

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 2.10.23

This Sunday, February 12th, Rev. Rhonda Meyers to lead our worship service again. Her message titled “Heart to Heart” seems fitting since Valentine’s Day is on Tuesday. She will be referencing Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Matthew 5:21-37 in her message. We hope you can join us in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



Dear Fellow Travelers,

As exciting and rewarding travel as can be, it can make you thankful to be home. Travel makes you appreciative of all you have right at your fingertips. Though you may view it as an escape from everyday tasks, some of those tasks go with you like those daily conversations with God which ties you to where are and where you are going.

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 thank you for your cooperation.

Calendar for February 11- February 18

February 11 – *Valentine crafts in Kilton Room 1 PM – 3 PM*

February 12 - *Worship Service with Rev. Rhonda Meyers 10 AM*

February 13 - *Game Night 5:30 PM*

February 14 - *Handbell Rehearsal*

February 16- *Women's Fellowship 9 AM*

Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Listen Community Dinner 3:00 – 5:30

Upcoming Events

February 25- *Reception to meet and chat with Rev. Amanda Swoyer 4 PM*
Potluck Dinner 5:30 PM

February 26- *Worship Service with settled pastor candidate Rev. Amanda Swoyer 10AM*
Potluck Dinner 5:30 PM

March 11- *Movie Matinee 3 PM*

Settled Pastor Candidate & Potluck Dinner

From the Pastoral Search Committee:

Rev. Amanda Swoyer of Cornish, NH will candidate to be our next settled pastor the weekend of February 25th and 26th.

On Saturday February 25th there will be a reception with refreshments at 4pm in the Kilton room where our members will have a chance to meet and chat with Amanda. At 5:30 pm there will be a potluck dinner. **A signup sheet for bringing food for the dinner is on the bulletin board.** On Sunday February 26th Amanda will lead worship at our church at 10am. After the service, our members will vote on her candidacy to be our next settled pastor and the vote will be counted immediately. We will use paper ballots for the members present at church as well as electronic votes for the members on Zoom. If a majority of our members have voted in the affirmative, she will start her new job as our pastor on Monday February 27.

If you would like to hear Amanda delivering some sermons, go to the website of the North Pomfret UCC at: <https://www.vtnorthpomfretchurch.com/sermons>

Here is a video of Rev. Swoyer delivering a sermon:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuSQksB7B-c&t=1304s>



Valentine's Day Crafts

Join us for an afternoon of Valentine's Day themed fun on Saturday, February 11th from 1pm-3pm.



WLCC Game Night

Join us on the **second and fourth Mondays each month** when we'll informally get together at **5:30 pm in the Kilton Room** and play games for an hour or two. Some will be playing cribbage, but it's not restricted only to cribbage, and folks are encouraged to also bring other card or board games that they enjoy.

The next Game Night will be on **Monday, Feb 13th at 5:30 pm in the Kilton Room**. Feel free to bring any snacks or drinks to share, the only requirements are to bring yourself and a sense of humor.



**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
PLAYING CARD GAMES
+ BOARD GAMES!**

BRING A GAME TO SHARE!

**2ND + 4TH MONDAYS
OF EVERY MONTH
5:30PM**

**WEST LEBANON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
18 MAPLE STREET, WEST LEBANON, NH 03784**

Movie Matinee

Join us for our "Movie Matinee" on March 11th from 3pm-6pm. This is a free event with refreshments and pizza provided. The movie will announced at a later date.



Neighborhood Party

The **Growth Committee** is organizing a neighborhood (and beyond) party on June 10th. We are hoping other committees will share our enthusiasm for this event!

In order for this event to be a success, we will need participation from lots of folks! We envision some combination of segments be included that individual or multiple committees will hoesy.

We are open to your ideas! Following have been suggested:

Food

Entertainment

Games

Yard sale

Church/parsonage open house tours with historical education (maybe on the hour for a couple of hours).

Please discuss with your committees and let someone on Growth Committee know if there is an "activity" from this list or something different your committee is interested in hosting.

Thank you,

Your Growth Committee

Donna

Meghan

Sarah

Jackie

Justine

From Your Collector's Desk

I will send an acknowledgement to all of you who have pledged for 2023, as well as the giving statements for 2022. This will take me a little bit of time and I am sorry for any inconvenience this might create for you.

Thank you,

Christine (collector)

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!

Greetings from your Missions group.

As it was mentioned last Sunday, we are focusing on raising funds for Doctors without Borders during the month of February.

In the light of the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria and all its aftershocks, the work of Doctors without Borders is even more important.

One generous member of our church will match the first hundred dollars received in this fundraiser. Please, be as generous as you can.

You can write MSF in the note section of your check or use the generic envelopes specifying MSF on them.

Thank you,

Christine (for your Missions group: Cindy, Jackie, Diane, John and Dick).

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. **Now that the temperature can be below freezing, we are only accepting items that are not in jars or cans for placement outside.** 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
Aaron Richter
for WLCC