

The Weekly

From the Pastor's Desk:

"Sharing Our Community"



This coming Sunday is the long-anticipated Outreach Meeting for WDCC. This Sunday we will consider as a congregation a variety of new ideas for our church's outreach and mission. The members of our church who have led this effort have worked hard to come up with new and innovated options for us to consider, and this is your chance to choose how you want to get onboard and support these projects.

We have a full schedule this Sunday, but one that is full of fellowship and (perhaps just as important) food. We will gather for worship as usual at 9am. This Sunday, though, not only are you welcomed to wear your blue jeans (as always) but you are actively encouraged to do

so. Afterwards we will fellowship during coffee hour and then spend about an hour taking care of our church building.

Around noon we will gather downstairs for a potluck and the presentations from the various committees who have worked on our outreach efforts. The LKG has graciously offered to cook a ham for the meeting. We are asking attendees to bring a side dish or dessert if possible.

I'm excited to see which outreach projects we as a congregation choose. As your pastor, I'm glad to see so much enthusiasm from our lay leaders for outreach. My job in the coming months will be to support (continued)

This Week's Lectionary Texts

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 13: Jeremy Schrauf

May 13: Joan Judd

PASTOR'S NOTE (CONT.)

and shepherd all of you in your outreach efforts. I know we have a lot to share with our community, and I'm excited to help us reach out to our neighbors.

My hope is that in our outreach effort we will be able to show our neighbors that God is doing a new thing with us. I have been impressed with the way that this congregation has been open to new ideas and new ways of reaching people. I think our success depends on our ability to show folks that we not only want them to come through our front

doors, but we want them to show us how to "do" church even better than we are now.

We aren't looking for new members to add to a church roll. We are looking for new brothers and sisters in Christ. Part of growing as a Christian community means truly loving those who feel called to be a part of us, and truly seeking to understand who they are, who they are called to be, and who we are called to be to them. You have welcomed your new pastor with great hospitality and openness, so I know you will do the same when our neighbors come to our doors. And they will.

Calendar

Sunday, May 16

Worship at WDCC, 9am
 Coffee Hour, 10am
 Blue Jeans Sunday, after coffee hour
 Outreach Meeting, noon

Wednesday, May 19

Coffee Hour at WDCC, 8am

Saturday, May 15

A.A., 8pm

Upcoming Events:

VT Conference Annual Meeting,
 June 3-5, Lyndon State College

Plant Sale at WCC

Our sister congregation, Wilmington Congregational Church, is hosting its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 15th at the church. They have a variety of plants that will be for sale beginning at 9am. This is a chance to get to know other area UCC members and to support the Wilmington Church in their fundraising efforts. Come early, as the plants go quickly!

STAYING CONNECTED

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This Week's Link:

Covenant Hills Christian
 Camp
 Cabot, VT

Covenant Hills is jointly programmed by the VT UCC and the United Methodist Church. Camping options for kids as young as grade school are open now. There is also a counselor-in-training program for older youth.

<http://www.covenanthillsvt.com>

