

## WLCC Weekly Newsletter 3.25.22

This week we will continue our Lenten Series- Full to the Brim by looking at the well known story of the prodigal son found in Luke 15: 11-32 Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom or in the sanctuary. Our older Sunday school class will also present the story as a skit.

Pastor Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

Traveling can bring you to far away places and opens your eyes to the world outside your local area. It gives you opportunity to see things that are far different and have more history than where you came from. Traveling can be exciting and filled with new adventures, but it can also be exhausting and remind you of the treasures you have. I find it is always good to come home to the welcoming arms of family and friends. Let us be welcoming to all who travel to our sanctuary.

**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 25-April 1

**March 27 – Worship service 10 AM**

**Technology meeting 11:30 AM after service**

**March 31 – Women's Fellowship 9 AM**

## Missions

Greetings from your Missions committee,

We will still be accepting donations this Sunday to help the Ukrainian people through Doctors Without Borders.

We have 2 wonderful congregants who will be matching your gift up to \$100 each.

Thank you so much to all of you who have already been so generous. Our church family is truly amazing!



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

## Sanctuary Cleanup

On **Saturday April 2nd** we will be having our annual pre-Easter Sanctuary cleaning. Come around 9 am or when you can that morning for a couple of hours of light house cleaning to help prepare our church for Easter. Please bring your own favorite cleaning items to help with this task. Many hands make for light work. Coffee, donuts, and fellowship provided.

## Helping Hands

The Women's Fellowship, in years past, has offered coffee and Luncheons after funerals at our church. Covid changed that mission in the last two years.

We need to boost our volunteer list in order to continue this mission. How many of you are interested to work or be called upon for homemade cookies, sweet breads, cheese and crackers or fruit? Men or women may volunteer. We will scale down the food offerings making the costs on volunteers more reasonable. Volunteer numbers will determine if we are able to continue this mission of fellowship and refreshments after funerals.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our Lenten season will come to a close in a few weeks and Christ will rise on Easter day!

To celebrate this joyous time, the Missions, Growth and Christian Education groups invite children of all ages to an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 11am.

In addition to the egg hunt, there will be crafts, games and activities for all to enjoy.

This is free and all are welcome.

We will gladly accept donations of candies to stuff the eggs with until April 1. There will also be a sign-up sheet to contribute to the two baskets that will be raffled during the event. There will be one themed for children and one for adults with everything needed for the Easter dinner.

Thank you very much,

Your Growth, Missions and Christian Education groups

## 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](mailto:office@westlebcongo.comcastbiz.net)

## Nominating

Below are the positions we still desperately need to fill:

A Clerk

## **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.

Faithfully  
Nancy Simpson  
for WLCC