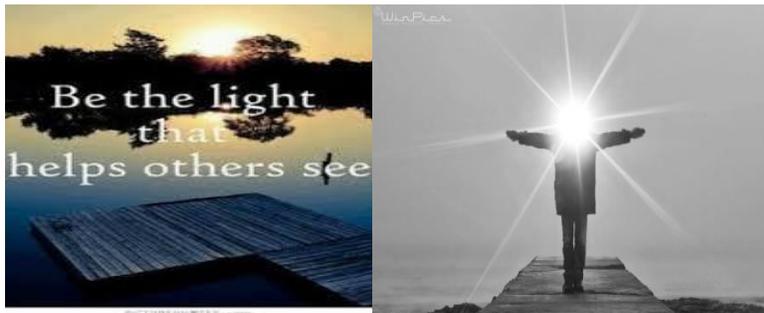


## WLCC Weekly Newsletter 9.10.21

This Sunday, we will focus on what it means to be a vision navigator. We will look at the story of Nicodemus found in John 3:1-21 and see how we open our eyes to see God and how we share the light with others. Looking forward to SEEING you on Sunday.  
Pastor Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow traveler,

This morning devotional from the UCC Still Speaking series is entitled This is the Day is based on Psalm 118:24( [dailydevotional@ucc.org](mailto:dailydevotional@ucc.org)). To me it is a reminder to be grateful and make the most of the day we have been given, because life can change in an instant. On this the eve of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 let us rejoice that we are still here and remember those lost and make the most of each and every day.

On 9/11 we will be ringing our church bell starting at 8:45 am to recognize the events of 20 years ago. Kirsty has offered to be present in the church for prayers at that time. Our goal is have the bell ring for 20 minutes and help in making that happen is greatly appreciated.

The deacons and trustees met last evening jointly and then separately. The group set a date for the Harvest Dinner which will be October 30. The trustee report is below.

The deacons discussed plans for worship and opportunities to reach out to those we have not seen in a while, and plans to honor our octogenarians in October. Since we are not in a position to have a luncheon in person we looked at other ways we could honor them. It was decided that we offer to deliver a Harvest Dinner meal to them on October 30. To have us provide that service they will receive a card with directions enclosed during the month of October. For those octogenarians at care facilities, we are looking into how we can honor them.

## Upcoming Events

### **Bev Damren's Memorial Service**

A memorial service will be held on Zoom on **September 11th at 11AM**. The program and zoom link for the service has been sent out in an email.

### **Rally Day**

Greetings from your Christian Ed team!

Mark your calendars... **Rally day will be on Sunday, September 19**. We are planning on having an outdoor service that day with the Blessing of the Backpacks.

For now, we are planning on doing Sunday school in person this year, following all appropriate health and safety precautions. If things need to change and we need to switch to remote Sunday school, we will keep you posted.

Please contact Linda Kahl, Donna or myself if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to working with all the children again.

Christine for the CE team.

### **Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru Supper**

Our next drive through dinner will be a chicken barbecue sponsored by the trustees which will be held on **Saturday, September 18 from 5 to 6:30**. More details to follow.

### **Missions Breakfast**

Please note that our **next breakfast will be on September 19**, instead of the 12th. We are planning on doing a sit down breakfast outside before the service (breakfast starting at 9:30am) as we did in August. Drive thru breakfasts will also be available between 8 and 9am.

Thank you, you are amazing!!

Your Mission committee (Lorinda, Jackie, Susan W, Dick, John and Christine)

### **Mascoma River Cleanup**

The Lebanon Rotary Club and the Lebanon Conservation Commission are planning another Mascoma River Cleanup . **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

When: September 25, 2021

Time: 9:30 am to noon

Where: Meet at the pavilion behind the CCBA

Details: At the pavilion you will register and get instructions. You'll be given garbage bags, and an assignment of a section of the river. We clean from Exit 17 to the Connecticut. The river is divided into 12 segments of about half a mile each. Each section requires 4 – 6 volunteers and some assignments may involve two sections.

Bring: Your cell phone so you can call for pickup of trash. You'll be given the phone number at the pavilion.

PREREGISTRATION preferred. Reward: A clean river and refreshments at noon.

**Women's Fellowship** continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 9 AM**. This past week we met inside but do hope to meet outside for a few more weeks. We have

started our study looking at the first 3 stories and will continue with the next 3 stories this coming week. If you are interesting in joining us please contact the church office. We are continuing to make preparations for our Holiday Fair on November 6. This will be a scaled down version of Christmas bazaar. More details to follow.

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**Thank you** to all who have been contributed to the **Little Food Pantry**. It has seen some withdrawals as well as some additions. Canned goods have been flying out the pantry door. Canned pasta and vegetables have gone very fast. Some other **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.

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**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