

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 2.3.23

This Sunday, February 5th at 10am, We welcome Rev. Rhonda Meyers to lead our worship service. Her message titled: "Seasoned and Seen," will be preceded by the reading of Isaiah 58:6-9a & Matthew 5:13-20 . We hope you can join us in the sanctuary or on Zoom!



Dear Fellow Travelers,
February is designated as Black History Month. I often took the opportunity to teach my students poetry by my favorite poet Langston Hughes, an African American. I would teach the literary term parallelism through Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech, and then we would read about Rosa Parks and talk about courage. From there, my students would write a poem about courage using parallelism throughout their pieces. They would awe me with their talent, but I was most impressed by their vulnerability. What courageous steps can we take together to right the wrongs of prejudice against all groups who regularly face discrimination and violence?-Diane Adam

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.

New Traffic Pattern

Please be aware there is a new traffic pattern. 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.

Calendar for February 4 - February 11

February 5 - *Worship Service with Rev. Rhonda Meyers 10 AM*

February 7 - *Handbell Rehearsal Cancelled*

February 9- *Women's Fellowship 9 AM*
Vocal Choir Rehearsal Cancelled

February 11- *Valentine's Day Crafts 1 PM*

Upcoming Events

February 13- *Game Night 5:30 PM*

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 10 AM*

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 5:30pm there will be a potluck dinner. Watch the bulletin board at church for a signup sheet for bringing food for the dinner. 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 be announced at a later date.

Neighborhood Party

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 to be included that individual or multiple committees will host.

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

Greetings from your Missions group.

We are so happy to welcome Diane, Cindy and Dick in our group. We could feel the energy during our first meeting of the year!

We will be meeting every first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Kilton room for anyone who would like to join us.
We have worked out our calendar of tasks/events for the next few months and will be updating the white calendar at church.

This month, we are focusing on raising funds for Doctors without Borders.



We did our first fundraiser for them last March in light of the conflict in Ukraine and your generosity was amazing. They are working everywhere in the world in conflict affected areas as well as any other disaster areas. Their work is essential to provide the care that so many need whether it is physical or psychological.

Please, be as generous as you can to support them.

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).

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!

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