

This Sunday, September 4th, we welcome Rev. Susan Huizenga to lead our service with guest organist, Peter Kaplar. Rev. Huizenga's sermon, "Discipleship 101", will be preceded by the reading of Luke 14: 25-33. We hope to see you in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. -Luke 14:27 NIV

Dear fellow travelers,

This morning's very cool start is a reminder that a new season will soon be upon us. The children are already back in school and this weekend is Labor Day weekend, the unofficial end of the summer season. I would urge you to take time to step outside even if you only walk around your house or yard. It is a great way to relief stress, quiet the noise of life, enjoy the beauty of God's creation and listen for the voice of our Still Speaking 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.

Calendar for the week of September 2- 8

September 4 - Worship and Communion 10 AM with guest pastor, Rev. Susan Huizenga and guest organist, Peter Kaplar

September 5 - Office closed for Labor Day

**September 8 - Women's Fellowship
Trustees and Deacons Meeting 6:30 PM**

Upcoming Events

September 13 - First bell rehearsal 5:30 PM

**September 15 - LISTEN Community Dinner 3- 5:30 PM
First choir rehearsal 6:30 PM**

September 17 - Chicken Barbecue 5-6:30 PM

Limited Office Hours

Our administrative assistant will be away on a well-deserved break, which means there will be very limited coverage from September 6 through 12. Please leave a phone message when you call so we can respond as soon as possible. Thank you.

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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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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!

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.

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
Nancy Simpson
for WLCC