

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 6.23.23

Dear Beloved Community,

Our corner of the world is so beautiful, and gardens are producing the first fruits of the season. Strawberry season has begun; one of my favorites, how about you? We could almost pretend that all is right with the world, couldn't we? But there is a lot going on beyond the green and the gardens that we cannot ignore. We can become overwhelmed by the media and negative stories shared. Remember good things are always happening too, they just don't often make the news.

So, we gather with our beloved faith community and look to God's Holy Word to help us make sense of our world and make meaning in our lives. There is always more to learn no matter how old we are, so we try to keep our minds open and seek ways to serve those in our community, and beyond sharing good news and joy.

We have some challenging stories in our scripture readings for Sunday, but there is beauty in the deeper meanings too. Not one sparrow falls, that God does not see. Let's talk more about this on Sunday.

Hope to see you in worship.

Amanda

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.

Deacons News

The deacons are looking for people to be greeters and liturgists on Sundays. If you are interested, please sign up on the laminated board in the hallway. If you have any questions, speak to one of the deacons: Diane Adam, Linda Oidtmann, Judi Strong, Susan Schwarz, Laurie Tostenson, Molly Bonhag, Nan Reed, Peter Simpson, Sam Strong, Earle Woodward or Nancy Simpson.

Upcoming Events

June 22- *Women's Fellowship* 9:00 AM

June 24- *Drive -Thru Chicken BBQ Supper* 5:00 PM- 6:30 PM (or sold out)

July 9- *Missions' Community Dinner* in the Drake Room 4:00 PM

July 12- *Grief Group* in the Kilton Room 4:30 PM

(Weight Watchers meets every Friday 7:30am-9am & Saturday 9:30am-11am in the Kilton Room)

Robin's Nest

Please be aware of the robin's nest on top of the wreath on the door and to not disturb it.



Chicken BBQ Dinner

Join us for our Chicken BBQ Dinner this Saturday, June 24 from 5-6:30pm (or sold out). The meal includes BBQ chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ Dinner

Saturday, June 24, 2023

5:00 – 6:30 pm or until sold out



½ BBQ Chicken

With Coleslaw, Potato Salad,

& Strawberry Shortcake for Dessert

\$15 Per Meal

**West Lebanon Congregational Church
18 Maple Street, West Lebanon, NH
For more information call: 603.298.8096
*No Reservations***

Missions

Greetings from your Missions group,

First of all, thank you very much to all of you who donated to the Strengthen the Church fundraiser, we could raise \$155 that will be sent to the UCC.

Second, we are planning our first community dinner on July 9.

This is a free dinner open to all starting at 4pm, in the Drake room.

The model we would like to try is to have a potluck dinner where we (our congregation - You and Missions) bring a dish to share with about 10 other people.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the board at the entrance starting this week-end for everyone to write down what they would like to bring and their email address.

We are hoping that all who bring food to share will stay for dinner and enjoy the fellowship of friends and strangers alike.

Please, ask any of us if you have questions.

Thank you,

Your Missions group (Cindy, Diane, Jackie, Dick, John and Christine)

Grief Group

Our next grief group will be on Wednesday, July 12th at 4:30pm in the Kilton Room.

Online Bible Study

(Bible Study has stopped for the summer)

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://westlbcc.org/> and clicking on the "Give" tab along the top, or go directly to the Giving page <https://westlbcc.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

Or for the **Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, Call 988**

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>**