

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 6.9.23

Dear beloved community,

We are getting into the busy summer season, even if it feels more like autumn these days. Saturday is the community fair with so much great stuff planned I hope you will be able to join us. There will be yard sales, a bake sale, coffee and goodies, lawn games and face painting, a Theremin (an instrument you play without touching it!), lunch available, historic tours of the church, and in the afternoon The Gerrymanders will play live music for us, and Mac's Maple ice cream will be available to end your day. Come to enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Sunday we will worship with our children and youth taking the lead. People like to say that our children are our future, but they are also our present. Let's all gather to celebrate Heroes in the Bible with our Sunday school students this week. We are blessed, and grateful, to have a wonderful group of children and devoted teachers.

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.

Mark your calendars for Children Sunday this Sunday! This will be Heroic!

Upcoming Events

June 9- *KANDAHAR TREASURE Project Discussion* at Kilton Library 6:30pm-8:00pm
(more info in newsletter)

June 10- *WLCC Community Fair* 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM
KANDAHAR TREASURE Project Discussion at Meriden, NH UCC 3pm-4:30pm
(more info in newsletter)

June 11- *Children's Sunday* 10:00 AM
Discussion with Former UCC Economic Justice Minister Edie Rasell at Meriden, NH
UCC 5:00- 6:30pm (more info in newsletter)

June 13- *Zoom Bible Study* 6:30 PM (link & info in newsletter)

June 15- *Women's Fellowship* 9:00 AM

June 19- *Richard Gage graveside service and informal reception* 11 AM

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

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

Deacons News

The deacons are looking for people to be greeters and liturgists on Sundays. If you are interested please 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.

Youth Group

Greetings from your Youth Group,

Thanks to your generosity, we could bring 44lbs of personal care items and food to the Haven last Sunday. We had a very instructive tour and learned a lot about the various programs that the institution has in place to help people in need.

Thank you very much!

David, Justus, Paul and Luke

Richard Gage

A graveside service for Richard Gage will be on June 19th at 11 am at The West Lebanon Cemetery. *An informal reception to follow the graveside service for family and friends in the Kilton Room*

Community Fair

The Community Fair will be this Saturday, June 10th from 10- 3pm. 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.



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**

Chicken BBQ Dinner

Join us for our Chicken BBQ Dinner. The meal includes BBQ chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Online Bible Study

Proper 6 (11) - June 18, 2023

- **Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)** and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 - Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100
- Romans 5:1-8
- **Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)**

Grief Group

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

The Way of Abundance: Economic Justice in Scripture and Society

Dear Grafton/Orange/Sullivan UCC Colleagues --

On June 11 & 12, the NHCUC Economic Justice team has the distinct pleasure of hosting **former (and much beloved) UCC Economic Justice Minister Edie Rasell** in New Hampshire, including at a gathering at the Meriden Congregational Church Parish House (5 Mitchell Drive, Meriden) on **Sunday June 11 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

After serving our denomination with distinction for about 15 years, Edie left her position with a book bubbling up in her heart that she wanted to write. The result: [*The Way of Abundance: Economic Justice in Scripture and Society*](#), published last year by Fortress Press. On June 11th, Edie will share the concepts in her book in an informal 90-minute roundtable discussion that will include plenty of opportunity for dialogue. We'll have light snacks, too.

We at the Meriden, NH UCC enthusiastically invite our Grafton/Orange/Sullivan clergy and lay colleagues to join us for this special event. If you plan to attend, please email economicjustice.nhcucc@gmail.com to let us know.

Edie will also be providing a presentation on Monday June 12, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at the NH UCC Conference Office, 140 Sheep Davis Road in Pembroke (a Zoom option is also available). Use this [link](#) to register for the Monday June 12th event.

We indeed hope you can join us to meet Edie so we can explore together the call for economic justice that is embedded in our faith.

Blessings --

John & Susan Gregory-Davis, Co-Pastors

Gail Kinney, Worker Justice Minister

Meriden, NH Congregational Church, UCC



KANDAHAR TREASURE Project

IMAGINE A WOMEN'S CENTER IN AFGHANISTAN TODAY!

Rangina Hamidi, former acting Minister of Afghanistan, will be visiting the Upper Valley June 9 and 10, 2023. She is the founder and driving force behind the successful women's artisan group in Kandahar, Afghanistan, KANDAHAR TREASURE (<https://kandahartreasure.com>). She will be speaking about her plans to expand the project to include a school to teach business courses to women and girls, a marketplace for women to do business and a shelter for widowed and at-risk women.

Join us to hear this inspiring woman at

The Kilton Library,
W. Lebanon, NH,
June 9, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 PM

Meriden Congregational Church,
Meriden, NH,
June 10, 2023, 3-4:30 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!

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>**