

wierwille words

**God rushes in to a slightly open heart, a door left ajar.
-- Donna Schaper, Pastor, Judson Memorial Church, NYC**

In this season of harvest many of us recall how folk used to can and freeze fruit and vegetables, stow bushels of items in the root-cellar and generally button-down yard and garden in preparation for a long winter season. This year we see a similar mindset as fuel prices spiral up and financial forecasts plummet giving many the shivers and willies. Being constantly pummeled by negative media reporting the loss of confidence in government, financial and business venues has put many folks in a pretty dower mood lately, wanting just to close-down and button-up for a hard winter ahead.

Boards and Committees are seriously trying to address how best to cope with anticipated sky-rocketing heating fuel costs necessary to maintain Church and community activities use in our church facilities; entryways being weatherized, thermostat settings lowered, programs and activities evaluated in an attempt to be efficient and frugal good stewards of God-given resources. Extending the maintenance life of our present heating system and the cost-savings possible by use of alternative heating sources are items under consideration.

Christian faith is always a model for assessing all of life and this might just prove to be a time requiring strong, active faith! Initially we recall that God's blessing and grace is included in all of Creation – and God saw that it was all good! (Genesis) And we are called to live boldly, courageously, recklessly in our faith expression believing that light will overcome darkness! (Isaiah) and Jesus says in the Gospels I am the Light of the world! and God will not abandon you or leave you without spiritual resources sufficient for the day! (John) So pull up the warm shawl/sweater of faith around you and join in all the opportunity of ministry that abounds inside this house of the Lord – God's Spirit will warm your heart and prepare you for the season ahead! Be well, DW

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Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-3:30

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ANNIVERSARIES

October 2008

- 3 Dick & Betty Abbott
19 Norma & Phil Gomez

BIRTHDAYS

October 2008

- 10 Frank Maynard
12 Lori Burnham
14 Phil Gomez, Jr.
Grace Dickerson
Bob Morgan
22 Jordan Mellinger
25 Norma Gomez
28 Seth Mellinger
30 Ben Benson
Walter Pyer
31 Erin Frappier

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Hear ye, Hear ye, Calling all singers. Please come and join us for a variety of musical opportunities. If you are interested, even in the slightest, in strengthening our music program come and join us. A couple of opportunities for you to start are this Sunday there will be a pickup choir practicing at 8:45 and being lead by Averill. The Intergenerational choir will be meeting on Thursday nights from 7PM to 8PM starting Thursday, September 18th.

Liz sez,

New fangled medical advances
may take us out of us.

HUMAN ROBOTS

Remember when we had no pain or guessed
we could get old?

We worked all day, partied at night.

We just rocked and rolled.

Time slipped by and wrinkles came. Our hair
faded to gray.

Our tummies slowly ballooned and the surplus
came to stay. We discovered flabby underarm
wings and bunions on our feet.

Seedy foods and nuts slipped beneath our
dentures and took seat.

Our eyelids drooped down and slid half-way
across our eyes.

Our knuckles locked on our rings and doubled
in their size.

There's not a thing that can compare with
irritating, grinding knees. They ache and grind
and pull us down as they torment and tease.

They bring wide-eyed insomnia and make
screaming beneficial.

Alas, we surrender and yell, "Doc, please install
the artificial".

The constant pain that drove us to turning the
wet towel in demands thorough rehabilitation.

Our skin is getting thin.

Alas, old Art Ritis refuses to release his
powerful grip. He sneaks into our hip joints and
grates them till they skip. We apply hot and cold
packs and burning liniment. We mount up more
sleepless nights and days of discontent.

We finally surrender and beg for a pain free life
All else fails and we decide to go "under-the-
knife".

Somehow our cataracts expand till we give our
approval to bring back some eyesight with
cataract removal. With new bilateral lens, which
we declare a good decision, we can see our
grandchildren and watch some television.
We just keep falling apart. We waddle, shake
and flash hot. Just how much of us is left? Are
we us or are we robots?

Enjoy your Golden Years.
Or are they Robot Years?
Sez Liz

CHURCH SUPPERS 2008-2009

As many of you know, our annual **Supper Series** is a vital part of our Church and helps to support our general budget. Not only do the suppers help support our general budget, but they are also a good way to enjoy friends and fellowship while working together in the kitchen or in the dining room. This coming year we have set suppers for the following dates:

October 11	Chicken "N": Biscuits Coord: Tracy Bickford
November 15 th	Soup/Chowder Fest Coord. Dick Wierwille
January 24 th	Roast Turkey Dinner Coord. Ron Montmagny
February 28 th	Pot Roast Dinner Coord. Tim Rediker
March 21 st	Chicken "N" Biscuits Coord. Tracy Bickford
April 25 th	Supper Casserole Supper Coord. Barbie Hazlett
June 20 th	Chicken BBQ / Strawberry Social Coord. Tom Morgan

In order to make these suppers a success, we really need to have **HELP** from others to fill all the positions necessary to put on the dinners. A big "thank you" to those who are already helping in one capacity or another. However, we are looking for a few others to fill some "key" positions. Please read below for an opportunity where you can help out. If you are unable to take one of the jobs on the list, we are always looking for people to help cooking in the kitchen or serving as waitstaff, or on cleanup& dishes.

Kilton Room set-up:	Mark Pageau
Dining Room set-up	Redikers
Advertising:	Church Office

Supper Series (Continued))

Posters:	Grace Dickerson
Poster Delivery:	Edith Wheeler
Wait Staff Coordinator	Nancy Simpson
Hostess:	Barbie Hazlett
Cashier/Ticket Sales:	Judy Leavitt / Shirley Rediker
Dish Washers	Peter Bickford

We always need people to cook, serve as wait staff, coffee pourers, clean up, wash dishes, etc.

We are still in need of more **pie makers, salad and casserole makers**. If interested please contact Ethel Montuori .. 1-802-295-5562.

SEXTON'S REMINDER

"With cooler weather approaching and oil prices sky high, the need to conserve heat is more important than ever. Please remember to make sure all windows are closed, the doors close tightly behind you, and the heating ducts in the Kilton Room are kept open (not covered by tables or chairs). Please feel free to give your energy conserving ideas to me or any Trustee. I know the Pageau family will be wearing an extra layer of clothing this Winter at home and when coming to church. As always, thank you to everyone who helps to keep our beautiful church...just that ..beautiful."

Thanks, Mark

WHAT'S YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

The WLCC Directory changes as members move, change their telephone numbers, emails, Etc. Please let us know if your email or other Information changes so we can correct it.
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee met for the first meeting of the Fall on September 18. As usual, our discussion revolved Around mission opportunities for the congregation – those regularly scheduled for this time of year and a few new ones.

As usual, events are being held to enable us to support those in both our local and world communities who are worrying about how they will manage as another cold winter approaches. The Cropwalk begins the effort on October 5. Then, on October 12 we will be taking in the Neighbor In Need offering.

Building on the Habitat House continues and so does our hope that the congregation will rise to the Missions Committee challenge to match their \$500 donation. We're still just at the foundation stage on the challenge, as you can see from our drawing!

We are excited about an opportunity to work with Shaw's supermarkets to contribute to the NH Food Bank. We are asking you to bring in all your Shaw's receipts and leave them in the Shaw's shopping bag in the Kilton Room. Shaw's will donate 1% of the total of receipts to the NH Food Bank. It's astounding how fast the dollars add up! This is a simple way to collectively make a big difference. We'll keep you updated on the total contributed.

Linda Oidtmann for the Missions Committee

STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship committee is organizing our fall campaign and searching for a guest steward.

We are also looking for people who are willing to give a brief stewardship message during Sunday services in the weeks leading up to Stewardship Sunday. If you'd like to volunteer please contact any member of the Committee (Peter Simpson, Gary Welles, Mark Estes, Judi Strong, or Judy Macnab).

Debbie Ford's resignation has left an opening on our committee. Please consider joining us.

The Diaconate is inviting WLCC's church members and friends, who are 80 year olds and older, to attend a luncheon in their honor on **Sunday, October 19**, immediately following church in the Drake Room. There will be delicious casseroles and salads for lunch, with cake and ice cream, fun fellowship and music as part of the program. Our Octogenarians will be receiving invitations in the mail based on a list generated by the church office. If you know of someone who didn't receive an invitation but should have received an invitation, please contact Rev. Dick Wierwille or Madelyn. We want to make sure all who should be included are invited.

For those who are not 80 and older, there will be a sign-up on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary asking for casseroles and salads to help with the dinner. Please check the bulletin board for the sign-up. Everyone's help would be much appreciated in hosting the festive celebration of our Octogenarians. Also, if you would like to help serve at the luncheon, please see anyone on the Diaconate or contact Grace Dickerson or Tracy Bickford.

Growth Committee

Greetings from the Growth Committee: Our outside service held July 27th at Riverside Park in West Lebanon was attended by approx. 30 people. Music, Worship and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Our 1st meeting was held September 16th and we already started planning some fun filled family events for the coming year. Our 1st Movie Night will be held Friday, October 24th at 5:30 pm with a Halloween Theme. Bring your kids or drop them off and enjoy a couple hours to yourself. The new Church Directories have arrived and will be available in the Church Office. There are extra copies available for \$5.00 each. We are always looking for suggestions as to ideas on how to help WLCC grow. We believe you need to grow 1st from within the church and we hope to bring back some of those we haven't seen for awhile but also reach out to new people in the area. God Bless!!!

Special Thanks

Dear Friends in
Christ,
Sept. 23, 2008

We would like to thank you for the wonderful Peace Pole in memory of Briana. It means so much to our family to have something at WLCC to remember her as a Child of Christ. The Peace Pole is beautiful as it brings the message of Peace and merges it with the Church and the peace that only Jesus Christ can bring to our hearts, minds and souls. Thank you, dear friends for sharing your fond memories of Briana and for your friendship and support through the years. We encourage each of you to continue your walk with Christ and find Peace and Joy, growing in His Word and what He has done for each and every one of us.

With Love, Mary, Ben, Noah, Trevor and Leah

Diaconate

"The Early Summer church services" held at 8:30 am this Summer allowed church members to attend a brief version of the 10 o'clock service. The average attendance was 8- 12 and this hardy group felt the "condensed version" was just what they needed while allowing them to get an early start to their Sunday Summer activities. During the last August service the attendees asked that we continue this early service throughout the year. This extra service was truly appreciated by everyone. The concept of an early service was presented to the Diaconate with Dick offering to continue this service. However, the Diaconate felt that this added service might take something away from the church family during the "regular" church year. Therefore, the early service will end in September but hopefully return next Summer.

Kilton Public Library Community Campaign Kick-off Celebration

On Saturday, October 25th from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Kilton Lot, the Kilton Library Capital Campaign Committee will hold its "Community Campaign Kick-off event. This event (BBQ/Activities) is an important part of the Capital Campaign as it is the beginning of our Public Awareness Phase where we will ask all residents of Lebanon to support the new Kilton Public Library, whether through an individual donation or volunteer to help with campaign activities. The Kilton Public Library Community Campaign Kick-off Celebration Committee (whew) will hold a meeting at the Lebanon Public Library sometime before Saturday, October 25th. This is an important meeting as we will be assigning tasks for all who volunteer. Please plan on attending.

Trustees Committee

*We met on September 11, 2008. Debbie Ford has resigned as a Trustee. Scott will advise the Nominating Committee.

*Trumbull Nelson has completed the work of leveling and stabilizing the canopy over the back entry way.

*Wayne is checking on possible solutions to the water problem on the Drake Room floor.

*Negotiations were lengthy to secure the best possible price for fuel purchases during the next heating season. The Heating system is being studied to determine possible solutions for maximizing efficiency and eliminating problems with the current system.

*There are problems with leaks in the roof and contacts have been made to check that out and determine the best way to fix it and what the cost will be.

*Quotes have been requested for parking area plowing, sanding and salting this winter.

*All committees have been advised that we must start the 2009 budget process. In response to increased costs and possible reductions in giving units we must all economize.

*The Trustees will host the fellowship hour following worship on October 5th.

*We will meet again on October 9th.

New Church Members

Anyone interested in joining our church is invited to contact Rev. Wierwille. There will be an orientation and information about being a member at the West Lebanon United Church of Christ. A reception of new members is planned soon and this is an opportunity to learn about the organization and history of our church.

Our Heartfelt Sympathy

Prayers and Sincere Sympathy to the
Family of:

“Bill” Lacey

9/8/1925 – 9/5/2008

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the West Lebanon Congregational Church UCC.

AFRICAN DRUMMING SEMINAR

Saturday October 11, 2008

10:00 to 1:00 pm at

Lebanon United Methodist Church
18 School Street, Lebanon, NH

Mary Lamenzo from the group Olaibo will be leading the drumming. All are welcome to attend, though space is limited to the number of drums available!

To attend this seminar no drum is required, but if you have your own please bring it along; Mary will be bringing 16 drums and assorted instruments. Participants must be at least 12 yrs old to attend, and also be willing to be part of the Worship service at Lebanon UMC on Sunday October 12, 2008.

Mary will be joining us for worship that Sunday as all rhythms learned will be incorporated into the worship service.

Cost: \$10 donation to off-set leader cost. For more information or to register, please contact the church office at 603 448-5478 or lebanonumc@verizon.net.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Bill Macnab, Ellen Patterson & family, Katie Chaffee,
Dean & Sandra Hutchinson, Paul Audette, Jerry Damren,
Hillarie St. Pierre, Mike Foote, Darrell Turner, Sue
Moretti, Linda Rogers Nash, Randy Perkins, Rosemarie
Wick, Tiah Luciana Elanos, Donna Hoyt, Hope
Dauphinais, Marian Carr, Dick Abbott, Mary Ann
Hambleton, Tom McGonis, Bev Newell, Brianni Beland,
Ellen Burke, Ethan & Ada Warren, Cole Timplake, Bruce
Johnson, and Jim Gove.

October 2008 Worship at WLCC

Sunday, Oct 5th 10:00 a.m. Worldwide Communion/ Neighbors In Need Mission Offering

Scripture Exodus 20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Message *Guiding Rule: wisdom for the way* – RW

Hymns PH 68, PH 93, PH 66

Sunday, Oct 12th 10:00 a.m. Peaceful Kingdom: Finding God's Peace by Rev. Greg Marshall

Sunday, Oct 19th 10:00 a.m. Octogenarian Celebration Sunday/ Health Ministry Sunday

Scripture Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Message *Living Messages: in whose image are you stamped?* – RW

Hymns PH 433, PH 404, NCH 495

Sunday, Oct 26th 10:00 a.m. Reformation-Reconciliation Sunday/ Food Bin Sunday

Scripture Psalm 90; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Message *Compassionate Living: congruence between our words and our deeds* – RW

Hymns NCH 25, PH 353, PH 400