCC Giving Options

We have instituted several new electronic (credit/debit/ACH) giving options. Note that these are in addition to the conventional giving methods, **and if you are comfortable with the giving method you currently use there is no need to change**. The intent of adding these electronic options is to make giving more convenient, which will hopefully increase our revenue. Note that the church is charged a nominal processing fee with each electronic transaction, so please consider covering that fee if you use an electronic option. The electronic options will allow you to specify where you would like your gift to go (e.g. general fund, memorial gift, missions, etc.).

You can access these options by going to the WLCC home webpage (<https://westlebcc.org/> and clicking on the "Give" tab along the top, or go directly to the Giving page <https://westlebcc.org/give/>. If you have any questions or problems please see Aaron in the WLCC office or our co-collectors Christine Kidd or Laurie Tostenson.

Faithfully
Nancy Simpson
for WLCC