

Weekly Newsletter 8.26.22

This Sunday, August 28th, during worship we will be having "Rally Day with the Blessing of the Backpacks". Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags. We welcome guest pastor, Rev. Arthur Urie, who will lead the service. His sermon, "You Know the Way", will be preceded by the reading of Micah 6: 1-8 & Luke 3: 10-17. We hope to see you in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



Dear fellow travelers,

As August ends we close out the summer season and move into fall. For families, that means life will be getting busier and busier as children head back to school and their extracurricular activities. What about those who are not impacted by a school calendar, what does it mean for us? Do our lives get busier and busier too? I am hopeful we do not lose the ability to slow down and listen to our Still Speaking loving God.

Reminders: Masking is optional. We recommend wearing a mask. If you are entering the sanctuary, we ask you to 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.

The Upper Room

The latest edition (September-October) of *The Upper Room* is available on the table to the right when walking in the church building.

Calendar for the week of August 26-September 2

August 28 - Worship 10 AM with guest pastor, Rev. Arthur Urie. Rally Day & the blessing of the backpacks

September 1 - Women's Fellowship 9 AM

Upcoming Events

September 8 - Trustees and Deacons Meeting 6:30 PM

September 15 - LISTEN Community Dinner 3- 5:30 PM

September 17 - Chicken Barbecue 5-6:30 PM

Rally Day & the Blessing of the Backpacks

Rally Day and the Blessing of the Backpacks are this Sunday, August 28!

Join us to welcome our students back to school and Sunday school.

We will have a special moment for them during the service.

All students are welcome to bring their backpacks or school bags.

Registration forms will also be available to the parents and guardians to sign up for Sunday school.

Hope to see all our familiar faces and maybe a few news ones!

Your Christian Ed group (Linda, Donna, Meghan and Christine)

Calling All Singers and Ringers!

After over 2 years of not having music rehearsals, we will be starting them back up in September! If you are interested in singing or playing handbells, contact Aaron in the office at 603-298-8096 or Office@westlebcongo.comcastbiz.net. No prior music experience necessary.

Rehearsal time: *Jubilant Bells, will be at 5:30pm on Tuesday evenings. Starting date: 9/6/22
Adult Choir, date & time TBA*

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets at 9 AM on Thursday mornings. Come join us for coffee and conversation! Save **October 21, 2023** for our Christmas Bazaar!

Little Food Pantry

Thank you to all who have contributed food, but we are still in urgent need of food for our pantry! Some items that go quickly are peanut butter, cereal, ramen noodles and coffee, also shelf stable milk. During the warmer months canned and jarred goods are welcome. Food can also be put inside the Food Bin in the sanctuary which is taken to the Haven or LISTEN. Thank you to all who have contributed. 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