

## Weekly Newsletter 11.5.21

This Sunday we will celebrate All Saints Day. We will light candles for our church members who have passed this year, we will have communion with the Saints and we will get a glimmer of Heaven through the lens of John from his words in Revelation 7: 9-17. Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom or in the Sanctuary for this meaningful service.

Pastor Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

The mornings have been gray this week and often times seem dark. I don't have any answers this morning but I do have a lot of questions. Does the gray color your mood for the day? How do you get yourself up and moving despite what is going on in the world? Are you finding solace in reading the bible or in your prayers or in something else? Where does your help come from?

***Remember to turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday as Daylight Savings Time ends.***

**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.

***Our next cabinet meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 7th after church.***

\$anctuary \$crip orders are due this Wednesday, November 10. See Judi Strong if you have questions. If you are planning to donate to our church's LISTEN Holiday Baskets using the \$anctuary \$crip card, please get your check/money to Judi Strong

**We will be worshipping next Sunday, November 14 at the Greater Hartford UCC.**

New edition to the Kilton Room is a bookcase with puzzles and books on it. This lending library is available so that we can exchange puzzles and share books with one another to fill the long winter days to come. There is no sign out, just take and return when finished. Enjoy!

## Technical Support Help

We are looking for additional help running the WLCC Zoom broadcast on Sunday mornings. The last several months there has consistently been from eight to twelve computers on Zoom each Sunday. This translates into about 12 to 16 people, which is about 1/4 of our Sunday attendance. Also weekly there are typically from 6 to 14 views of the YouTube posting. So continuing electronic access to our Sunday service is important for our church.

Ideally we would have a team of 6 to 10 Tech people able to help, so that any one person would only have to do it every month to six weeks. Last winter we had six people helping, but now are down to two, maybe three.

It requires arriving about 9-9:15am to set up and begin Zoom at 9:30 am. You finish around 11:30-noon after posting the Service to YouTube. We have an established written procedure, but the best way to learn is to first watch someone, and then start doing it with someone helping you as you learn the system. It doesn't require any specific knowledge, but a person needs to be confident around computers, and reliably show up when they commit to a date.

If this isn't for you do you know a spouse, friend, son/daughter, granddaughter/grandson who enjoys electronic media and may be interested? It's an important service to our WLCC's ministry and spreading God's message. Also, we are willing to pay for this position.

If you or someone might be interested please contact either Pastor Kirsty or Aaron in the office.

## Volunteer Opportunities for the Upper Valley Haven

**Food Shelf-** Curbside service is provided to customers & volunteers fill orders, create food boxes, stock shelves and unload deliveries, and bring order out to shopper on cart.

**Food Shelf Check-In:** The Haven offers "curbside" food pick up, with a Food Shelf check-in station outside the front door, under a tent. Check-In volunteers greet customers, explain the process, and record customer visits in the Haven's online system (Link2Feed). Two- hour shifts are available Mon-Fri.

**The Food Shelf Closing Shift** is Mon-Thu from 3:00-5:00 PM, volunteers work inside the food shelf fulfilling food shelf orders, stocking and getting the food shelf ready to close.

**Café Volunteer:** Assemble take out lunches in the Café kitchen for 60-80 Grab and Go meals. Join two other volunteers from 9:30-11:30 am, Mon-Thu.

**Cook at home:** Drop off items such as macaroni salad/potato salad, baked goods, or dinner for eight guests living at Hixon House, our adult shelter.

To sign up, visit the volunteer portal at <https://uppervalleyhaven.volunteerhub.com/>

## **Upcoming Events**

### **WLCC Men's Group**

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday November 13**. It will be a lunch meeting that will start around **11:30 am**. We'll share lunch/fellowship and then have a discussion topic (TBD), finishing up around 1 pm. All are welcome, whether you attend regularly or occasionally.

### **Women's Fellowship**

The women of the church continue to meet on Thursday mornings at **9 AM** for fellowship and conversation. We will continue to look for ways we can serve our church. All are welcome.

### **Prayer Meetings**

There will be prayer meetings **at the church at 7pm on Tuesdays**. All are welcome. Call the church office for more information.

**Thank you** to all who have been contributed to the **Little Food Pantry**. As the weather gets colder we asking you not to put in jar and canned goods as they will freeze. Some **items that go quickly are peanut butter, cereal, 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  
for WLCC

