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*Al-le-lu! Al-le-lu! Al-le-lu! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise Ye The LORD!  
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Praise Ye The LORD! Al-le-lu-ia! PRAISE YE THE LORD!*

We ARE a Celebrative People! It's imbued in our Christian nature as EASTER PEOPLE to feel and reflect in our everyday lives the freeing, uplifting gift of the Good News in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Having our focus and attention tuned in to the vertical axis of the Cross allows us to live on the horizontal earthly plane with a sense of courage and hope and energy that acknowledges our abiding interchange at the holy, sacred vortex of existence. It's pretty basic and easy to appreciate all of what we are blessed with and we respond with exclamation of gratitude and thanksgiving – Alleluia! Come and join us as we process into Jerusalem and thru Holy Week to the EASTER SUNDAY EVENT that defines and blesses us. Sing and shout and walk with us on the completion of our Lenten pilgrimage to the rolled away stone and empty tomb.

A listing of Worship Opportunities is included for you in this April *Steeple* and on our website [www.westlebcc.org](http://www.westlebcc.org) and I'm also sharing a list of WORDS from *Seasons Of The Spirit* which are presented as statements of celebration. May this truly be a high holy time for each of you, may you know how blessed you are, and may your EASTER celebration be filled with *Alleluia!*

### **Celebrate the Commands given in Exodus 20**

- 3 Celebrate love at the center of every day! This is God's way!**
- 6 Celebrate images of God all around without having to capture it in stone!**
- 7 Celebrate God's name and bless the world when you speak it!**
- 11 Celebrate the wonders of God by finding space and time to revel in nothing else!**
- 12 Celebrate those who gave you birth and fed you on love!**
- 13 Celebrate by seeking out the life and blessing in each person!**
- 14 Celebrate the value and worth of all the people around you!**
- 15 Celebrate the wealth of life in sharing all you have!**
- 16 Celebrate the truth by witnessing to the good in the other!**
- 17 Celebrate what God's given you, the unique gifts & attributes that make you YOU!**

**April 2009**

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**Minister: Rev. Richard Wierwille**  
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**Church School: 10:00-11:15**  
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**Church Office Hours:**  
    **Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-3:30**  
    **Wednesday 9:00-12:00**  
**Pastor's Office: Tues, Wed, Thurs a.m. or by appt.**

**APRIL 2009**  
**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Dorothy & Elmer Gattie  
6 Maggie & Jim Pyer

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 7 Andrew Benson  
7 Kerry Simpson  
9 Laura Morgan  
12 Bev Damren  
14 Betty Abbott  
16 Dot Roberts  
16 Jon Holbrook  
16 Chase Pyer  
17 Daniel Ladue  
22 Trevor Mayes  
23 Mike Farnsworth  
24 Lisa Elder  
24 Joan Allard  
27 Garrett Dykstra  
28 Rachel Rathburn  
28 Jeanne Sanderson  
29 Mailee Bui

**DIACONATE MEMO**

**Thank you to all who are taking the opportunity to be a Liturgist or help with greeting, ushering, and hosting coffee hours. Starting in 2009, we are asking those who are hosting coffee hour to please provide the “beverage” (i.e. juice, lemonade, punch, cider, etc. – nothing red or grape). Diaconate will still provide the coffee. There is some back-up punch mix in the kitchen, but after that is gone, it will be up to the coffee hour hosts to provide the beverage as well as the tasty treats. Many thanks to all!**

**Liz sez,**

Even in our hardest hours we can master a smile to cheer others. God never gives us more than we can handle.

**WITHOUT A SMILE**

He dons his navy suit and tie and complimenting shirt.

He cocks his hat above his eye. In new shoes, his feet hurt.

He calls a long limousine to chauffeur him to town and restaurant with fine cuisine, a place of high renown.

An usher leads him toward the wall with a restricted view to a table with white linen fall and chairs for only two.

He faces the vacant chair His face is drawn and tight.

He has no friends to join him there to eat by candle light.

Being clad from head to toe in the best cash can avail does not attract a friend or foe to this handsome, well-clad male,

Money cannot buy him friends nor can his first-class style.

His aging loneliness extends until he wears a smile.

Remember God loves the cheerful giver. A smile invites a river of smiles in return.

Sez Liz

## TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees met on March 12<sup>th</sup> and our main discussion was getting some fundraising ideas off the ground. Some of the ideas are as follows.

- Selling frozen Pizza's
- Pie Sale
- Silent Auction
- Spring clean ups
- Church wide cookbook
- 50/50 raffle
- Other fundraiser events

We are looking for any input and ideas from church members for any other type of ways to raise money to help fund our growing deficit.

The church will also be getting an upgrade to its internet service; this has been an ongoing problem. Thanks to John Cooley who came up with our best option and provided us with his time and expertise.

Starting in April we will be moving back into the sanctuary for church services. We will be interested to see if this was a viable option to save on heating cost during the cold months.

Respectfully yours  
Trustees

## NOTES FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has the following openings on WLCC Committees:

Christian Education	2
Stewardship	1
Church Growth	1
Delegates	2
Music	2

Please contact any of the following committee members if interested in serving on one of these Committees.

Dick Poirier, Bev Damren, Karen Aldrich, Tom Zuttermeister, or Linda Maynard.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Summer camp schedules are available and we are hoping to have some WLCC youth attend one of the UCC camps this summer. Please see Shirley Rediker, who is the camp coordinator for our church, if your child might be interested in attending.

The 7th grade class has donated \$50 of the money that they raised at the Christmas bazaar toward the purchase of a llama from Heifer International for a needy family in a third world country. They have challenged the rest of the Sunday School to match their donations through contributions in their Lenten banks. Children should bring their banks back on Palm Sunday.

We are planning to hold Vacation Bible School this summer. If your children are interested in attending, please contact Adam DalPra or April Akers so that we can pick a week that will be convenient for all.

## THANKS TO ALL !

Grateful thanks to everyone who makes pies, and helps with casseroles when called. Just a reminder to make sure that the pies (especially the cream pies) are refrigerated at home and then placed in the refrigerator on arrival at church.

Thank You ! Ethel.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Donna Butler has been named :

*Artist of the Year (2008-2009)*

by the Vermont Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). She will give a recital on the renowned Casavant Organ in Mary Keane Chapel, at Enfield Shaker Museum, Sunday,

June 7, 2009 at 4:00 pm.

*Grafton Orange Spring  
Training  
2009*

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Easter is fast approaching and the Missions Committee is organizing the annual delivery of plants to those of our church family who can't easily get out anymore. The Sunday School classes will be making Easter cards again, and plants will be ready for pick up and delivery on Palm Sunday. Watch for a sign up sheet in the Kilton Room. Please offer to pay a visit and deliver a little "spring" and the message that our friends are still remembered by their church family when they are no longer able to come to church regularly.

The Shaw's Receipt Rewards Program was a huge success! We were recently notified that statewide over \$7,500 was raised for the NH Food Bank. Receipts totaling \$13,753 were turned in from our congregation alone, for a gain of \$137 for the food bank. This program has ended, but Shaw's will continue to support the NH Food Bank through the "Neighborhood Rewards Program." Please see the flyer in the Steeple for details.

Listen and The Haven continue to gratefully receive our food bin offerings. We have been told that the following items are in particular demand: tuna, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, canned stew or other meat dinners, and Chef Boyardee ravioli, spaghetti, etc. The last Sunday in the month is designated "Food Bin Sunday," but items can be left at the church at any time during the month.

Although economic times are challenging, we are so encouraged to see that people are carrying on with their commitment to missions in so many "small" but important ways. We are very appreciative of your support.

Linda Oidtmann,

For the Missions Committee

Members:

Linda Oidtmann (2009 Chair), Lori Lounsbury (Secretary), Averill Tinker (Treasurer), Sandy Tisdale, Jean Brooks, Bill Mitchell, and Grace Dickerson.

*I want to say 'Thanks' to all who helped make our participation in the Grafton Orange Spring Training on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> such a success.*

*Nancy Simpson did a 'smash-up' job organizing all the refreshments.*

*Lorinda Poirier, Jean Brooks and Carol Campbell did a 'stupendous' job arranging the Kilton Room and the tables of food.*

*And a special 'thank you' to everyone who participated.*

*From what I hear the attendees were very impressed with everything and very appreciative.*

*Thank you one and all.*

*Grace Dickerson, Delegate*

## Worship Opportunities in April

- Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Palm Sunday Worship/Holy Communion/Diaconate Fund Envelopes**  
**Scripture**      Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalms 31; Mark 11:1-11  
**Message**      *Discovering Christian Community: essentials for the life of the church*  
**Hymns**      *All Glory, Laud; Hosanna, Loud Hosanna; Ride On, Ride On*
- Thurs, April 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Maundy Thursday Gather at West Lebanon Congregational UCC**  
**6:00 p.m. Soup and Bread Fellowship in Kilton Room**  
**7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae and Communion**
- Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Good Friday Ecumenical Community Cross Walk**  
**3:00 p.m. Begin at Sacred Heart Church to walk stations of the cross**  
**Everyone is invited to participate on the walk thru the park**  
**including Lebanon Baptist, U. Methodist, and FCC**
- Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**      **Easter Sunrise Service at Colburn Park**  
**6:00 a.m. Worship in the Park**  
**7:00 a.m. Community Easter Breakfast at First Cong'l Church**
- Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**      **10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship at W. Lebanon Cong'l UCC**  
**Scripture**      Psalms 118; Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8  
**Message**      *Alleluia! Lord Jesus: the story continues on*  
**Hymns**      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Yours Is The Glory; Day of Resurrection*
- Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**      **10:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Eastertide Worship/Integrity of Creation**  
**Scripture**      Psalms 133; Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-31  
**Message**      *Hosanna! The Risen Christ Came Back To Us: caught up into the way*  
**Hymns**      *Lift High The Cross; Jesus Calls Us; Spirit of Love*
- Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**      **10:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Eastertide Worship/Food Bin Sunday**  
**Scripture**      Psalms 4; Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36-48  
**Message**      *He Is Risen: and determined to raise us to new life as well*  
**Hymns**      *The Church's One Foundation; Joy Dawned Again, What Wondrous Love*



## NEIGHBORHOOD REWARDS PROGRAM

By registering your Shaw's Rewards Card, you can benefit the New Hampshire Food Bank and help us feed our hungry neighbors.

Here's how:

1. Register your Shaw's Rewards Card for the program at [www.shaws.com/neighborhoodrewards](http://www.shaws.com/neighborhoodrewards). Enter the NH Food Bank's ID number, which is **49001018472**.
2. Shop on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday using your rewards card, and 1% of your purchases will automatically be donated to the NH Food Bank. Shaw's will mail us a check every 3 months.
3. Re-register your card every year to continue supporting the Food Bank through your Shaw's shopping trips!

**No more mailing your receipts- Shaw's will automatically allocate your proceeds.**

In 2008, the Shaw's Receipt Rewards Program raised over \$7,500 for the NH Food Bank.

Let's keep it up in 2009 with this new program!