

## WLCC Weekly Newsletter 12.10.21

This is the third Sunday in Advent. We will focus on Joy as we continue with our series Coming Home. We will hear from John the Baptist in Luke 3: 1- 14 as we prepare the way for joy, and make sure there is room for all. We will be having worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Pastor Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

What fills your heart with fear? I can think of many things that strikes fear in me, like the sound of multiple sirens, and whether the emergency is local, national or involving family and friends. I think the fear comes out of not knowing. Like the fear the shepherds felt out in the fields tending their flocks when the angel appeared to them. Their fear was dissipated when the angel explained why they appeared. They rushed off to see the baby for themselves. May we eagerly cast off our fear and rush to see the Christ Child this Christmas.

**Reminders: We will have in person worship this Sunday. If you wish to enter the church please mask up, practice physical distancing, use good hand hygiene and stay home if you are not feeling well.** We will be continuing these practices until the situation changes toward the positive. We thank you for your cooperation.

Advent Devotionals will be available one to each household by contacting the church office.

### Calendar of the week, December 11-17

**December 12 Third Sunday of Advent Worship In Person 10 AM**

**December 14 Blue Christmas Service 7 PM**

**December 16 Women's Fellowship 9 AM**

**December 16 LISTEN Community Dinner 3-5:45 PM**

### **A note from your collector**

There is a limited number of boxes of numbered envelopes this year. If you would like a box, please do let me know as soon as possible that I can prepare them for you before the year end.

Thank you,  
Christine

### **It's almost Poinsettia and Christmas Cactus time!**

This year, we welcome back our church's tradition of decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas season. What's new this year is the additional option of purchasing a long lasting Christmas Cactus. An order form is attached to this newsletter and will be included in Sunday's bulletin. If you choose to purchase both a Poinsettia and a Christmas Cactus, feel free to use 2 order forms and pay with either 1 check or cash. **There is a small window for ordering this year. Deadline is Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> after church.** Please see Justine with any questions.

### **Christmas Pageant**

A call to all our children,

We will rehearse this year's pageant, scheduled to take place during the December 19 service, this Sunday, December 12 at 4pm, in the Sanctuary. Hope you all can join us.

Your Christian Education teachers

### **Missions Group**

Greetings from your Missions group,

Thanks to the generosity of all of you, we were able to deliver \$1100 worth of gift cards to the Listen center yesterday for their Holiday Baskets. Thank you so much!!



Now is the time to think of our last 5 For 5 collection of the year, which is the Christmas Fund. The money raised for the Christmas Fund goes to help retired pastors. We will accept your generous gift until December 31.

Thank you very much for your constant support.  
Lorinda, Jackie, Susan, Dick, John and Christine

### **Adult Sock & Underwear Drive for the Haven**

We often hear, most requested clothing items at homeless shelters are socks & underwear. Growth Committee is sponsoring a drive within the church to collect adult socks & underwear to deliver to the Haven to assist those in need. If you are able, please bring new adult socks & underwear to church any time between now and December 19th. They will be delivered to the Haven at the end of the drive. Thank you all, in advance, for your generosity!

### **Volunteer Opportunities for the Upper Valley Haven and LISTEN**

**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/>

### **Christmas volunteers needed**

The 2021 Christmas meal is take-out and delivery only. We need cookie makers to deliver cookies to the Listen Dining Hall before Christmas and drivers to deliver meals on Christmas day.

Go to <https://listen.volunteerhub.com/> and click on Christmas to see instructions and sign-up.

Contact [valerie@listencs.org](mailto:valerie@listencs.org) for more information.

### **Women's Fellowship**

The Women's Fellowship will meet again at 9 AM on December 16. We will continue our Advent reflections on December 16 with the devotional **Close to Home**, which has been distributed. Copies are available in the church office.

**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, also shelf stable milk**. 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