

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 8.4.23

Dear beloved community,

Do you dream and remember your dreams? Do you ever wake and wonder what that wild disconnected dream could possibly mean? Dreams can be confusing, disconcerting and sometimes encouraging. You may have “daydreams” that feel more meaningful. We might call those an idea or brainstorm that just came to us. Scripture tells us that God often speaks to people in dreams so we may want to pay attention to our dreams or thoughtful visions.

Our church family often dreams of a world without hunger or need. We do our best to follow our dreams and visions and we pray for understanding, strength, compassion and the means to support these dreams.

Our missions committee met this week to discuss some of the ways we continue to reach out to the surrounding community, to help fulfill our dreams for a better world. Our first Sunday afternoon community meal was successful, and we are planning a community dinner for the second Sunday of each month at 4PM.

Jesus met a lot of people at the table. Sharing a meal is a great way to serve those around us. Not just offering food, but also sharing fellowship. Jesus interacted with those whom the world had rejected, helping them feel accepted in way they had not, often welcoming them back into a community. Our community meal is about more than food. I hope you will consider joining us August 20th to share in the fellowship, as well as the food.

This Sunday in worship we will continue meeting Abraham’s family in our scripture reading. Abraham’s great grandsons, Jacob’s children, struggle with jealousy, anger and frustration. You may be familiar with the story/musical: *Joseph and the amazing technicolor dreamcoat*, which is based on this weeks scripture. Sibling relationships can be complicated and this family is fraught with sibling rivalry due to parental favoritism, and a brother whose dreams stir their emotions to a frenzy. 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

August 10- *Women's Fellowship* 9:00 AM (Every Thursday)

Deacons Meeting in the Kilton Room 6:30 PM

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

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

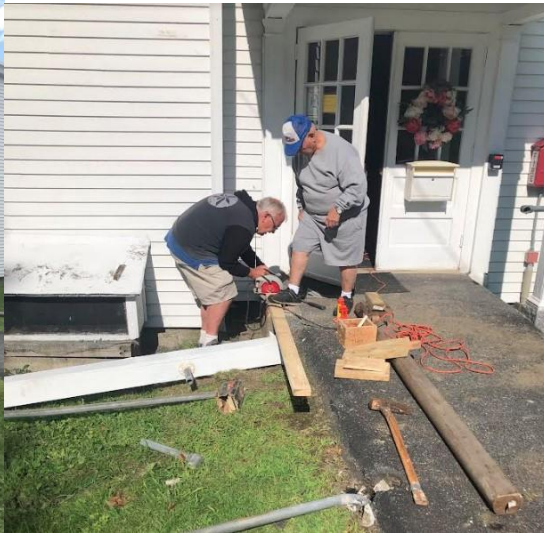
August 17- *LISTEN Community Dinner* 4:30 PM-5:30 PM (Volunteers are there 2:30 PM-5:30 PM)

August 20- *Community Dinner* 4:00 PM

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

Car Accident at the Church

We had a surprise this past Tuesday afternoon. A car on the road lost control and ended up hitting into the back of our church building. Luckily, no one was injured and there was minimal damage. A big thank you to Peter Bickford for supporting the response effort and to the Tom Kahl, Phil Gomez and Peter Simpson for helping to repair some of the damage.



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.

Community Dinner

Mark your calendar for The Community Dinner on Sunday, August 20, at 4pm.

We are in need of people to sign up to bring food dishes. Please use the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up for this potluck event.

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

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

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

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>*