

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 11.26.22

On this first Sunday of Advent, November 27th, Rev. Karen Lipinczyk will be leading our worship service. Her message titled: "With Mother Mary, We Wait for the Unknown" will be preceded by the readings of Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44. We hope you can join us in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



Dear fellow travelers,

As we close out November, we enter the last month of the calendar year and the start a new church year with the season of Advent, that time of waiting and anticipation. We wait for the Christ child to make His appearance on Christmas Eve. There is a childlike excitement and joy that envelopes most during this time. What excites and brings you joy in this season of waiting for the Christ child?

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 November 25- December 2

November 27- Worship 10 AM with Rev. Karen Lipinczyk First Sunday of Advent

November 29- Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM

November 30- Worship Planning 6:30PM

**December 1- Women's Fellowship 9 AM
Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM**

Upcoming Events

December 3- Wreath and Bake Sale 9 AM-12 PM
“Shopping Respite” 1 PM- 4 PM
Men’s Group 10 AM

Coffee and Fellowship Time

All are invited for coffee and fellowship after the service in the Kilton room. It will be a time to visit with fellow church goers after the service while enjoying light refreshments. With all that is going on in our/the world, reconnecting with each other in person is more and more important. Several of our church family members will host this social time for the next few Sundays. If you would like to help or even host at some point, please let Aaron know.

Missions

Greetings from your Missions group,

December is looking busy for our small but mighty group!

First, we are sponsoring 3 Holiday baskets for the Listen center this year for 2 children and 1 elderly person. Listen is going back to their tradition of providing actual gifts to individuals rather than gift cards. The 3 individuals we are sponsoring each have requested up to 5 items for their Christmas and we need your help!

The list of items and the signup sheet will be placed at the entrance of the church this week-end. Please, sign up to purchase one (or more) items and bring them back (unwrapped) by December 11 at the latest.

Thank you so very much!!

Second, if you or someone you know would like to do holiday shopping without your children for a few hours, we have you covered!

Missions with the help of Growth is organizing a ***"Shopping Respite"*** event on December 3 from 1 to 4pm. Bring your school age child(ren) and we will take care of them while you shop for free. The number of spots is limited, therefore reservation is encouraged at Office@westlebcongo.comcastbiz.net.

Questions? Email Christine at christine.toutain@gmail.com

Poinsettias

Hello Folks, it is time to order your Christmas plants. We will again offer 6" Poinsettias and 4" Christmas Cacti to decorate the sanctuary starting December 17th. Please have your orders to me in person, via US Mail or through Aaron by December 6th so I may place the order with Price Chopper by the necessary date. For those who haven't been with us at Christmas before, plants are purchased by parishioners to honor a loved one or in memory of a loved one. Plants will festively decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. You may bring your plant(s) home after the service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Order form is attached to this email.

Advent Season

We will be entering the Advent season on this Sunday, November 27. We are looking for individuals to do a short reading and light the Advent candles. If you are interested, please speak to one of the deacons.

Advent Calendar

Beginning December 1 we will be doing a reverse Advent calendar where we collect and donate a food or personal care a day to bring in and put under the tree in the sanctuary. At the end of Advent the food and personal care items will be donated. Starting this Sunday a list of suggested items is below and will also be an insert in the bulletin.



Wreath/Bake Sale

Christmas wreaths will again be for sale. They will be on sale on December 3rd from 9am-12pm for \$25 each. An order form to pre-buy a wreath is attached to this email and will be in the bulletin this Sunday.

West Lebanon Congregational Church
presents
Wreath and Baked Goods Sale



When: December 3rd, 2022
9:00am - 12:00pm

Where: 18 Maple St. West Lebanon, NH


Hand-Decorated Wreaths
Homemade Baked Goods

 Please come and enjoy! 

Worship Service Planning Group

If you would like to help plan and be a part of the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day worship services please contact Aaron in the office. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30pm in the Kilton Room.

Men's Group

The Men's Group is open to all whether you attend regularly, occasionally, or for the first time. We are an informal group that meets for fellowship, service, fun, and food. Future planned activities are:

Saturday, Dec 3rd- We'll meet at 10 am and set up the outside nativity scene and sanctuary Christmas decorations, followed by sharing fellowship, conversation, and lunch.

Thursday, Dec 8th 5:30 pm - Cribbage Night. Dick and Wil will lead us in playing cribbage. Whether you're a pro, have never played, or it's been 60 years since playing, it'll be fun to share supper and play for a few hours during this dark time of the year.

Friday Jan 13 - Dartmouth vs St Lawrence hockey game - Similar to pre-Covid times we'll meet at 5:30 pm, go out for pizza, then watch the 7 pm game in Hanover. We hope that you'll join us.

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
Nancy Simpson
for WLCC