

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 5.26.23

Dear Beloved Community,

Sunday is Pentecost, which we Christians think of as the birthday of the church. You are invited to wear red (or orange or yellow if you have no red) Sunday so our sanctuary is full of the color of fire! Our Pentecost coincides with the Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavout) which was a thanksgiving celebration for first fruits of the wheat harvest and it is also the day to remember the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. It was at the time of that festival when the disciples were locked away praying and waiting for a new Advocate when the Holy Spirit came upon them. The disciples were so filled with the Spirit that they went out into the streets telling their story so that all could hear. An added miracle was that whatever the language of those present they were all able to understand each in their own language. Peter responded to the naysayers, who didn't believe anyone could be so excited unless they had had too much wine, and preached his first sermon. He remembered what the prophet Joel had said and reminded them all that, old and young, slave and free, men and women, Jews or Greek... all are the same as far as the Spirit is concerned. We would do well to remember that first sermon and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We would do well to remember that we are all loved by God, we all have valuable gifts and we should stand together to make this world a better place. There is a saying that if we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem. How can we make this world a safer, better place for all people? Let's talk more about all of this on Sunday.

Hope to see you in Worship!

Amanda

This is also Memorial Day weekend which kicks off summer for many of us. We pause to remember those who have died in battle, and we often decorate their graves on this day. And we pray that we can find a way to stop adding more graves for parents and spouses and children to decorate around the world. May we be God's people of peace, justice and hope.

Dear fellow travelers,

We are celebrating the Memorial Day Weekend, the unofficial start of summer, when people leave the everyday routines and enjoy the great outdoors, visits from friends and family and travel to other places. As we celebrate with cookouts and fireworks, let us remember those who served to protect our rights and freedoms. We also need to remember that God does not take a vacation from us.

Rev. Amanda's Office Hours

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

Committee reports for Cabinet are due by May 30th. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

May 28- Worship 10:00 AM

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

June 1- Women's Fellowship 9:00 AM

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

June 7- *Grief Group 4:30 PM in the Kilton Room*

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

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

Celebration

June 3rd marks the 75th Anniversary for Dave & Lois Cooley!

June 7th is also Lois' 95th birthday!

COVER Project

Hi all -

First off, I want to thank you all for coming out this past Saturday to work on Dennis's home. I hope you enjoyed your time working with Conor and Xander from the COVER team. Tom - please forward this email on to anyone I might have missed.

I attached the end of the day picture from that day. It seems like everyone had a good time!

-Jeff Dumont, COVER Community Engagement Director



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.

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** 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

Scripture for Tuesday May 30th:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Matthew 28: 16-20

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Grief Group

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

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!

Growth Committee



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

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