

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 12.16.22

Join us for our 4th Sunday of Advent worship service at 10am on December 18th. The Sunday school children will be performing the annual Christmas pageant. Afterwards, Rev. Karen Lipinczyk's message titled: "How to spend the last days of pregnancy" will be preceded by the reading of Luke 1:46-56. We hope to see you in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



Dear fellow travelers,

It is a dark and dreary world some days. Tuesday, December 20 we will experience the shortest daylight and from then on the daylight will increase. Where do you find light in this dark season? As we prepare for the birth of Christ at the end of next week, let us look for the light of Christ in everyone we meet, and then maybe it won't seem so dark and dreary.

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.

New Traffic Pattern

Starting this Sunday we will enter the sanctuary through the rear door that way people can get out of the cold as they make their way to a seat in the sanctuary. The guest book, collection plate and bulletin will be inside the rear door on a table just as up front. This will keep the warmth inside the sanctuary.

Request

We need to move the books out of the hall and move them along. If you are able to take a bag of books and drop them at LISTEN or Salvation Army or a little library, the church would greatly appreciate it. Thank you to all who have already helped with this effort.

Calendar for December 16-23

December 18- *Worship with Rev Karen Lipinczyk on 4th Sunday of Advent 10 AM with Christmas Pageant*

December 20- *Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM*

December 21- *"Blue Christmas" service at Lebanon United Methodist Church 7 PM*

December 22- *No Women's Fellowship*

Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events

December 24- *Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols 7 PM*

December 25- *Christmas Day Service 10 AM*

December 26- *Office closed*

Sanctuary Scrip Cards

Scrip cards have arrived! They are in “Sanctuary Scrip Orders” mailbox in the office. They can be picked up Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm or before or after worship on Sunday morning.

Missions

Greetings from your Missions group,

Thank you so very much to all of you who have donated items to the Listen holiday baskets. This program has helped about 200 families totaling over 500 individuals this year. This is wonderful that our church could do its little part.



Now, we need to do our last appeal of the year!

We are starting the Christmas fund (formally known as the Veterans of the Cross) this Sunday and will run it until the end of the month/year. This fundraiser is the last one of the 5 for 5 fundraisers for the UCC for the year.

There are special Christmas envelopes for you to use in the sanctuary if you donate cash, if you donate via check or TitheLy, just specify that it is for the Christmas Fund.

Thank you so much for your continuous support in all our Missions endeavours!

Merry Christmas to all!

Christine, Lorinda, Jackie, Dick and John.

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.

“Reverse Advent Calendar”

Beginning December 1st, we will be doing a "Reverse Advent Calendar" where we bring a food or personal care item a day and put it under the tree in the sanctuary. At the end of Advent, the food and personal care items will be donated. You can bring them weekly or all at once at the end of Advent. Thank you in advance for your generosity. The calendar can be found under “Coming Events” on our website.

"Blue Christmas" Service at LUMC

We won't be having a "Blue Christmas" service here at WLCC this winter, but Lebanon United Methodist Church will be having one on Wednesday, December 21 at 7pm. The service will be in person and on Zoom. Below is the link for the Zoom:

LUMC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Blue Christmas Service

Time: Dec 21, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8618996645?pwd=REhBNUhJRStNS3A2OURwSWJTMVQ0UT09>

Meeting ID: 861 899 6645

Passcode: grace

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:

Friday Jan 13th 5:30pm - 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. We will not be meeting on Thursday, **December 22** and on **December 29** we will meet at the home of Forrest and Judy Alger to enjoy her Christmas Village, meeting at 9 in the church parking lot and carpooling for those interested. 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