

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 9.10.22

This Sunday, September 11th, we welcome back Rev. Susan Huizenga to lead our worship service. Her sermon titled; "Seek And You Shall Find," will be preceded by the reading of Luke 15:1-10, The parable of the lost sheep. We hope you can join us in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



Dear fellow travelers,

Here we are just rolling along. Sometimes I feel there is no direction on this road, and I am just drifting from one day to the next with no destination on the horizon and no goal in mind. I am sitting still in the water waiting for a wind to fill my sail and move me forward but not daring to take the paddle out to move me along. I am not sure when the wind will come, but I live in hope and trust in 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.

Cabinet Meeting on 9.18.22

We will be having our next cabinet meeting after worship on September 18th. **Please get committee reports in by Thursday, September 15th.**

Calendar for September 9- 17

September 11- Worship 10 AM with guest pastor, Rev. Susan Huizenga

September 13 - First bell rehearsal 5:30 PM

**September 15 - Women's Fellowship 9 AM
LISTEN Community Dinner 3- 5:30 PM
First choir rehearsal 6:30 PM**

September 17 - Chicken Barbecue 5-6:30 PM

Deacons Meeting

The deacons met last Thursday. We looked at coverage for the upcoming Sundays and the need to order more communion cups as we will continue with the present method for the time being. We started to plan for the celebration of our octogenarians which will happen in October. We will again be sending birthday cards and offering our octogenarians a delivered meal from the chicken and biscuit supper on October 22. Our next meeting will be October 13 at 6:30 PM.

Chicken BBQ on September 17th

Our next church supper will be the Chicken BBQ on September 17th, which will be hosted by the Trustees. It will be drive-thru only from 5pm-6:30pm(or until sold out), and will include half a chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, dinner roll & homemade brownies.

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Greetings from the beautiful Shenandoah mountains of Virginia! Just a reminder that the September scrip order will be collected on Sept. 10th, although I will not be able to place the order until the 12th since the 10th is on a Saturday. So you can leave your orders in the Scrip box in the office or give them to me personally on Sept. 11 in church. As the weather turns cooler, it may be time to consider what your needs are for the fall and use the program to help with your purchases.

There are no current bonuses to report, although there are opportunities for bonuses for those who create an account personally with Raise Right and order directly from them. I can always include your orders for physical gift cards with our organization order to save you on shipping and handling. Which brings me to the next item, starting this month **the shipping and handling cost is going up so all orders will now need to include \$2.00 for s+h for physical gift cards.** I will also continue to place orders monthly as this seems to work better for those who order regularly.

A **thank you** goes to the Missions Committee who used the program to purchase gift cards for their donation to the elementary school. By doing so they have benefited both the church and our wider community. I would like to encourage all committees to consider using the program any time they have purchases to make. It is a win-win for us!

As always, I am available to help with any questions. I will attach the latest retailer list and an order form to this email.

Thank you for your support of this program and our church,

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Missions Committee

Greetings from your Missions group,

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to purchase \$400 worth of gift cards to give to the Mount Lebanon elementary school teachers to help them buy supplies.

Next week, we will be starting the Neighbors in Need fundraising campaign. This is another of the 5 for 5 fundraisers that we do for the UCC. More to come next week.

Thank you very much for your constant support in the different projects we work on.

Until next time,
Lorinda, Jackie, Dick, John 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! ***The bells will rehearse every Tuesday starting September 13, and the choir rehearsals will be every Thursday beginning September 15.*** 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.

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