

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 9.24.21

This Sunday we will explore a question that Jesus asks of the disciples, Who Do You Say That I Am? We will reflect on what we say about Jesus and what we believe as we try to live like Jesus and love like Jesus. Looking forward to seeing you in the sanctuary or on Zoom.

Pastor Kirsty Depree



Dear fellow travelers,

Well, what a dark and dreary morning it is! We need some rain but with the days getting shorter, for it to be so dark early in the morning is not uplifting even though we are now in the fall season. What lifts you up in dark times? Is it a message of good news from a friend, is it reading a daily devotional or the Bible, is it a conversation with a loved one, or is it contemplative reflection or prayer?

We had a wonderful Rally Day last Sunday. It was great to have the children participating in our service outside on such a beautiful day.

Reminder if you wish to enter the church please mask up, practice social distancing, and good hand hygiene. We will be continuing this practice until things change toward the positive. We thank you for your cooperation.

Chicken BBQ Dinner

We had a very successful dinner – we served about 85 people at the drive-through BBQ and sold the leftovers at church on Sunday. The proceeds totaled \$1,300 to benefit the general church fund.

The Trustees appreciate everyone's help and support of the dinner. A special thank you to Upper Valley Produce and to Allan's Vending for their generous donations! We also appreciate everyone who made and/or donated potato salads, and to Donna Stender for the delicious homemade brownies!

Mark your calendars for the next supper, **which is a takeout Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, with homemade apple pies, on Saturday, October 23rd.**

Missions Breakfast

Please, mark your calendars that our **next drive thru breakfast will be on October 10 from 8 to 9am.**

Stay well,
Christine (for the Missions group)

Upcoming Events

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 9 AM.** This past week we met outside and had a good group and discussion about the Holiday Fair. What a fantastic group of women!! We do hope to meet outside a few more times. We suspended our study and will look at the next 4 stories the coming week. If you are interesting in joining us please contact the church office or come on Thursday morning at 9. We are continuing to make preparations for our **Holiday Fair on November 6 which will be open from 8:30 am to noon.** This will be a scaled down version of Christmas bazaar with offerings that could be used for Thanksgiving as well as Christmas. We are in need of raffle baskets, hand crafted goods and food items for the bazaar. We will also need people to set up tables and take tables down. If you have questions please speak up we would be glad to answer your questions.

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.

WLCC Men's Group

The next WLCC Men's Group meeting will be on **Saturday October 9th**. For those able and willing, we will meet around **9 am** and do annual light **fall cleanup** and misc. projects around the church such as trimming the bushes, raking, installing a front door closure, etc. Then in the late morning we'll order pizza and share lunch together. Feel free to stop by and help anytime during the morning, that is convenient, and even if you aren't able to help, come **over around after 11 am and share fellowship and food**.

Harvest Dinner

We are looking for donations of food and volunteers to help with cooking, prep and clean up for the Harvest Dinner. This is a free meal for the community. **We would need help on Friday and Saturday, October 29th and 30th**, with Friday being a turkey cooking day and Saturday being a day to finish the preparing of all other elements and serving of the meal drive thru style. If you can help in any way, please sign on the sheets located on the bulletin board by the parking lot door. Thank you

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.

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. **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

