



# The Steeple

The Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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*...with heart of ashes, hope worthless and life even cheaper because he did not recognize by whom he himself was moulded, or who it was that inspired him with an active soul and who breathed into him the breath of life. – Wisdom 15:11*

We are truly in/spired! The re-new-ly renovated churchsteeple spire is back up in place at our address after many months of plastiwrapped barebones structural appearance and offsite construction of new belltower cap, lantern, copper wrapped spire and gold tipped weathervane. In spite of dismal weather lingering and a very unfortunate twist of events when our church bell turned out of the grasp of the skyhook crane and fell against and seriously injured a steeplejack at the base of the tower – things are looking up! As the contracted work on our steeple nears completion and good news that Matt Kaier is doing remarkably well and healing at home with his family rings in our ears we do well to reflect on the twists and turns that are a part of life's journey.

The Wisdom of Solomon helps us to get a grasp of the mystery that can often become a part of our life's experience. This particular utterance is from Apocryphal writings regarding the foolishness too often rampant in our seeking satisfaction and delight in idolic-worldly-things-of-beauty while completely losing the *inspiration of God, Creator, Source of Breath and Life!* Many persons these days know too well what it feels like to have the-wind-knocked-out-of-us as we lose our focus and appreciation for the sacred, divine gift of life.

God offers us breath and life and encourages us to breathe in – in/spires us with breathtaking, awesome beauty and opportunities to make God's love known to all. Our churchsteeple became a part of our sacred heritage and calling as a community of faith some 150+ years ago. It stands tall and inspires folks from all around the Upper Valley who catch sight of it 120 feet above Church Street in West Lebanon or hear a Revere heritage 1600# bell peal it's wonderful tones. As many other steeples on typical New England churches our steeple has in/spired many persons to reflect on God's divine influence and guidance, stimulating creative thought and activities

*that inspired him with an active soul and who breathed into him the breath of life. DW*

## 2011 July – August Worship Schedule

- July 3<sup>rd</sup>** 10 a.m. Independence Day Holiday Weekend Sunday Worship / Communion  
Scripture Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
Message *Spirit Led Living – a way that is sure, simple, and restful*  
Hymns Cong. Choice, Amen Amen, Go Tell It On The Mountain
- July 10<sup>th</sup>** 10 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Pentecost Sunday Worship  
Scripture Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
Message *Spirit Led Living – abundant opportunities for growth*  
Hymns Cong. Choice, Blessed Assurance, O Spirit of God
- July 17<sup>th</sup>** 10 a.m. Outdoor Sunday Worship in Church Parking Lot / Baptism  
Scripture Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43  
Message *Spirit Led Living – live and grow, blossom and bear fruit*  
Hymns Cong. Choice, Precious Lord Take My Hand, We Would Be Build
- July 24<sup>th</sup>** 10 a.m. Sixth Sunday of Pentecost Sunday Worship  
Scripture Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
Message *Spirit Led Living – a radical response to the mysteries of life*  
Hymns Cong. Choice, Jesu Jesu Fill Us, O Savior Let Me Walk With You
- July 31<sup>st</sup>** 10 a.m. Seventh Sunday of Pentecost Sunday Worship / Food Bin Sunday  
Bob Sanderson: Leading Worship
- August 7<sup>th</sup>** 10 a.m. Eighth Sunday of Pentecost Sunday Worship / Communion  
Bob Sanderson: Leading Worship
- August 14<sup>th</sup>** 10 a.m. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship / Land Sunday  
Scripture Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2, 29-32, Matthew 15:10-28  
Message *Spirit Led Living – harmony and shalom are possible*  
Hymns Cong. Choice, Softly And Tenderly, Draw The Circle Wide
- August 21<sup>st</sup>** 10 a.m. Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship / Food Bin Sunday  
Scripture Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20  
Message *Spirit Led Living – relationships that serve God's purposes*  
Hymns Cong. Choice, What A Friend We Have, Amazing Grace
- August 28<sup>th</sup>** 10 a.m. Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time / River Sunday  
Outdoor Worship at Riverview Park–Glen Rd / Coffee, Juice, Donuts served
- September 4<sup>th</sup>** 10 a.m. Labor Day Holiday Weekend Sunday Worship / Diaconate envelope
- September 11<sup>th</sup>** 10 a.m. Homecoming Ch School Rally Sunday Worship / Holy Communion

**JULY**  
**ANNIVERSARIES**



- 2 Phil & Evelyn Pillsbury
- 9 Bob & Laura Morgan
- 12 Kris & Heather Hansen
- 14 Peter & Tracy Bickford
- 18 Russell & Ann Collins
- 22 Walt & Nancy Pyer
- 31 Michael & Diane Adam

**JULY**  
**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Cindy Foster
- 1 Kathryn Wheeler
- 3 Meg Moody
- 4 Madelyn Johnson
- 4 Mike Landry
- 4 Vicki Morgan
- 4 Frank Sanders, Jr.
- 6 Beau Dykstra
- 7 Matilda May DalPra
- 10 Dorie Smith
- 10 Ben Montmagny
- 11 Georgia Flynn
- 12 Connor Torrey
- 14 Jim Burnham
- 15 Stephanie Strong
- 20 Pat Trottier
- 20 George Gove
- 26 Devin Gilbert
- 27 Greg Mellinger
- 27 Ken Alger
- 27 Kate Foster
- 27 Steve Ladue
- 28 Kate Foster
- 28 Kristie Morgan
- 28 Henry Ryder Henken
- 28 Abby Robbins

**AUGUST**  
**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Evan Premo & Mary Bonhag
- 5 Tom & Vicki Morgan
- 7 Jeffrey & Elizabeth Bonhag
- 19 Roger & Grace Morse
- 21 Edward & Stephanie Reardon
- 22 Dominick & Ethel Montouri
- 23 Michael & Diane Adam

**AUGUST**  
**BIRTHDAYS**



- 3 Jim Johnson
- 4 Peter Elder
- 4 Laura Cooley
- 5 Nathan Gilbert
- 5 Pauline Gage
- 5 Robert Sanderson
- 8 Haley Torrey
- 10 Elaine Morgan
- 12 Rosetta Markell
- 17 Sarah Simpson
- 19 Peter Simpson
- 23 Erma Mellinger
- 28 Jonathan Evans
- 30 Neil Henderson
- 30 Evelyn Pillsbury

Liz sez,

The magic season of summer  
brings lovely roses to us. Share  
them with people you love.

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### RED ROSE BOUQUET

It might be too late to go dancing  
or to tuck your children in bed.  
It might be too late to call old friends  
or return to the old homestead.

There is always that someone  
whose love for you will never fray.  
There is always a time for you  
to bring them a red rose bouquet.

When June bursts into summer  
and the sun's fingers touch and expose  
the awesome fragrance of rosebuds,  
bring that someone you love a red rose.

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God sent us roses to share. Roses  
last only a couple of days but their  
fragrance lives forever.

Sez Liz

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Donna Stender has shared with us the good  
news that Meghan has graduated from the  
8<sup>th</sup> grade on June 14<sup>th</sup> and she will be on to  
High School in September!

Bethany Adam and Connor Torrey graduated  
from High School. Bethany will be attending  
Brandeis, and Connor will be attending  
Plymouth State University in the Fall.

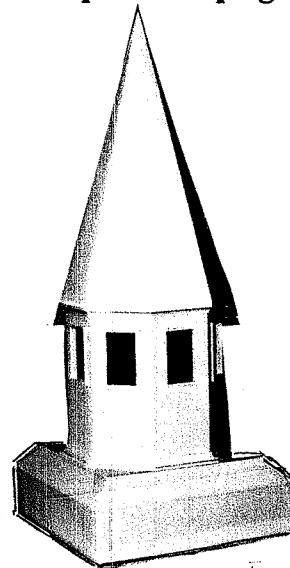
## REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGE — THIS — SUMMER



"Remember to keep up your pledge over the  
summer. You may mail to WLCC, 19 Maple Street,  
West Lebanon, NH 03784 or directly to the  
collector, Debra Ford, 10 Chester Lane, Unit 4,  
Enfield, NH 03748. Thank you,

The Stewardship Committee."

Many Thanks to Forrest Alger for building  
a Steeple replica for the Capital Campaign  
Steeple Fund Donations. The Steeple is beautiful  
and there is a convenient slot on the side for folks  
to drop in donations to be used to offset the cost  
of the new steeple and, if we are very generous,  
there may be additional funds for other necessary  
items on the Capital Campaign list.



**Steeple Donations Box**

## *WLCC Capital Campaign Update*



*Pledges Received to Date: \$29,640.00*

*Pledges Paid to Date: \$16,034.00*



### **INSPIRED MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

Come! Listen! Enjoy! The Capital Campaign Committee, together with featured performers Bob Sanderson, John Tostenson and Molly Bonhag, invite you and your family and friends to a benefit concert at West Lebanon Congregational Church on **Sunday, July 10th, at 3:00 p.m.** This "inspired" music festival will be a fun way to spend your afternoon listening to the fine talents of these three individuals, followed by some scrumptious desserts (cheese cake, pies, and other baked goodies) to follow in the Kilton Room.

Admission is by Donation. The event will benefit the Capital Campaign - Steeple Fund, and we hope to see you all there! Help us to spread the word!

Tracy Bickford  
On behalf of Capital Campaign Committee

### **GROWTH COMMITTEE**

Growth Committee met on Tuesday June 7th, 2011. We have planned our outdoor summer service for **JULY 17TH, 2011**. It will be in our **CHURCH PARKING LOT** this year so it will be easier for everyone to attend. **FYI COFFEE HOUR** will be before the service. At the outdoor service Reverend Wierwille will be **BAPTIZING** anyone wishing to be baptized. We are hoping to make it a comfortable happening so you will feel welcome to bring family and friends who have been wanting to be baptized and feel they are too old, or do not regularly attend our church, or any church. Please spread the word about the outdoor service and the baptism. (We are trying to get a tent for the day to protect us from the sun)

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 10th, 2011. Growth & Christian Ed. are working together to host the 1st West Lebanon Congregational Church Community Carnival. It will be from 11am to 3pm. There will be old fashioned games for all to enjoy. One of the games will be a pie throwing booth!! We will be looking for volunteers to work this booth and many others. (John T.!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!) Please contact members of the Growth or Christian Ed. committees if you would like to help or would like more information. I can't remember what we decided on prices for the games, a few things were said, but at this time I can't find my notes. Posters will be made up and put around town. Also Lunch and snacks will be available!!! Please plan on coming and bring all your friends. It will surely be the most fun day ever!!!!

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**On June 19, 2011, A Sacrament of Holy Baptism Service was celebrated to baptize:**

**Riley Stanton Ward, (Born 10/28/2010)**

**Parents: Cynthia Maynard Ward and  
Christopher Edward Ward**

**Maternal Grandparents:**

**Frank and Linda Maynard**  
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**On June 26, 2011, A Sacrament of Holy Baptism Service was celebrated to baptize:**

**Hannah Elizabeth Henderson  
(Born 8/9/2010)**


**Parents: Jennifer Bergen Henderson and  
Lucas James Henderson**

**Godparents: Pamela Thompson and  
Christopher Twardowski**

## Moderator's Notes:

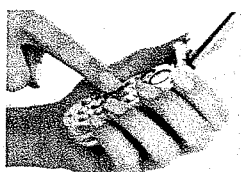
It is summer and we need to keep life rolling along like Old Man River.



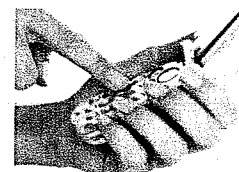
Hope you did not miss the song: **Down to the**  **to Pray**, the choir sang on Music Sunday. With luck they will sing it again sometime and you will be able to hear it.

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There are times I love the internet. Here are some messages which I received and thought worthwhile passing on to you. Have you seen the sign:



Honk if you love Jesus,  
Text while driving if you  
Want To meet him!



Computers are not the end-all!

There are some questions which cannot be answered by GOOGLE.



It is a sunny day out yet feeling rather gloomy?

Have you ever given a thought that everyday above ground is a good one?

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Are you aware it is a simple process to receive a daily devotional from the United Church of Christ? Go to the website:  
<http://www.ucc.org/>. Click on the header: 'FEED YOUR SPIRIT'. In the drop down area click on DAILY DEVOTIONAL. Complete the form.

Or you can enter this to go directly to the page to request the devotional:  
<http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional/>

Questions or problems let me know. Grace Dickerson

## 2010-2011 SUPPER SERIES WRAP-UP

During the past Church calendar year, we have been fortunate to hold seven (7) suppers.

Some well attended, and some not, but regardless a great time of fellowship and fun for those working the dinners, and they are another source of revenue for the church.

We should extend our thanks to the following for hosting/chairing the suppers, and those who have helped organize various tasks for each of the dinners:

Chicken & Biscuit (Oct. & April) Tracy & Peter Bickford; Scott Allan & Lisa George  
Super Casserole – Growth Committee  
Roast Turkey – Al Michalovic and Scott Allan  
Soup, Stew & Chowder fest – Rev. Dick Wierwille  
Ham & Bean – Missions  
Chicken BBQ & Strawberry Shortcakes – Trustees

Nancy Simpson – waitstaff coordinator  
Peter Bickford – dishwashers  
Cynthia Sleeper; Donna & Meghan Stender – pie cutting

Cashiers: Judy Leavitt, Jean Brooks, Nancy Pyer, and Joann Allan

Hostess: Barbie Hazlett; Nancy Pyer

Pie List Coordinator: Christine Goodhue and all Callers of the Pie Lists (we couldn't do it without you)

Dining Room Set-up: Boy Scouts and Jan Lacey & friends from Quail Hollow

Advertising: Grace Dickerson (posters); Richard & Pauline Gage (poster distribution); Debbie Ford (publication in newspapers)

Kilton Room Chair Set up – Bickford Family

We also truly appreciate all who served on the dinners in any capacity, and those who were willing to make pies and casseroles, when called upon, and to those who came to eat and enjoy the dinners!

We also thank Neil Henderson for being our ticket caller for the suppers – we look forward to his Sunday reports!

Also, much appreciation to the Gages and Ellie Smith for picking 80 lbs. of strawberries for our Chicken BBQ held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Will Smith, Ellie Smith, Dick Wierwille, and Cynthia Sleeper for hulling all of those strawberries.

Stay tuned for meeting date/time in August to start planning for next year's Supper Series. Please consider any way you can help to continue to make these dinners a success. We need more people for the pie list, a couple of replacements for the callers of the pie list, and would love someone to take ownership of Kilton Room chair set up.

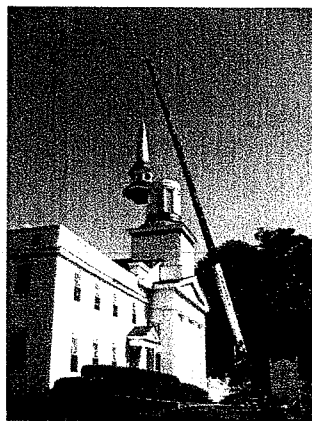
**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> to All!**

Tracy Bickford, Coordinator  
WLCC Supper Series



On Music Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Music Committee presented Molly Bonhag and Averill Tinker with a token of appreciation for their dedication and hard work providing a musical worship environment for our church.

The Jubilant Bells Members, the Members of the Intergenerational Choir, and other musicians, have all contributed to the congregation's enjoyment. Thanks go out to all, including: Bob Sanderson, Lin Wierwille, Donna Butler, Kate DalPra, Nancy Wolfe, John Tostenson, Erma Mellinger, William Akers, and all of the others who have given of their time and talent for our enjoyment!



*To my friends:*

*What a glorious moment today watching as the spire section of the steeple was lifted and lowered into position. Though it is not a totally completed steeple it is the beginning of the end of a huge effort. This project certainly is a continuing demonstration of the people of the United Church of Christ in West Lebanon and their love in God.*

*I give thanks for Jay Southgate and his entire crew including Matt, Josh, Trevor, and Bill the crane operator. Also to the church family who have been responsible for making this happen. Our work is not done but the symbol of God's love and presence. The steeple will provide a new glow in West Lebanon. The early settlers and run-away slaves looked to it as a beacon for a new life and of hope. With the new glow the steeple will continue to be such a beacon for all in the Upper Valley.*

*Thank you one and all.*

*Your moderator*

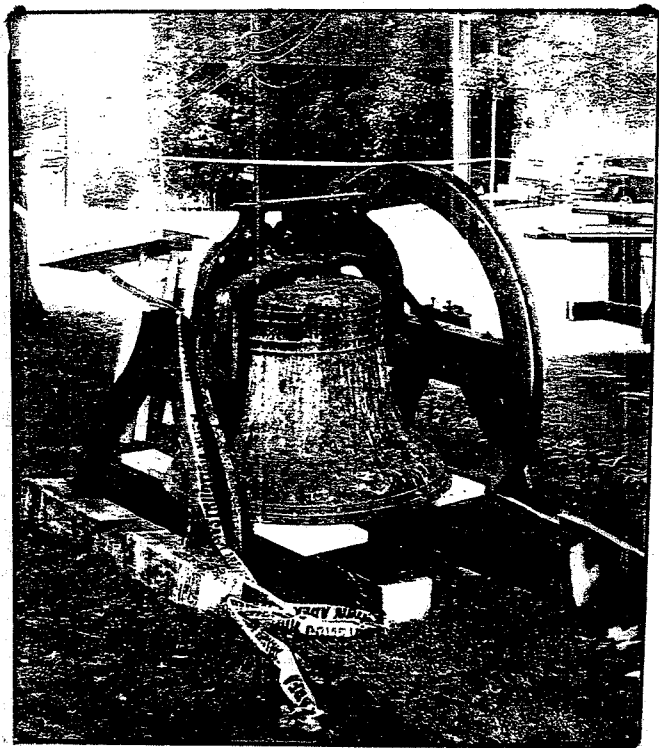
*Grace Dickerson*

## THE CHURCH BELL!

The bell was cast in 1877 in Boston, Mass.  
For a few days it was on the ground where all  
could see it, touch it, and marvel at its size!  
The base measures 42", it is 36" high, and weighs  
1600 Lbs!

The inscription on the bell reads:

**CAST BY  
WILLIAM BLAKE & CO.  
FORMERLY H N HOOPER & CO.  
BOSTON MASS. D. 1877  
1233 28**



The West Lebanon Congregational Church was  
established in 1768, and the church building was  
built in 1849!

There is good reason why we now have embarked  
on a Capital Campaign to raise the necessary  
funds for the many projects that are now in need  
of our care and attention to restore and maintain  
our place of worship.

West Lebanon Congregational Church  
2011 Capital Campaign Kick Off

*"Investing in our Church, Faith and Future"*

Three-Year Campaign Goal:  
\$300,000.00

### Capital Items List:

- ❖ Rebuild Steeple
- ❖ Church Boiler Replacement
- ❖ Church Drainage Issues
- ❖ Church Siding Repair
- ❖ Church Roof Repair
- ❖ Drake Room Kitchen Improvements
- ❖ Sanctuary Lighting Improvements
- ❖ Parsonage Drainage Issues
- ❖ Building Maintenance Capital Reserve



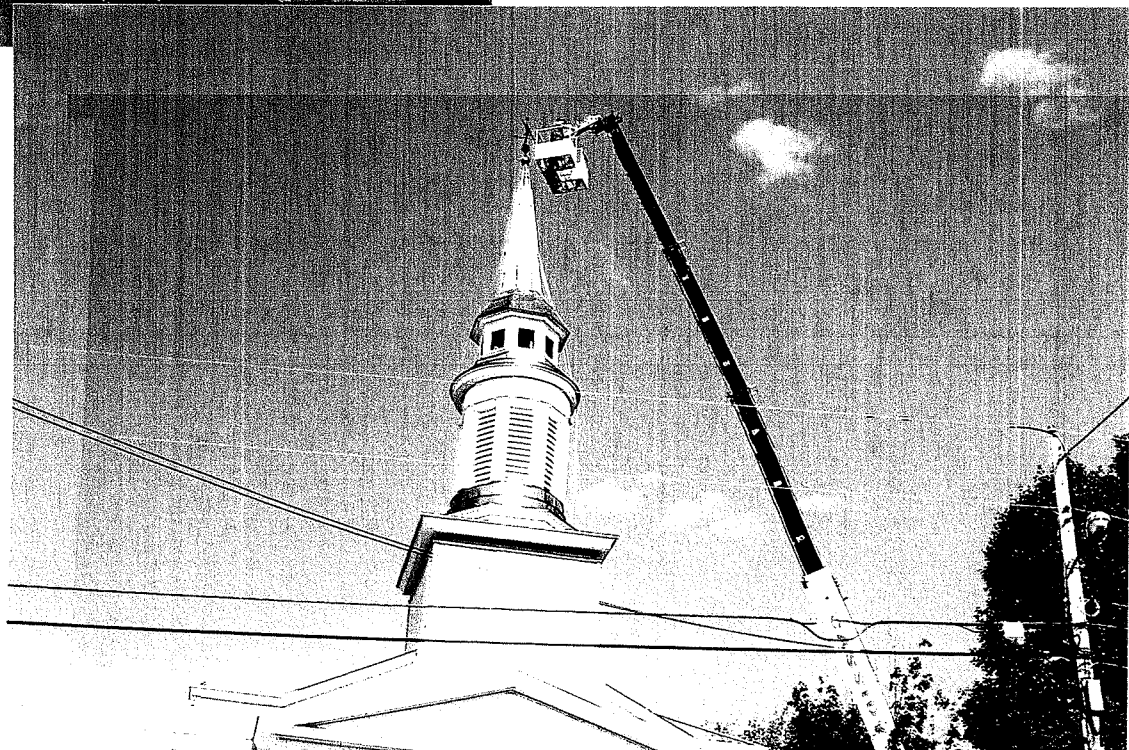
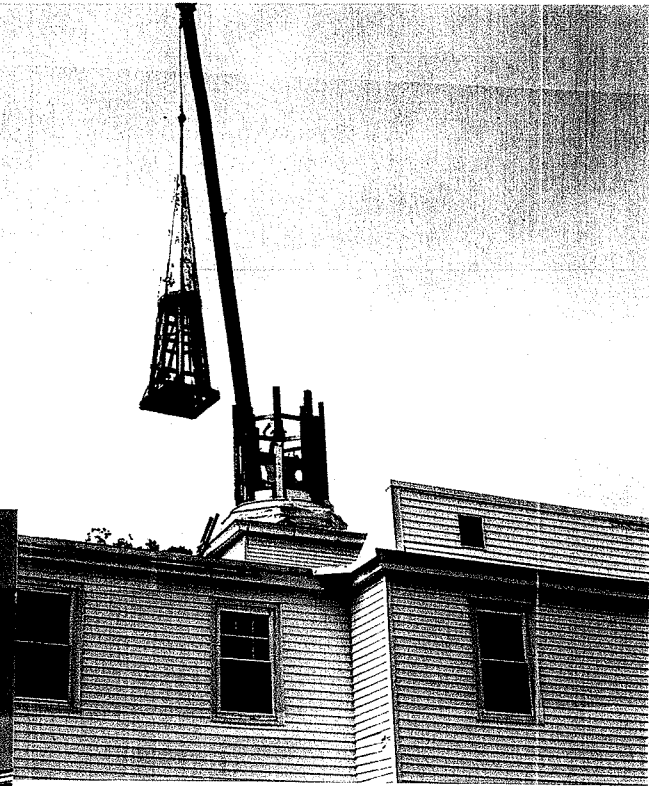
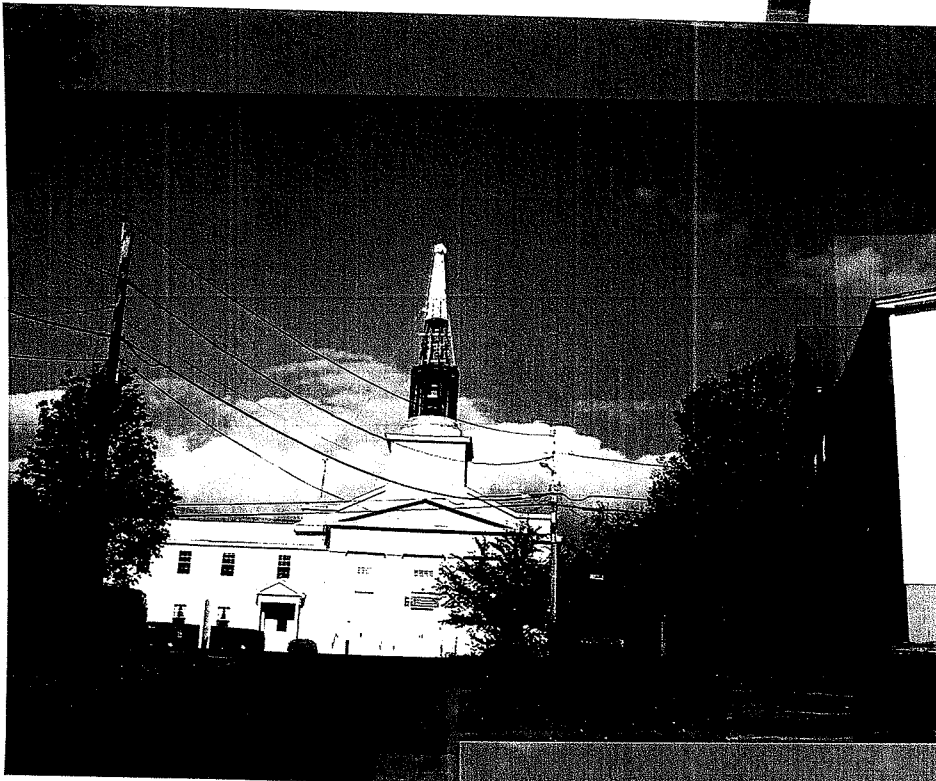
Checks may be made payable to West Lebanon  
Congregational Church (WLCC) and mailed to  
18 Maple Street, West Lebanon, NH 03784.

Our Capital Campaign Committee Co-Chairs  
are: Wayne Bonhag and Debra Ford.

Committee Members: Tracy Bickford,  
Scott Allan, Dana and Al Michalovic

## STEEPLE RESTORATION PROJECT

Jay Southgate and his skilled craftsmen started work in the Fall of 2010 by measuring and recording all of the dimensions of the bell tower and the spire. They plastic-wrapped and sealed it up for the winter. During the winter they fabricated the parts in the shop so they were ready to transport and assemble this Spring. The results are awesome!



# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Diaconate: Nancy Simpson Bob Sanderson Trustee: Ken Alger Flowers: Lin Wierwille					1 Noon-4:00 NCCT Wedding Rehearsal	2 2:00 p.m. WEDDING- Dornik// Gattie
3 10:00 Worship Communion	4 JULY 4th HOLIDAY	5	6 1:30-6:00 Piano Lessons	7 9:00 Work Mtg.	8	9 10:00-Noon Tea Talk Cooking Class Wedding- Waterman/ Wilcox
10 10:00 Worship 3:00 pm Benefit Concert- Steeple Fund	11	12	13 1:30-6:00 Piano Lessons	14 9:00 Work Mtg	15	16
17 10:00 Worship Baptism Outdoor At WLCC	18	19	20	9:00 Work Mtg 5:00 COMMUNITY DINNER	22	23
24 10:00 Worship	25	26	27	28 9:00 Work Mtg —RW	29 VACATION	30
31 10:00 Worship FOOD BIN SUNDAY						

# August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Diaconate: Bob Sanderson Carolyn Stone Trustee: Scott Allan Flowers: Dana Michalovic	<i>1</i>  RW ——— ——— BOB	<i>2</i>  VACATION — SANDERSON —	<i>3</i>  ——— LEADING —	<i>4</i>  JULY 28 — WORSHIP —	<i>5</i>  — AUG. 9th ←————	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 10:00 Worship Communion	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 9:00 Work Mtg.	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 10:00 Worship	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> STEEPLE DEADLINE!  7:00 Diaconate	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 9:00 Work Mtg.  5:00 COMMUNITY DINNER	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>  2:00-3:30 Mad Hatter Tea Party
<i>21</i> 10:00 Worship  FOOD BIN SUNDAY	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 9:00 Work Mtg.	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 10:00 Worship Riverside Park Glen Road, WLeb	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			

# The Newsletter

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### PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

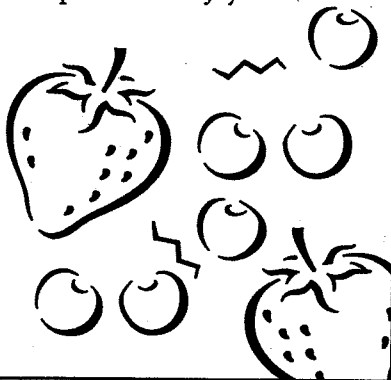
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

#### What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

#### What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



## Freedom in Christ

*This Independence Day, remember that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.*

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**Directions:** In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

F	Q	L	V	C	R	O
G	R	K	U	D	Q	P
H	S	J	T	E	P	Q

I	O	B	H	A	L	P	Q	K	D	W
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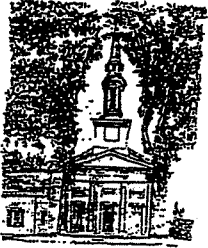
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P	B	Q	R	V	C	O	H	B
Q	C	R	S	U	D	P	G	C
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Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, niv)

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*Return Service Requested*

**July / August 2011**

**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.**

