

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 8.11.23

Dear beloved community,

I hope you have enjoyed our summer worship series from the book of Genesis. We have had a little fun with the themes each week, and each of these stories has left us with a lot to think about. This week we will wrap up with more about that dreamer Joseph and his brothers. Abraham and Sarah's family stories are just as complicated as the world in which we live. And yet, we have seen that God can help us find good in the most difficult situations. We have seen, through the characters in our stories, that choosing the path of faith and faithfulness may not always be easy but it ultimately leads us to a better world.

Sunday we will read about Joseph's birth family seeking help in Egypt in a time of great famine. Joseph was in a position of power where he could have easily punished them for what they did to him. What would he have to gain if he took revenge... and what would he lose? Let's talk more about this on Sunday.

Hope to see you in worship!
Amanda

On Monday, August 14th the office will be closed from 10:30 AM-1:00 PM, but will then remain open until 3:00 PM

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 Oidtman, Judi Strong, Susan Schwarz, Laurie Tostenson, Molly Bonhag, Nan Reed, Peter Simpson, Sam Strong, Earle Woodward or Nancy Simpson.

Upcoming Events

August 15- *Missions Meeting in the Kilton Room 5:30 PM*

August 16- *Grief Group in the Kilton Room 4:30 PM*

August 17- *Women's Fellowship 9:00 AM (Every Thursday)*

LISTEN Community Dinner 4:30 PM-5:30 PM (Volunteers are there 2:30 PM-5:30 PM)

August 20- *WLCC Community Dinner 4:00 PM*

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

Collector

From your collector's desk,

Now that we have passed the mid-way point of this year, you might be curious to know where you are at with your pledge for 2023.

If that is the case, please let me know and I will give you your statement.

Thank you,

Christine

Community Dinner

Greetings from your Missions group,

Thank you very much to those of you who have already signed up to bring a dish to share for our upcoming community dinner on Sunday, August 20 (at 4pm). We need more dishes to share, I get the feeling that we will be popular! Please, try to bring dishes that would easily keep in warm temperatures. A lot of our guests take food to bring home. Thank you in advance,

Christine (for Missions)

Save the Date!

Free Community



Sunday, August 20 at 4pm

West Lebanon Congregational Church

18, Maple Street, West Lebanon
Any questions, call 603 298 8096

TIME TO CLEAN!

Dear committee members,

It's time to clean out the mailboxes in the administrative assistant's office. If each committee could have someone come in during office hours to clean out their mailboxes, this would go a long way to making the office a more inviting space for all. We are working to move other clutter out as well.

Thank you,
Nancy Simpson & Aaron Richter

Grief Group

Our next grief group will be on Wednesday, August 16th at 4:30pm in the Kilton Room.

Little Food Pantry

Thank you to all who have contributed food, but we are again in urgent need of food for our pantry this summer! Some items that go quickly are peanut butter, cereal, ramen noodles and coffee, also shelf stable milk. Food can also be put inside the Food Bin in the sanctuary which is taken to the Haven or LISTEN. Please pass the word on about the availability of food in the Little Food Pantry.

Christmas Bazaar News

Women's Fellowship will be holding its Christmas Bazaar, October 21 at which we will be selling hand crafted items, Christmas decor, food and candy, jewelry, and basket raffle. In order for this to be successful we will need **all** hands on deck! How can you help? If you make things or cook, please consider working on something that you would be willing to donate or fill a basket that we can have in our raffle. We will have a table set up with baskets of various sizes that you

might choose from to fill and provide a return date for the filled basket. The women thank you in advance for your generosity.

Nancy Simpson for Women's Fellowship

Meteor Shower

There will be a beautiful meteor shower this weekend. The peak activity of the Perseid meteor shower will occur around 04:00 EDT (0800 GMT)

on Sunday. Aug. 13.

<https://www.space.com/perseid-meteor-shower-2023-peak-this-weekend-aug-12-what-to-know>



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!

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://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 collector Christine Kidd.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA

Information for lunches, fitness and activities for seniors: <https://www.bugbeecenter.org/>
<https://www.qcsc.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>*