

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 12.9.22

Join us for the 3rd Sunday of Advent on December 11th. Rev. Karen Lipinczyk's ' message titled: "Hearing and Seeing – *Really* Hearing and *Really* Seeing" will be preceded by the readings of Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10 & Matthew 11:2-11. We hope to see you in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



Dear fellow travelers,

What a busy place our church has been! Yesterday the choir was rehearsing in the sanctuary, deacons met in an office and there was a group playing cribbage in The Kilton Room. The sanctuary is beautiful with the decorated tree, wreaths and the candles and greens in the windows. The manger scene on the front lawn of the church and the banners on front of the building let you know that Christmas will be arriving soon. Waiting and watching will soon be over and the Christ child will have arrived, and then what? Will that excitement continue? What are your expectations for this holiday season? Where are you finding peace, hope and love?

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.

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.

Calendar for December 9-15

December 11- *Worship with Rev Karen Lipinczyk on 3rd Sunday of Advent 10 AM*

December 13- *Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM*

December 15- *Women's Fellowship 9 AM*

Community Dinner 2:30-5:30 PM

Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events

December 18- *Worship with Rev Karen Lipinczyk and Christmas Pageant 10 AM*

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

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

December 25- *Christmas Day Service 10 AM*

Wreath/Bake Sale

I wanted to thank our Church Family for their support of the Wreath and Bake sale held on Saturday December 3, 2022. We truly appreciated all who baked for the sale, we had a great variety of goods. Thanks to all who bought a wreath and purchased baked goods.

-Donna-

Holiday Gift Baskets

Greetings from your Missions group,

Thank you so much to all of you who took one or more tickets to get gifts for the individuals we are sponsoring through the Listen center holiday baskets program.

It is extremely important that all your gifts be brought to the church by this Sunday, December 11. We have to bring all of them on Monday morning.

The gifts should not be wrapped, but should have the receipt with them.

Thank you again for your constant generosity,

Lorinda, Jackie, Dick, John and Christine

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.



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 next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30pm in the Kilton Room.

We are need of a few more readers for **Christmas Eve** Lessons and Carols service which will be occurring at **7 PM** on the 24th.

"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.

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. 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