

## WLCC Weekly Newsletter 3.17.23

Dear beloved community,

Wowza! Another beautiful snowstorm before we can begin to believe spring is drawing near. Just a couple of days ago I noticed green flower shoots emerging on a sunny bank. Today they are tucked under a very thick white blanket. Some towns got only a few inches, some of us got over a foot, and some got over three feet. That's right, a friend reported 39" in Dover, VT. The ski areas are surely celebrating this gift for all who love to ski.

Speaking of celebrating, "Celebration" is the topic for Sunday as we continue to talk about developing Holy Habits. Christian joy and celebration are important parts of our faith. Our faith guides us, but joy buoys us even in the most difficult times. Let's talk more about this on Sunday.

Hope to see you in worship!

Amanda



Dear fellow travelers,

Happy Saint Patrick Day to all! On this day many claim to have Irish heritage even if they do not have any. People were not always proud of the Irish heritage. My great grandmother told stories of signs she and her husband saw that stated "No Irish Need Apply". My great grandparents were certainly not proclaiming that they were Irish, but they were proud of how far they had come. Much like them, we don't go around telling people that we are followers of Christ, but like my ancestors I hope we are proud that we are.

**As we As we move through this Lenten season, we are going to refrain from doing our "Alleluia" after the benediction at the end of the service. Stay tune for more on this.**

**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 March 17 – March 23**

**March 19- Sunday Worship 10:00 AM**

**March 22- Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM**

**March 23-** *Women's Fellowship* 9:00 AM  
*Vocal Choir Rehearsal* 6:30 PM

**Upcoming Events**

**April 1-** *Cleaning the church for Holy Week* - Time TBD  
*Easter Egg Hunt* 2:00 – 4:00 PM (Rain date April 8)

**Youth Group**

The youth group needs your help! The boys in the youth group have decided to spearhead two missional actions.

The first one will be ongoing. They will be gathering as many can tabs as possible to give to David's House. These can tabs are made of high grade aluminum, which is valuable.

David's House is a non-profit organization based in Hanover/Lebanon which allows families who have admitted children in CHaD at DHMC to stay close to their child in their house.

No need to purchase anything, just bring the tabs of the cans that you would already be using. There will be a container for them in the Kilton room.

The second action is to gather food and personal care items during Lent that will be donated to the Haven. The personal care items that are most needed are: toothpaste, shampoo, shaving items, bodywash, deodorant, toothbrush, body lotion, diapers (size 3, 4, 5, 6) and pull-ups (size 3T and 4T).

Thank you very much for your help,  
David, Justus, Luke and Paul

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**Missions**

Greetings from your Missions group,

We continue to raise funds for One Great Hour of Sharing. We will gather your donations all throughout the month of March. There will be special envelopes for you to use as well as bulletin inserts for you to pick up to learn more about this year's program.

Thank you for your constant support.  
Cindy, Diane, Jackie, Christine, Dick and John

**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 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

### **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. As spring is approaching we can again bring can and jar food for our outside food pantry. 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 Sharron Smardon.

### **HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA**

***DHMC Aging Resources Center*** offers many courses relevant to Seniors and Caregivers- virtual now- check them out - <https://events.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/>

**HELPFUL COVID19 INFORMATION:** To stay up to date on information and recommendations regarding the coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

## **Food**

The Upper Valley Haven Food Shelf is open to anyone in need of groceries. It doesn't matter where you live or how much money your household earns. It is available as a one-time resource or for longer periods of time.

## **Transportation**

Local Bus schedule: <https://advancetransit.com/routes/red/>

## **Other info:**

- **Turning Point Recovery Center Wilder 802-295-5206 Springfield 802-885-4678**
- **VT Recovery Telephone Support Service (VTRSS) 802-888-8077**
- **Women's Informational Services (WISE) Tel: 603-448-5922, Domestic and sexual abuse 24 hour crisis line: 866-**

**348-9473**

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Call (800) 273-8255, Chat with Lifeline**

• **Disaster Distress Helpline, Call (800) 985-5990, Text TalkWithUs to 66746**

• **National Domestic Violence Hotline: Call (800) 799-7233**

• **StrongHearts Native Helpline: Call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)**

• **Veteran's Hotline: Call (800) 273-8255 or text to 838255**

• **Crisis Text line to talk in any crisis- Text TALK to 741741**

\* **NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Health has a 24-hour helpline: 1-800-950-6264.**

\* **Call the local mental health crisis line. Details at**

<http://www.claramartin.org> or <https://www.hcrs.org/crisis-services.php>

\* **Health Care and Rehabilitation Services: (HCRS) <https://www.hcrs.org/crisis-services.php> and 1-800-622-4235**

\* **Text VT to 741741 to talk with someone at the Crisis Text Line**

\* **For local providers visit <https://www.mtascutneyhospital.org/sites/default/files/2020-12/mah21-mental-health-directory.pdf>**

Faithfully  
Nancy Simpson  
for WLCC