

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 3.18.22

This week we will continue our series " Full to the Brim" by looking at a parable found in Luke 13: 1-9. We will explore how we continue to grow because the gardener fills us with patience, forgiveness and grace. Looking forward to seeing you in the sanctuary or on Zoom.

Pastor Kirsty DePree



When Stewardship had given out tulip plants many weeks, I was given two. Scurrying around after church I spilled the dirt in one of the plastic pots exposing the bulb. Even after burying the bulb again and caring for it, the growth of that plant was slow; meanwhile the other one flourished. It showed me that even we can do our best to care and nurture something in our lives, we can't always predict growth, but we trust that the seeds have been planted and God will help our plants grow.

Aaron Richter

Reminders: If you wish to enter the church on any day, 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.

Calendar for the week of March 18th- 25th

March 20 – Worship service 10AM

March 22 – Prayer Service for Ukraine at FCC 7PM

March 24 – Women's Fellowship 9AM

Prayer Service for Ukraine at FCC

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Ukraine

Next Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00 pm

First Congregational Church of Lebanon, 10 South Park St

Also available on Zoom. The link will be sent out on Monday.

Missions

Greetings from your Missions committee,

As you likely know now, Missions is raising funds during the month of March to send to (at least) Doctors Without Borders, to try to provide some help to the Ukrainian people suffering so much right now.

We have 2 generous congregants who will be matching your gift up to \$100 each. We truly appreciate your generosity to help our far away neighbors.



Your Missions group (Lorinda, Jackie, John, Dick and Christine).

Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendar!

Missions, Growth and CE are organizing an Easter egg hunt for all on Saturday, April 16 at 11am.

Please, spread the word and let the office or any of us if you would be willing to donate either eggs or candy.

Thank you,

Your Missions, Growth and Christian Education group

WLCC Men's Group

With spring arriving it's time to come out of hibernation and the Men's Group is planning some activities. All men are invited whether for the first time or a regular.

- **Saturday April 2nd.** In the morning (9-11am) those able can help the Deacons and Trustees with the annual pre-Easter sanctuary cleaning. Then around 11:30am we'll gather with those unable to help with the cleaning to share lunch, have a discussion topic, and learn some words of wisdom.
- **Saturday April 23rd** - Hood Museum Tour: Linda Oidtmann has reserved us a spot for her to give us a tour at Dartmouth's Hood Museum. Eight or so of us had a nice time a couple of years ago and there are now new exhibits. The museum opens at 1pm on Saturday, so we'll meet for lunch at the Church at 11:30am and then those interested will travel up to Hanover a little after 12:30pm for an hour or so tour.
- **Saturday May 21st** - Trustee Church Work morning followed by a lunch meeting

Please contact Aaron in the office or Tom Kahl if you have any questions. We hope you can join us.

Updating the Directory

Have you tried contacting someone using the directory only to be unable to contact them because the information is not correct??? Many of us have dropped a landline, changed an email address or moved. Please help us to update the directory by emailing Aaron in the church office at office@westlebcongo.comcastbiz.net

Nominating

Below are the positions we still desperately need to fill:

A Clerk
A Co-Collector

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is meeting at 9 AM on Thursday mornings. Join us for fellowship and all women are welcome.

Little Food Pantry

Thank you to all who have been contributed to the **Little Food Pantry**. **Some items that go quickly are peanut butter, cereal, ramen noodles and coffee, also shelf stable milk. Remember that during the winter months no canned or jar items should be put outside. It can be put inside the Food Bin in the sanctuary which is taken to the Haven or LISTEN.** 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.