

25 DAYS OF PRAYER - CHRISTMAS 2018

CS Lewis, in his essay *The Grand Miracle*, writes of the wonder of the incarnation - Christ comes "down to the very roots and seabed of the nature He has created. But He goes down to come up again and bring the whole ruined world up with Him." These are the tidings of comfort and joy that we hear and sing.

To guide your prayers, here are four key things very much filling our minds and hearts:

- 1) **Prayer and faithful lives:** Pray for faithful living as we pray, work and interact with others and each other throughout these pressured weeks – for elders, deacons, choir members, church school teachers, visiting preachers, volunteers and families who sacrifice time to keep our church together.
- 2) **Energy and joy:** Pray for extraordinary and continued effort, and may this energy flow into joy, excitement and a spirit of generosity and encouragement everywhere.
- 3) **Impact and changed lives, families & churches:** - from the youngest children to the vulnerable oldest, from the leaders of society to the hurting, from those who want space to worship, to those who are yet to believe or struggle to believe. May Christ appear to many and His Spirit change lives.
- 4) **Future vision West Milford Presbyterian Church:** Pray for great momentum towards a grace-filled search to fill our pulpit.

Thank you for your prayers.

May the joy and wonder of this Advent and Christmas season bring Christ's blessing to all.





December 2018 Worship Opportunities

Sunday, Dec 2nd: Congregational Mtg.

10:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:00am Congregational meeting
11:15am WA Meeting
11:15am Choir Practice

Sunday, Dec 9th: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee Hour

Sunday, Dec 16th :

10:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Choir Practice

Sunday, Dec 23th:

10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Choir Practice

Monday, Dec 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service
10:00pm Candle Light Service

Sunday, Dec 30th :

10:00am Worship Lesson & Carols
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Choir Practice

Joys & Concerns

We Pray for:

Those who have lost loved ones:

- * Prayers for the family of Wayne Hanratti who passed away.
- * Bobbi Del Sol friends baby passed away.

We Give Thanks For:

- * Jan Halvorsen_ Thank you for your continued support of the Manual School Box Top program. We've collected over \$300.00 in Box Tops.
- * Betsy Englehardt - Celebration for her daughter's bridal shower
- * Carrie Smith- Thanks to Shop Rite, Bald Eagle Building #6 and Richmond Rd. Building #5 for Food Drives.
- * Thanks to the Deacons for recognizing our Veterans on Sunday.
- * A Huge Thanks to Betsy Englehardt for all her work on the Auction. They raised \$5,300.00.
- * Amy Weed- Military Tatoo at the High School was very good.
- * Betsy Englehardt- Thanks to all who helped sort & wrapped basket items last week.
- * Audrey and Hank Van Kooy--, Congratulations on 21 years of marriage. And a Happy 91st Birthday to Hank
- * Chris Rodek- thankful that family were together and Lily is feeling better.
- * Amy Weed- prayers of joy for being with family.
- * Chuck Ening- Church Fellowship Old Fashion Pot Luck Dinner Dec 7th at 7:00pm.
- * Linda Fredrichsen- Highlander Band took the National.

We Pray for individuals:

- * Amy Weed - Prayers for all who are feeling under the weather
- * Mary Macheska- Friend having Eye Surgery
- * Cyndy Taylor - Prayers for our World.
- * Judy Spotto's friend in late 70's have tempory custody of their 2-year-old grandchild do to opioid addiction in the family.
- * Gretchen Polito fell and is back at Chilton.
- * Prayers for those who died in Vietnam & Vets who are in hospitals now.
- * A friend in Arizona on Hospice
- * Maureen Lange-Her friend Janet who lost a good friend. Also thanks for all the prayers for Kathy @ Shop Rite. unfortunately, she passed away suddenly
- * Any Weed-- Her friend Tara needs prayers.
- * Carrie Smith-- Carol Smith is with her sister on her 80th birthday and her sister-in-law is in the hospital.
- * Fran Ehrhardt-- prayers for her son Greg who was diagnosed with Lyme disease.
- * A friend of Mary Majeska whose baby only has half a brain.
- * Linda Simpson. Prayers of comfort for her and her family.
- * Carol Stanhope-- Friend in England is out of ICU but still needs prayers.
- * Susan Menshon-Spinelli husband Peter had a mini-stroke and is in kidney failure, he is home now.
- * Sandy Smidt -prayers for a client's grandmother.
- * Carrie Smith- prayers for her family
- * Howie Seufert - prayers for James Esther who fell and laid on the floor for quite a while before he got medical attention, he is doing OK.
- * Bobbi Del Sol- fell in her apartment neighbor heard her and got her help.

We Pray for Communities:

- * Doug Weed - Prayers for all the people of the synagogue and those of Pittsburg.
- * The people in California affected by the fires.

We support each other with our prayers.

The Bulletin Board

December 2018

Session
December
10th
7:30pm

Congregational
Meeting
January 27th 2019

Next Deacons
Meeting is
December 8th at
12:30pm

Pot Luck
Dinner
Dec. 7th
@ 7:00pm

Committee Reports
Are Due By January
7th 2019. Please e-
mail them to the
office.

January
Newsletter Deadline
is **December 17th**



ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION
Was a **HUGH** Success
We made over \$5300.00 for the Church.
We own a **GREAT BIG THANKS** to
Betsy Engelhardt for all her work
organizing the auction. And a big thanks
to everyone that helped from our
auctioneers, to our bidders and all the
wonderful people who donated items, and
our finance people for keeping the money
straight.

**SOLD
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Noisy Offering

On the last Sunday of each month, the children will help us take up a collection of loose change for a mission cost.
*October -- Hurricane Relief--
*November---Crop Walk & Gift Cards

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 1st
10am-4pm
Come do some Christmas Shopping

2019 Pledges are Due. If you have not filled out your pledge card for 2019, please take a moment to do so. You can put it in the Sunday collection plate or drop it in the mail.

We appreciate you taken your time considering how you can help your Church. FYI.... Per Capita for 2019 is \$46.00 per member



Fellowship Potluck Dinner

Join us for an old-fashioned Presbyterian potluck dinner on Friday, December 7th at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. No agenda, no entertainment other than conversation with fellow WMPC members and friends. Here's our chance to get to know each other better and share our hopes and dreams for the future of our church, looking to the future and not backwards. And eat good food! Presbyterians can cook! Sign up at coffee hour, or call Judy Spotto (973-697-2930), Chuck Ening (973-767-7933) or the church office.

Potluck



December 2nd Noisy Offering will go toward purchasing gift certificates to be donated to West Miford School social workers/counselors. They will give them to families they know who are in need, allowing parents and caregivers the dignity of purchasing Christmas presents for their families.





2018 ANNUAL AUCTION

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the success of this year's auction. In this 3 hour event, we raised \$5300 towards the church general budget. This event is not possible without the generous donations / the labor provided for sorting, packing, cataloging, & wrapping the continuous flow of contributions / the setup committee, auctioneers, accounting, and student runners / and the generosity of those bidding the day of the auction. You all were part of making this a successful fundraiser.

Hope to see you all again next year!

Betsy Engelhardt, Auction Chair



December 1st & 2nd December 27th & 28th and December 31st & 1st

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Come tour the Manor decorated for the holiday season!

\$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 5-12

Sponsored by the Women's Club of West Milford, North Jersey Highway Historical Society, & Ringwood Manor of the Art Association

West Milford Presbyterian Church Bazaar & Craft Show

December 1st, 2018

10am to 4pm

1452 Union Valley Road
West Milford, NJ

Get all your holiday shopping done in one place!!
Over 40 vendors in 3 buildings

Lunches served by the Church Deacons
Homemade desserts & coffee in the Parish House



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>Congregational Meeting</p> <p>10am - Sun. School</p> <p>10am - Worship</p> <p>11am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:15am - Choir Practice</p> <p>11:15am - WA Meeting</p> <p>4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band</p> <p>6pm - Boy Scouts</p>	3	4	5	6	7	<p>10am - Christmas Bazaar</p> <p>11:30am - Food Pantry</p> <p>1:30pm - Girl Scouts</p>
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