

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 5.19.23

Dear Beloved Community,

We are easing our way into summer with some drastic ups and downs in temperature, but aren't the blossoms gorgeous? I know some of you are ready for summer activities to begin or are jumping right in. Why wait for it to really get warm? It is a beautiful world!

We are coming to the end of the Easter Season. The church year is divided into seasons with Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter that teach us about Jesus' birth, life and passion story, and what comes after the resurrection. Ascension always falls on a Thursday (this week in fact!) so sometimes we celebrate it on the following Sunday and sometimes it gets a nod rather than full focus. Ascension is an ending of Jesus time with his disciples and the beginning of their new life without him. He promises they will not be abandoned as God will send an Advocate to be with them. Life is full of endings and beginnings. As hard as we try, we cannot hold onto the past. When we realize that we are always Becoming Church we are less apt to be discouraged when change is more obvious, and we experience growing pains that may at times, not look like growth at all. We live in a changing world, and we must change also to stay relevant and vital. To Be the Church we must realize that we have to keep letting go of some things and Becoming Church anew, beginning with prayer and working together. Let's talk more about this on Sunday.

Hope to see you in worship!

Amanda

Dear fellow travelers,

This week I had the pleasure of working with a number of other women from the upper valley who hosted 50 plus senior high school girls from Lebanon High School for a tea and talk at the Marion Carter Home in downtown Lebanon. It was a wonderful event and reaffirms the future will be in good hands as this was a lovely and engaging group.

Rev. Amanda's Office Hours

Rev. Amanda will have drop-in office hours at the church Thursdays from 9am to 1pm or other times

Upcoming Events

May 20- *Italian Dinner* 5:00 PM -6:30 PM
Cover project in Lebanon starting at 9:00 AM

May 21- *Worship* 10:00 AM

May 22- *Zoom Bible Study* 6:30 PM (link & info in newsletter)

May 25- *Women's Fellowship* 9:00 AM

June 4- *Trip to The Haven* 1:00 PM

June 10- *WLCC Community Fair* 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM

June 11- *Children's Sunday* 10:00 AM

Suspending WLCC Game Night

Now that we're able to enjoy these warm summer evenings we will be suspending the Monday evening game nights until darkness returns in the fall. Join us next Oct or Nov when we'll resume.

Thank you

Thank you to Sam and Judi Strong, Sharron Smardon, Mary Jane Thibodeau, Earle Woodward for helping to prepare and serve the community dinner yesterday, May 18.

Christian Education

News from the Sunday school classrooms!

Thank you very much to all of you who donated personal care items and food for the Haven. The youth group will be going to the Haven at 1pm on Sunday, June 4 to deliver your donations and get a tour of the facility. All are welcome to join, just let us know ahead of time.

Mark your calendars for Children Sunday on June 11! This will be Heroic!

Thank you,

Your Sunday school teachers and children

Missions

From your Missions group,

Thank you very much to all of you who already donated to the Strengthen the Church fundraiser, we will be accepting donations until Sunday, May 28. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

Cindy, Diane, Jackie, Dick, John and Christine

The **Chapman/Whitney Scholarship Application** is attached to this email and will be available starting May 2, 2023 from the Church office. The Chapman/Whitney Scholarship is awarded to someone who is seeking to further his/her secondary education, either at a two-year or four-year college, vocational school, or graduate program, and one who has been actively involved in the life of the church. The Trustees will be accepting Applications during the month of May. Please submit your completed Application no later than **May 28, 2023**. The lucky recipient(s) will be recognized and awarded on Church School Sunday on June 11th. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of the Trustees.

Online Bible Study

Bible Study scripture:

Day of Pentecost - May 28, 2023

- **Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30**

others you can read if you like:

- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or- John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Grief Group

Our next grief group will be on Wednesday, June 7th at 4:30pm in the Kilton Room.

May 20th WLCC Cover Work Day

Thanks to the nine men and women who have volunteered to help with the **Cover Home Repair Project on Saturday May 20**. It will be installing insulation and new skirting around the bottom of a trailer in Lebanon. It's low skill on the ground work that does not involve any heavy lifting, and is close by. Some of the work does involve bending and getting on your knees similar to gardening.

We will meet either at the WLCC at 8:30 am and carpool/caravan to the site or folks can go directly to the site by 9 am. Next week we will find out details such as the address that we will circulate to all the volunteers. We are a motley but mighty crew, and let Tom Kahl (207-692-7495), Pastor Amanda, or Aaron in the office know if you have any questions or are interested in helping, even for a half day.

Also the women's fellowship is going to provide a lunch, and you can contact Judy Alger or Nancy Simpson if you are interested in contributing.

Thanks for considering this mission to serve our neighbors.

Community Fair

Growth, Amanda and Missions Committees held a meeting to collaborate on the June 10th event. It will be called a Community Fair. Hours will be 10am to 3pm. Thank you, Amanda and Missions!

It will include a carry in, carry out yard sale where church members can rent a table for \$20 to sell their own goods. This will help Growth Committee offset event cost.

There will be lawn games, Mac's Maple Creamees, the Gerrymanders, musical duo, lunch prepared by Missions, face painting and (hopefully) historical tours of the church and/or parsonage.

Over the next couple of weeks, there will be sign ups on the bulletin board. Thank you, in advance, for your participation!

WLCC
COMMUNITY FAIR
Join us for a community fair
with activities for all to enjoy!

All Day Events

- Yard Sale
- Bake Sale
- Lawn Games
- Face Painting
- Historical Tours of the Church

10:00 AM
Coffee and Refreshments available by donation

11:30 AM
Lunch available for purchase

1:00 - 3:00 PM
• Live Music from local artists, The Gerrymanders
• Mac's Maple Creamees available for purchase

JUNE 10TH
10:00 - 3:00 pm
18 Maple St., West Lebanon, NH
Questions? Call 603-299-2222

Growth Committee

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets at 9 AM on Thursday mornings. We will be doing a bake sale during the Community Fair from 10- noon. 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 here 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

Information for lunches, fitness and activities for seniors: <https://www.bugbeecenter.org/>
<https://www.gcsc.org/upper-valley>

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