



# The Steeple

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*When all you see around you is all there is to be, then there is no need to wait.*

-- Martin Copenhaver. *God Is Still Speaking.*

Happy New Year! Hello January 2012. I've always thought it quite interesting that the depiction of *Janus* is a mythological figure with a two-faced head – one face looking backward and one facing forward. Of course we know that moving into a new year is not without the history of whatever got us to this-point-in-time. We often mark time with historical events or figures that define our journeys from past to future, *i.e.* 9/11/01 or the stockmarket collapse of Wall Street 2007 – from there to here and beyond... then to now... what next? Rudyard Kipling's poem entitled "*If*" written near the turn of a century puts into context that much of life takes a balance and includes the tensions of both/and rather than either/or:

*"If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs...*

*If you can trust yourself when all (about) doubt you...*

*If you can wait and not be tired of waiting...*

*If all (persons) count with you, but none too much;*

*If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run,*

*Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it..."*

I believe our faith clearly informs us that journeying into another year is blessed both by everlasting covenant as well as a promised Light that breaks in to offer us hope on the pathway ahead, even, or especially, in the uncertainty of future events. Life's often filled with trepidation and mystery but the Christmas event and Epiphany aha gives us the tools and the hope to face the future as it unveils, *IF*... Copenhaver continues:

*"...but there is also no hope of movement, progress, or transformation.*

*To wait is to be open to the future. To wait is to be open to God's revelation."*

Let's continue to pray that "*IF*," or whatever, surprises lie ahead in 2012, God's Light shines on and informs our journey into the future. Hope! Peace! Joy! Love! be ours RW

## Worshipping Into The New Year: January 2012

<b>Sunday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Epiphany Communion Worship/Diaconate envelopes/Bell Ring</b> <b>Scripture</b> <i>Psalm 72, Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Matthew 2:1-12</i> <b>Message</b> <i>Epiphany Wisdom: The Gift of Light</i> <b>Hymns</b> Hark PH120, What Child PH140, For The Healing NCH576
<b>Sunday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Worship/Reception of New Members</b> <b>Scripture</b> <i>Psalm 29, Mark 1:4-11</i> <b>Message</b> <i>Beginning Anew: The Gift of Voice</i> <b>Hymns</b> First Nowell PH141, Love Came Down NCH165, IMLight NCH584
	<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study Roundtable Discussion in Kilton Rm</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Worship/MLKing Holiday Weekend</b> <b>Scripture</b> <i>1 Samuel 3:1-10, John 1:43-51</i> <b>Message</b> <i>Still Calling: The Gift of Sight and Sound</i> <b>Hymns</b> BethlehemNCH113, WithGladness NCH159, TakeMyLife NCH448
	<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study Roundtable Discussion in Kilton Rm</b>
<b>Monday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>ML King Day Celebration at Rollins Chapel, Dartmouth College</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Worship</b> <b>Scripture</b> <i>1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20</i> <b>Message</b> <i>Changing Times: The Gift of Movement</i> <b>Hymns</b> Wholeness NCH179, God of Change NCH177, Amen NCH161
	<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study Roundtable Discussion in Kilton Rm</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany / UCC Women's Week Worship</b> <b>Scripture</b> <i>Psalm 111, Mark 1:21-28</i> <b>Message</b> <i>God Is Great! God Is Good! Let Us Thank Him for ...</i> <b>Hymns</b> Let Me Enter NCH67, My Faith PH381, With My Blessing NCH82
	<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study Roundtable Discussion in Kilton Rm</b>
<b>Tuesday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>WLCUCC Annual Meeting</b>

### *Reception of New Members - Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>*

*In celebrating the start of the 2012 New Year we will take the opportunity to receive persons interested in being church members. Contact Rev. Dick Wierwille if you or someone you know would like to inquire about joining with us in our West Lebanon Congregational United Church of Christ ministries - Church Office 603-298-8096.*

**JANUARY**  
**BIRTHDAYS**



- 3 Carol Campbell
- 4 Ashley Licence
- 9 Virginia O'Keefe
- 10 William Gilbert
- 11 Melanie Henry
- 14 Sam Edmunds
- 15 Russell Collins
- 16 Jim Pyer
- 17 George Josler
- 18 Henry Nagan Oidtmann
- 22 Emily Bickford
- 22 Erica Bickford
- 23 Lane Maynard
- 24 Amanda Bui
- 25 Ruth Morck
- 26 Jonathon Aldrich
- 26 Frank Maynard III
- 27 Lin Wierwille
- 29 Dick Wierwille
- 30 Audrey Elder
- 30 Susan Montmagny
- 30 Laura Rose
- 30 Alan Campbell

**Christmas Bazaar Update**

We had a very successful bazaar this year with tremendous spirit. May be the best ever! To date we have taken in \$5359.40 and paid out \$1545.74 in expenses. We have donated \$800 to various charities that work with children, women and families. We will be giving the church \$2000 for the general fund for 2012. We look to start planning for next year early in February. Stay tuned!

**LIZ SEZ**

The New Year encourages us to review our past and think about tomorrow. It's a time to be thankful what we have.

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**WINNER'S ALPHABET**

We have no need for advisors  
who will preach and teach  
about pursuing our goals  
that appear beyond our reach.

We do not need to wish and wait  
for our chances to increase.  
We must step up to the plate  
and apply our elbow grease.

If we apply our ABC'S,  
they will project us on our way.  
They are **AMBITION** and **BELIEF**  
and **COMMITMENT** every day.

We each have a given time,  
although we cannot clock it,  
when our ship will come in  
inviting us to dock it.

No person's goal is too distant  
or too wide or too high.  
If we each use our alphabet  
We will reach our pie in the sky.

May this be the year your ship comes in  
and may you have a Happy New Year  
Sez Liz



# Women's Fellowship News



What a wonderful exciting day December 3, 2011 was at the church. Do you remember? It was the Holiday Bazaar. The weather was beautiful and here at the church the feeling was like a part, among the workers as well as all who came. Yes, Santa was there with his Ho Ho Ho's, there were cheese heads cutting the cheese, and many people helping at the various tables, cooking, washing dishes, serving, taking pictures of Santa and taking money. Praise goes to the folks who came in early afternoon to help pack up and put away the remaining over items, move the tables. You were 'life savers' to those who had been there all day.

The bazaar committee wants to send a huge THANKS to everyone who helped in any way, not just the day of the bazaar but in the set up, the donating of time, and talents to make items which added to a most fun and successful day. Without each and everyone pitching in there would not be a bazaar. The word around the Upper Valley is that the church in West Lebanon has a fantastic bazaar, one that should not be missed.

There will not be any Thursday morning work gatherings until the middle of January. At this time we will work for a couple of weeks on a joint venture with the ladies of the Greater Hartford church in making bags for Church World Services. At the beginning of February we will start getting together to work on projects for the 2012 Holiday Bazaar.

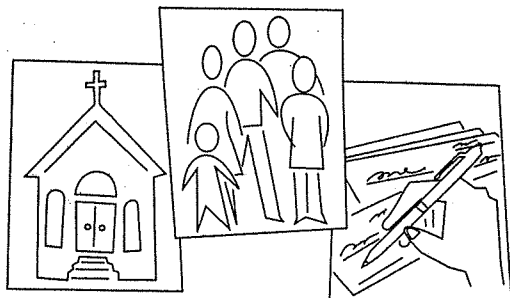
Mark on your calendars the date of Saturday, February 11, 2012. This is the date of the next pot luck brunch. The activity of the day will be our Yankee Swap. The idea is not to go out and purchase anything for the swap but to recycle something you have at home that you no longer need, use or want. These items always bring some good laughs and reactions. I can't wait see what is brought in beautifully decorated. There will be a sign up sheet by the back door at the end of January. This is a true pot luck and should you forget to sign up come along as there is always more than enough food. It is the friendship and the laughs that are important.

Again, **THANK YOU** all for making the bazaar a fun day as well as financially a success.

Grace Dickerson  
One of the ladies

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

F.A.C.E.S.



### Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday was held on November 20th. The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank our visiting steward, Matt Van Wagner for his wonderful sermon. This is the third time Matt has visited us and everyone enjoyed his meaningful message. We also wish to thank Averill Tinker and Debra Ford for sharing with the congregation what the church means to them.

As of this date, we have received 52 pledges for a total of \$60,812. Of these pledges three are new and 17 increased their pledge over last year. The committee mailed out pledge cards in early December.

If you have not made your 2012 pledge yet you may drop it in the offering plate or in the office. If you prefer, you may mail to Debra Ford, 10 Chester Lane, Enfield, NH 03748. Our campaign runs through December, but please get your pledges in so that Trustees may finalize the budget. Thank you in advance.

*“People like to give to a winning cause not to a sinking ship, Think of your church as a winning cause and give, so you can go places.”*

- Anonymous

If you were not in church on November 6<sup>th</sup> you missed Averill’s visual explanation of what the church means to her. The Stewardship Committee thinks that this is too important not to share.

F is for Family

A is for Activity

C is for Community

E is for Education

S is for Spirituality

Really think about what the church means to you and your family before filling out your pledge card.

### *WLCC Capital Campaign Update*



*Pledges Received to Date: \$46,996.04*

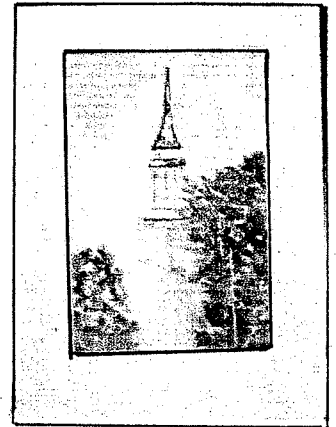
*Pledges Paid to Date: \$31,295.04*

## Framed water color picture of new steeple by Dorie Smith



\$5.00 per ticket limit, 200 tickets.

Tickets sold from January 8, 2012  
to Music Sunday, June 10, 2012.  
The drawing to be held on that date.



Proceeds to go to the Steeple Capital Campaign.

The picture will be on display at the coffee hours on Sunday and other church functions.

It is BEAUTIFUL and great thanks go to Dorie for the painting and the donation to the church.

# Annual Meeting Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the West Lebanon Congregational UCC

Is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 31, 2012!

All Reports should be in the office no later than January 17, 2012.

## Christian Education

The CE committee has been hard at work and another Christmas pageant has come and gone.

Thanks to all that helped to make it a memorable experience for our church! The music, story and children were inspirational!

The next big event is the Epiphany Party co-sponsored by the Growth committee that will be hosted at Linda and Ernst Oidtmann's house at 69 Foliage Drive in Lebanon.

This is located up beyond the Lebanon Police Station. Please contact the Oidtmann's if you need directions @ 448-5115.

The date is January 8th @ 4:00pm. Please come and bring a soup, bread or desserts to share. Games will be provided for the children (and the young at heart) and a great bonfire. Bring your tree and we can add it! Last year the evening was so clear and cold and the warmth of the songs and fire made it almost a "Charles Dickens" experience. No one noticed the cold as we had filled our bellies with warm soups and the caroling filled the air.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist our Sunday School teachers. A new sign up list will be posted. Please consider offering to assist one Sunday as this will allow for members of CE to alternate and attend church service themselves. Without volunteers CE members must all attend/run Sunday School and they miss the opportunity to attend regular service.

**Don't forget to save the date for our Family Fun Carnival on August 18th!** This promises to be a fun filled day with games and fun for the kids from 11:00am-4:00pm and then a dancing into the evening for the adults under the tent! We are working on a great band and hope that

## Christian Education (continued)

you plan on working at a booth or attending the festivities. Food, games and music for all! This event is to benefit the Capital Campaign. Please see a member of CE, Growth or the Capital Campaign Committee if you are interested in participating.

Stay tuned for updates and more activities!

Respectfully submitted by  
Laurie Tostenson on behalf of the CE committee members



### NEW MEMBERS

**New Members will be received on**

**Sunday, January 8, 2012.**

**If you or someone you know is interested  
in joining the  
West Lebanon Congregational UCC**

**Please contact a member of the Diaconate  
or the Minister.**

**Diaconate: Lorinda Poirier, Diane Adam,  
Cynthia Sleeper, Carolyn Stone, Carol Campbell,  
Nancy Simpson, Adam DalPra, Dick Poirier,  
Al Michalovic, or Bob Sanderson.**

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:00 Epiphany Sunday Worship Communion Bell Ring	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Piano</i> 6:00 Growth 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir 7:00 Scouts	<b>4</b> 10:00-2:00 UVHS  <i>Piano</i>	<b>5</b> KMUV	<b>6</b> KMUV	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:00 Sunday Worship New Member Reception  4:00 Epiphany Party	<b>9</b> 6:00 Village Green Condo Association	<b>10</b> <i>Piano</i> 6:00 Growth 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir 7:00 Scouts	<b>11</b> 10:00-2:00 UVHS  <i>Piano</i>	<b>12</b> KMUV 9:00 Work Meeting	<b>13</b> KMUV	<b>14</b> Family Reunion Kilton Room 10:00—4:00
<b>15</b> 10:00 Sunday Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL MTG. ARTICLES  <i>Piano</i> 6:00 Growth 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir	<b>18</b> 10:00-2:00 UVHS  <i>Piano</i>	<b>19</b> KMUV 9:00 Work Meeting  <b>5:00</b> <b>COMMUNITY</b> <b>DINNER</b> <b>At Sacred Heart</b>	KMUV	<b>21</b> 5:00-6:30 p.m. Soup, Stew and Chowderfest Supper
<b>22</b> 10:00 Sunday Worship	<b>23</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b> <b>STEEPLE</b> <b>DEADLINE</b>  <b>RW AWAY</b> <b>1/23—1/30</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Piano</i> 6:00 Growth 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir 7:00 Scouts	<b>25</b> 10:00-2:00 UVHS  <i>Piano</i>	<b>26</b> KMUV	KMUV	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00 UCC Women's Week Celebration & Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Piano</i> <b>7:00</b> <b>ANNUAL</b> <b>MEETING</b>				

# The Newsletter<sup>®</sup>

## ACTIVITIES PAGE

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### NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

**What you need:**

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

**What you do:**

1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.



## A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

**Instructions:** Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

___ a d c i t n e			
___ r o h m t a e			
___ s r g b a p e			
___ r b i e d a			
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___ r d h a e n l c a			
___ f a d o o			

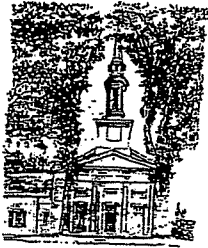
Her name in Greek

___ p d e e s h		
___ d c h i l n e r o		
___ d r o v e		
___ a c e h t r		
___ s a r c o s		
___ n u s o a t i n m		

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas

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**Minister: Rev. Richard Wierwille**  
**Worship Service: Sunday 10 AM**  
**Church School: 10:00-11:15**  
**Email: [wicc@valley.net](mailto:wicc@valley.net)**  
**Web Site: [www.westlebcc.org](http://www.westlebcc.org)**  
**Phone: 603-298-8096**  
**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.**

Nations shall come to your  
light, and kings to the  
brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:3, NRSV

