

SUMMER 2018



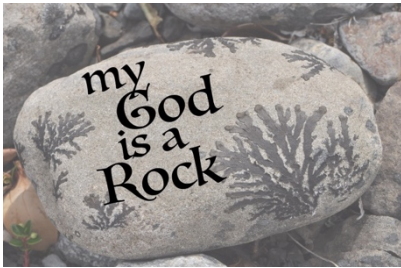
LEBANON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

creating a place at the table for everyone

Through the Red Doors

What's happening inside, outside, and through Lebanon UMC



Steady & Silly this Summer

**Summer
Worship
Services Will**

Focus on Steadfastness and Playfulness

One of the wonderful things about the journey of faith is that it's never the same for two different people—it's not even the same at two different times in one person's life! Sometimes, we need to rely on the strength and steadfastness of God, and other times we need to be reminded of the joy and playfulness of child-like faith.

At Lebanon UMC, our worship themes this summer will draw on this diversity of experience. In July, we will seek the protection and surety of God who is "our rock and our redeemer," and imagine ways to be more steadfast in our own life of faith. Whether you are comforted by God the Mighty Fortress or celebrating Jesus the Rock who Rolls your Blues Away, we hope you will draw strength from God who is steady and sure.

In August and early September, we will mix it up with a worship series called "Are You Kidding Me?" At the peak of summer and as a new school year begins, we will be encouraged to have faith like little children, and to see the joy and play in our life together. Join us as we remember and re-teach the important lessons of childhood—to share, to play fair, to mind our manners, and to have a little fun!

Easter Egg "Hunt for Change" Donated Over \$245 to Local Organizations

This year, our Easter Egg Hunt took on a new look: an opportunity to encourage kids and others to give back to the community! Every participant got a treat for playing, but inside the eggs, the real treat were pennies that were then translated into donations. Thanks to The United Methodist Women and the Mission Team of LUMC, we donated \$100 to charities, and people added to these donations on Easter morning.

Each Egg Hunt participant got to choose where they placed their pennies, selecting from three different organizations. It was so beautiful to hear the kids talk about why they chose to support CH@D, the Human Society, and the Haiti Lunch Program. Grown-ups got in on the fun, too, giving donations to the organizations directly.

Here's what we gave in our Hunt for Change:

Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock:

\$174.65

Upper Valley Humane Society (the highest number of pennies!): \$43

Haiti Hot Lunch Program mission: \$54.45

~ Summer Upcoming Activities ~

VACATION BIBLE ADVENTURE

Sunday, July 29-Wednesday, Aug 1

6:00 pm – 7:45 pm

PRAISE IN THE PARK

July 29, 10:00 am, Colburn Park

Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, JUNE 2 9-2

Donations received:

Thursday and Friday 9am-6pm

Pricing and displaying:

Thursday and Friday 9am-6pm

Help needed all day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. All proceeds to church budget. Neighborhood Sales also happening. See Linda K and Sharon P.

Shoppers wanted on Saturday—tell your friends and neighbors!

Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday June 11--Honoring our teachers and students. Preview of VBA music and skits. Vacation Bible Adventure-- "Daniel Finds Courage in Babylon" An inter-generational event of drama, music, crafts, and Bible learning. Free.

Nursery care on Summer Sundays.

Sunday School for all ages resumes on Sunday, September 16

S.A.L.T. Luncheons on the 2nd Saturday each month at NOON

Cally L. welcomes volunteers to donate food and/or attend our monthly meal. Each month on the 2nd Saturday, we share a lunch with one another and with all in our community who are seeking good food and warm fellowship. SALT stands for Saturday Afternoon Lunch Together. Talk to Cally to help organize this meal!



News from the Camp Booster

Summer is a busy, exciting time at Camp Wanakee! On Saturday May 5th, Wayne and I went to help clean up Wanakee to get it ready for summer campers. 35 people attended to help out; it was a meaningful time of work and fellowship. Wanakee is looking pretty good but could use more hands at the next Work Day, June 2nd. If interested please sign up at wanakee.org.

Here is a list of summer activities:

Work Day - June 2, 9-3p, includes lunch

Expo Camp/Open House - June 23

(Expo Camp- explore camp on this annual free day from 9-3pm, for ages 4-12 years, Open House- free for all ages, come meet staff and tour Wanakee, bring a picnic lunch, please register for either event online).

Camps Start - July 1st

Family Camp - August 15-18

Wanakee Wilderness 5K - August 25th , 7:30 am start and Barbeque 11-2pm

If you or a child are attending Wanakee or another Methodist Camp, we have scholarships available for our church family. Please add your name and information to the camp sign-up sheet located in the churches narthex. If you have questions, please ask me or Becca.

Lastly, when I was at the Work Day, the Wanakee Mission Statement was posted in the dining hall, it reads:

...To love, accept, challenge and provide opportunities for growth to all God's people within our "Beautiful Spiritual Place in the Hills."

...To help individuals interact with one another, build relationships, and grow in their Christian faith through experiences within a Christian community.

...To send them forth into the world to celebrate and share God's love.

See ya 'round the campfire,

Amy N

See wanakee.org for more information.



Banner History

Creators of this historic banner – left to right: Dianne Shattuck, Gwen Polhemus, Grace Headstrom, Betsey Headstrom Peale, Nat Berry, Adele Patch, Sally Patch Cole, Phoebe Walker. Adele made the angel square and put together the other squares that the rest of the group made to make the original banner in 1990.

This banner has special historical significance. In August 1873, during Rev. Culver's guest sermon, a dove flew into the church and rested on the open Bible until the close of the service. Reverend Culver's parting words were, "Welcome, sweet messenger, and may you prove a true emblem of the heavenly dove which we trust is now conferring its holy benediction on us all."

The original banner had represented our church at the N.H. United Methodist Annual Conference in Laconia in 1990, and was then hanging in the vestry when the burned in February 1992. It was found melted and frozen into a lump on the floor after the fire. Adele took it home and thawed it—and discovered that the dove portion of the banner had folded over and protected the Bible from destruction. Only the Bible Portion could be salvaged; it was professionally cleaned and is incorporated into the new banner, recreated by the original group of women. Clearly a message once again of the importance of the Holy Bible.

- Betsey P
Church History Committee

Vacation Bible Adventure 2018 Daniel's Courage in Captivity

Come join us this year for Vacation Bible Adventure from Sunday, July 29th through Wednesday, August 1st, 6:00 - 7:45 pm. This intergenerational program, all ages of adults and children will visit ancient Babylon and learn the story of Daniel's courage— a from his capture in Jerusalem to his rescue from a den of lions.

You'll be able to experience the exotic sounds, sights, smells, and drama as you enter the Marketplace. You can sample tidbits of items from the Food Court typically eaten during that time period. And you'll encounter daily visits with Daniel and Ashpenaz, the king's chief of staff, that bring Daniel's adventures to life while he is held captive by King Nebuchadnezzar.

All are welcome to attend this free event for all four evenings or just one. This is a fun time for everyone.

For more information contact the church office at 603-448-5478 or office@lebanonumc.net

See you soon in Babylon!



Dip Dinner Donations Given to Local Charities

The UMW is grateful to all who donated to their fund raiser for local charities. The money has been distributed to: Good Neighbor Health Clinic, Second Growth, Dismas House, Headrest, Upper Valley Haven, The Family Place, WISE, LISTEN, and our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Book Recommendation: *Discovering the Other*, by Cameron Harder

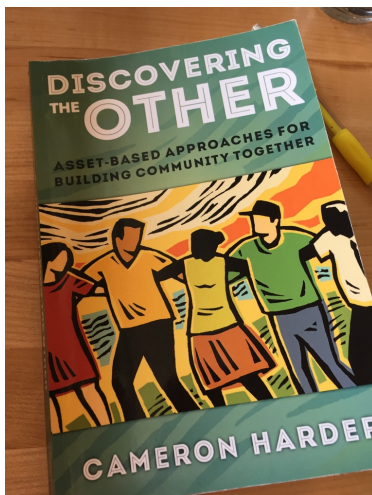
For my current course toward my Doctoral degree, I've been learning about appreciative inquiry and asset mapping, and have stumbled upon the book *Discovering the Other: Asset-Based Approaches for Building Community Together* by Cameron Harder. While many have written about or described appreciative inquiry and asset mapping, I found this book to be the most helpful resource.

What are appreciative inquiry and asset mapping, you ask? Appreciative inquiry is a perspective on communities (including congregations) that teaches us to ask positive questions. This approach assumes that how we see ourselves is determined in part by what questions we ask, and that "people, like plants, grow toward the light." Appreciative inquiry teaches us to shift our focus from "what is going wrong and how do we fix it?" to questions like "when are we at our best, and how do we do more of that?"

Asset mapping is a tool of appreciative inquiry, which helps us look at all aspects of our lives—even our weaknesses—as resources that God can use. By starting with a positive, appreciative perspective, and then examining our networks, talents, connections, and even our challenges all as assets, we become better positioned to use the resources God has given us to help transform the world.

As always, I invite you to pick up or borrow this book, and share in conversation with me and with one another about what we're learning. And don't be surprised the next time someone asks, "what's not working?"—I might just flip the question around to exclaim: "what's working really well?"

- Becca



Summer Worship Services at 10:30

Our worship services this summer will remain at our usual time, 10:30 am. The only exception is July 29 when we will join with neighboring churches for Praise in the Park at 10 am. There is no Sunday School (for children or adults), but nursery care is provided throughout the summer.

Even without Sunday School, kids and kids at heart are always welcome! Our August series, "Are You Kidding Me?" will encourage us to explore our child-like wonder and faith.

All Ladies of the Church Invited to United Methodist Women Events:

Summer Potluck Picnic - June 19, noon, at Goose Pond.

Blueberry Picking at Noda's TBA.

See Sharon P or Tina A for details.

Next Newsletter Deadline: August 10

Are you enjoying the Newsletter? Please help us fill it with interesting content of things that have happened, and exciting upcoming events. Our next deadline is in August, in preparation for Gathering Day!