

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 12.3.21

This Sunday is the second Sunday in Advent and communion Sunday. We will be worshipping only on Zoom this week. We will continue with our theme "Coming Home" and explore the importance of listening as an act of love. We will look at the story of Zechariah found in Luke 1: 11- 25 and 56-80. We will explore how silence helps us to listen and provides a strong foundation of love in our homes.

Pastor Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

We will be taking a pause from in person activities because of another COVID case among our church family that may have exposed a number of members. This was a difficult decision but taken to keep all safe. In addition, the number of active cases in New Hampshire has given us the distinction of the highest per capita rate in the country. Locally Lebanon is closing in on 100 active cases. So we will hit the pause button and come back together in person on December 12.

Reminders: If you wish to enter the church please mask up, practice social distancing, and use good hand hygiene. We will be continuing this practice until things change 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 4-10

In person church activities have been canceled for this week.

December 5 10 AM Communion service on Zoom

December 8 6 PM Nominating meeting on Zoom.

December 10 \$sanctuary \$crip orders due

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 12th. Please see Justine with any questions.

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 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. We have canceled the cookie swap we had planned to do December 9.

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
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for WLCC