

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 3.3.23

Attached to this newsletter is a devotional from Luther Seminary for any who would like to develop (or continue) the *Holy Habit* of spending a bit of time reflecting on God's word and messages. You may look up the passage suggested and the devotional offers a few words and a brief prayer.

Enjoy! We will be talking more about Holy Habits throughout Lent.

Grace and Peace,
Amanda

Dear Fellow Travelers,

As we travel the Lenten road, are we taken time to reflect or are we just moving through the days eager for Easter? It is easy just to keep busy and keep moving because then we don't have to face our weaknesses and our false steps. Slowing down and being still lets the spirit in and gives us the opportunity to grow. May we move purposefully through this Lenten season.

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 3 – March 10

March 9 – *Diaconate & Trustees meeting* 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events

March 11– *Movie Matinee* 3 PM

March 13 – *Game Night* 5:30 PM

Search Committee Update

On behalf of the Search Committee, I want to thank everyone who came for Amanda's Candidating Service and stayed for the vote. We had 58 unanimous votes, 50 in person and 8 on Zoom to call Rev. Amanda Swoyer as our new settled pastor. AMEN! I would also like to thank the Search Committee Members for their time and dedication to this process: Christine Kidd, Susan Schwarz, Peter Bickford, Linda Kahl, Meghan Hicks, and Diane Adam.



Tom Zuttermeister
Chair of Search Committee

Missions

Greetings from your Missions group,

A HUGE thank you to all of you who donated to our Doctors without Borders fundraiser. We could raise \$855!! The timing could not have been better! By donating now, our gift was matched completely by a generous MSF donor. Your gift will have a double impact!

Now, we are turning our gaze to the first UCC 5 for 5 fundraiser of the year, which is 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



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 aluminium, 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

Update From Your Collector's Desk

A message from your collector's desk,

With a lot of delay, your 2023 pledge acknowledgments and your statements for last year's gifts are ready!

They are in a box in the rear of the sanctuary for you to pick up this week-end. I will mail the envelopes that are left after this Sunday.

I am very sorry for the delay and appreciate your patience.

Thank you,
Christine

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.



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, March 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.



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. **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

Nancy Simpson

for WLCC