

**From the Pastor's desk...**

Dear Church Family,



**Spring is almost here.** It is the time of renewed life. With the songbirds, the sound of Spring returns after long winter of silence. The first shoots of daffodils, skunk cabbage, and pitcher plants emerge from the hard ground. Everything brown sheds its winter coat and bursts forth in living color.

Spring is here, but "spring is rooted in the mud." It has been a difficult winter for us with a number of our members suffering from COVID-19, other health issues, and the loss of the loved ones. We've had our share of mud that sticks to you, that makes you slip and fall sometimes, that makes you wonder if spring will ever come.



But this is also the season of the renewal of our faith as we come to Holy Week and to the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will rejoice in, celebrate, and dance over, that which arrives in mud, in dark-damp caves; we will sing over the stone that was rolled aside to release the body that defeated death.

This is the eternal season that resides in us who have come to believe, who have experienced the resurrection, and who stand as witnesses to the risen Christ. We know He lives because He lives in us.

Paul wrote: "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.." Philippians 3:10-11 (NRSV)

Now that we are born of the Spirit, love and truth burns in our hearts and sets our lives aflame with the passion for knowing Christ and for making Christ known.

So as we wait for the mud to give way to gardens, as we wait for the earth to heal itself from a long, deep winter, may the Son warm our days, set our lives ablaze with passion for the life given to us so that we would bring this message out into the world: "He is Risen.... He is Risen indeed."

We glory in Christ alone, and we enjoy his presence forever. Amen. In His Grace,  
Pastor Justin Choi



#### **Prayers:**

- \* Audrey Van Kooy- Thanks from Helen Maier for all the caring support
- \* Chris Rodek- Prayers for her friends Billy and Patty who are currently ill with Covid
- \* Bill Francis- Prayer for Bob Sibson who had outpatient surgery last week
- \* Rev. Justin Choi- Prayers for Lisa Burns who was hospitalized but home now
- \* Prayers for our confirmand class
- \* Barbara Nesta was just taken to Chilton Hospital and is home now.
- \* Kathy Holley reports that brother of Cathy Shopp has Covid
- \* Bonnie & Howie report that Jim Ester, former minister, misses us and is currently unable to come to church.
- \* Bob Gunderman's brother passed away
- \* Roberta Schmidt's husband Bill was in ICU is doing better should be home soon.

#### **Joys:**

- \* Carol Stanhope- Fish & Chips Take-Out Dinner a success and we made just over \$2100, serving 260 dinners. We appreciate everyone help and hard work, from ticket sales, coleslaw crew, set up, servers, kitchen crew and all that purchased and supported this event. Due to Covid, we did restrict the amount of volunteer workers and express our thanks those who offered their help too. We hope to see you next year!
- \* A joy to see Dawn Syvertsen and Kit Wallace- Rusinack at church today
- \* Lee Tomboulia- Announced that our "Choir Needs You" for Good Friday and Easter Sunday service.
- \* Please contact him if you are interested
- \* Bobbie del Sol was glad to be back in church, grateful for fellowship, good to see granddaughter again
- \* Fran Ehrhardt is glad to see green grass again!
- \* Linda Frederickson: last year we had Fish & Chips. Next day church was cancelled. This year Fish & Chips and we are back.
- \* Julia Held appreciates the earphones.
- \* Thanks to the Sr. Saints who worked on the sound system this week
- \* Happy Birthday Justin.
- \* Justin reminded us that postlude is part of the worship service and we should remain seated and listen to it

**Please let the Office know if you have any Joys or Prayer Concerns.**







# SESSION'S REFLECTIONS

APRIL 2021

**SUBMITTED BY BETSY ENGELHARDT, CLERK OF SESSION**

The big news for March is the successful fund raiser coordinated through the Community Virtual Auction Committee. Thanks to everyone who made this a profitable event. Looking forward to April, the Property Committee will be proceeding on finalizing quotes for siding the Parish House and Scout House. They will also be seeking quotes for landscaping services for the new year. The confirmation classes will increase their learning schedules to include virtual classes during the week. Worship is working on plans for Holy Week to include services for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The transition to our new Presbytery is official. We are now members of the Presbytery of the Highlands, with offices remaining in Newton, NJ. We have yet to be assigned a Liaison to our Pastoral Nominating Committee. We hope to have activity to report in April. Wishing everyone a blessed holy week as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

# Christian Ed. News

**HE IS RISEN!**

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

**March 28: Come join us in Sunday school as we celebrate the joy of Easter. Fun bible activities, crafts, games and an Easter egg hunt!**

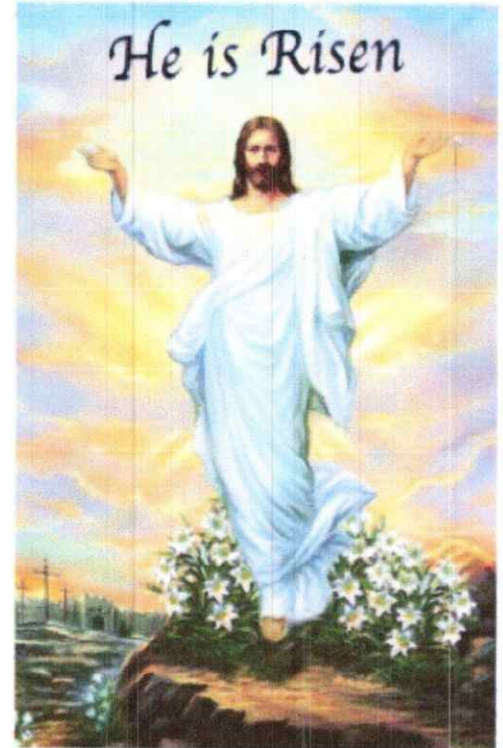
**April 4: Easter Sunday. Worship with Family. NO Sunday school.**

**April 11: Join us as we find out what happened after Easter Sunday. John 20:19-31.**

**April 18: A Net Full of Fish-what's that all about? John 21:1-17 Luke 5 1-11.**

**April 25: Where did Jesus Go? Acts 1:6-12.**

**Miss Dale, Miss Melissa, Miss Ruth and Miss Kathi can't wait to share the joy of Easter with you!!**

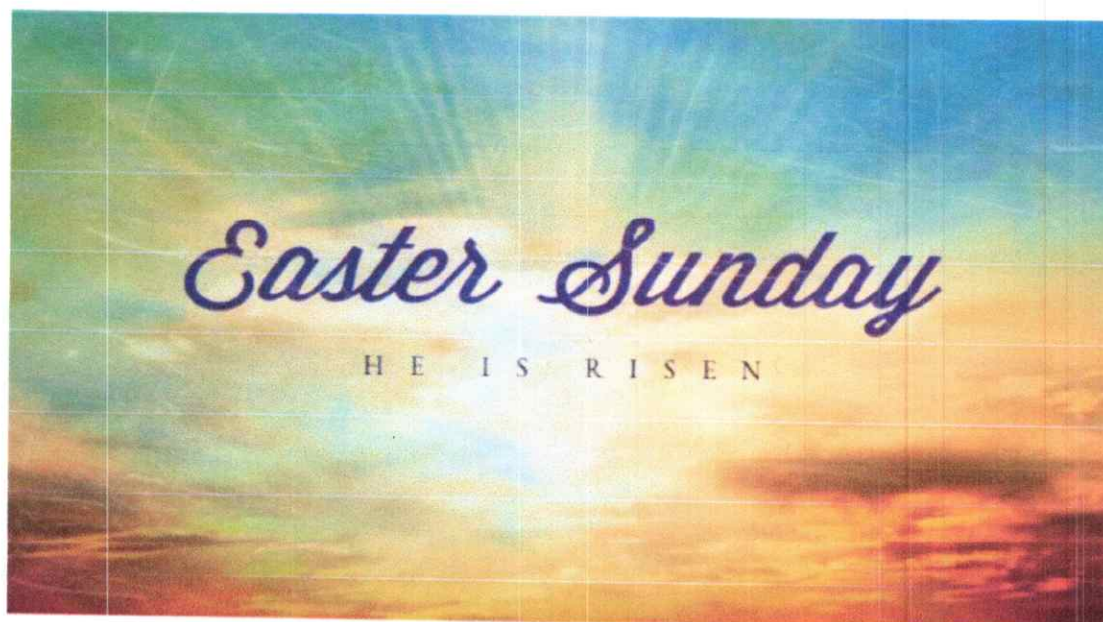






## Deacons Doings- April

What a great feeling to be in church again. The WMPC camaraderie is in full display with social distancing and masks in place! How great it is to voice our joys and concerns in person, to hear how other's lives are going, to see people's faces. You've had a chance to order Easter plants with a message included of joy, remembrance, love, and our altar will look beautiful with its arrangement of tulips, lilies, daffodils, thanks to you. There's a new head honcho of Ushers...Bill Francis, and he's doing a great job keeping things in order on Sundays We've had youthful help as Samantha and Sarah Choi have helped organize pantry cupboards and refrigerators as well as helping pack food bags. Our schedule for packing bags includes Pat on Monday taking orders and filling bags, Roberta Schmidt on Tuesday, myself on Wednesday and Thursday, Marty on Friday, Bill on Saturday and myself on Sunday. Please don't forget our pantry. The WM Rotary has given us a second infusion of money (Shop Rite gift cards) in December and will give us a third before Easter...but we still need your donations to keep us sustainable. We serve an average of 20 families every week and the size of the families ranges from 1-10 people. We've packed Easter dinner bags for families that need help including a special bag created by Jan and Carol, filled with Easter goodies. Audrey has called families in need to set up a schedule for picking up the bags. Those Easter themed bags will also be available for our congregation on Easter after church with our wishes for a beautiful, healthful Spring! Bonnie





## **Women's Association News**

### **Some interesting history—**

**In September 1928 a Cemetery Care Committee was formed by the Ladies Aid Society for the specific purpose of caring for the cemetery grounds.**

**In May 1932, in a booklet to celebrate the 125th anniversary celebration of the church, it is noted on page 13,**

**“ An outstanding achievement of the Ladies Aid Society was accomplished in clearing up the cemetery and grounds immediately surrounding the Church. For many years, the property surrounding the Church had been neglected and was in deplorable condition; monuments had fallen, weeds, brush, and briars, had reclaimed this old historic burying ground, and it was no longer a pleasing background for a House of Worship. Through their efforts, the grounds were made beautiful, lending dignity to our old Church. After two years of working raising funds for the carrying thru of this project, the society was able not only to have the work completed, but to report that \$1000.00 was invested as a trust fund, for the perpetual care of the cemetery.”**

**In December of 1944 the \$1000.00 was invested in a War Bond. In later years the money was used for various projects relating to the overall care of the grounds around the church. The money being sent to the church treasurer.**

**We no longer have a Cemetery Care Committee but we do have our wonderful Senior Saints and some other volunteers who work to keep our church looking beautiful.**

**Present day 2021, we have been busy with our Cookie Walk and Fish and Chips dinner even in the midst of a pandemic.**

**Our Fish and Chips dinner ran very smoothly thanks to chairperson, Carol Stanhope and Mary Macheska our Coleslaw queen. Shoprite was kind enough to donate all the coleslaw ingredients, the lemons, the rolls, containers and plastic bags. Thanks to all the volunteers and all the others who wanted to help but were turned away due to Covid restrictions. We sold 260 dinners and along with the sale of Diane's gnomes our profit was \$2192.00.**

**We have our outdoor craft fair coming on May 22nd.**

**We have received approval from the Session and the town to go ahead with “Aunt Jenny's Attic” and we're excited about that.**

**We urge all of you to come out and join us, it's good for your mental health. Our next meeting is March 25th at 10 AM in fellowship hall. We will be discussing having our meetings after church in the future.**

**Hoping to see you soon.**

**Blessings, Linda and Pam**

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church. We just received  
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Contact Rich Hepp at  
[rich.hepp@se.com](mailto:rich.hepp@se.com) if  
you have questions or  
need help setting up.





## Fish & Chips

The Fish & Chips dinner was a success again this year! We served 260 take out dinners and profited \$2192.00! Thank you to all that came out to support this annual event.

A special thanks to Linda Fredrickson and Pam McGlashan for their leadership and ticket sales; Mary Macheska for arranging to get all the coleslaw ingredients and desserts donated from InSerra (Shop Rite) and leading the coleslaw crew; Don and Pat Wright for printing the tickets; and to **all the F&C volunteers** who worked preparing coleslaw, set up, check in, serving, kitchen crew, desserts and clean up! You all did a fabulous job!

The Covid restrictions did limit the number of volunteers this year but we hope that next year we will be back to normal so we can have more of you join in the fun. It is a great community event and we always appreciate everyone's generous effort and participation!

Thank you,  
Carol Stanhope  
F&C Chairperson





WEST MILFORD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## COMMUNITY VIRTUAL AUCTION

March 18 - 20, 2021

PREVIEW DAYS - MARCH 16 & 17



## WMPC Community Virtual Auction

It is with sincere appreciation we thank the Auction Committee members, sponsors, donators, and bidders who made this important fund raiser a successful event. Please consider supporting in the year ahead the sponsors and local businesses that participated. We are excited to report that the Auction accumulated over \$14,000 in gross revenue. We are grateful Roberta Schmidt brought the concept to our attention. Her experience and hard work were vital in maneuvering through the various phases of the process. We hope all who

participated enjoyed the bidding action and where able to bring home items on their wish list. We offer our heartfelt thank you to you all.

With appreciation,  
Betsy Engelhardt  
Clerk of Session

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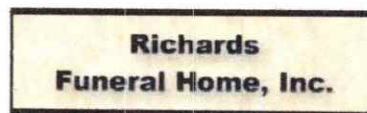


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**SINCERE THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE DONATIONS THAT  
HELPED MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER A SUCCESSFUL EVENT**

Amy Asaro Lewis  
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**WE HOPE WE HAVE INCLUDED ALL THE IMPORTANT PARTIES WHO  
MADE THIS AUCTION A RECORD BREAKER FOR OUR CHURCH. IF WE  
HAVE MISSED A NAME OR A BUSINESS, PLEASE KNOW WE RECOGNIZE  
IT TOOK THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION TO MAKE THIS  
EVENT A SUCCESS. WE ARE GRATEFUL AND THANK EVERYONE FOR  
THEIR VALUABLE SUPPORT.**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter Sunday 10am - Worship 6pm - Scouts	Easter Monday	7pm - AA Meeting 9am - Sr. Saints	9am - Sr. Saints			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10am - Worship 6pm - Scouts	7:30pm - Session	7pm - AA Meeting	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TAX DAY 9am - Sr. Saints		10am - Coffee Making With	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10am - Worship 6pm - Scouts		7pm - AA Meeting	9am - Sr. Saints 6:30pm - Cheese Making			
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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