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With the holiday season looming, how can you end the year faithfully? In other words, what should your focus be for these last month of the year? You can lead aimlessly to nowhere or aim purposefully. Here are some challenges that I believe will help you end the year faithfully.

I want to challenge you to end the year in the highest way possible. How can you do this?

1. Evaluate where you are with God.

Friends, draw aside to insure all is right with God. Deal with yourself.

Talk to God about your sinfulness and challenges honestly. Practice repentance.

Seek fresh empowerment from the Holy Spirit.

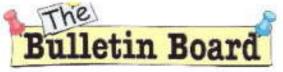
2. Examine your relationship with others.

In this hop and shop church culture, relationships can often get messy and misunderstood. We need to use this season to examine all relationships again. Do not underestimate the influence of your call, email, text message, visit, or even a hand-written personal note. The holiday season is the time of year many of our people are hurting and need a special touch.

3. Elevate your walk with Christ.

Use this season of the year to elevate your walk with Christ. Read more of God's Word and spend additional time with Him in prayer. Use your personal time with God to begin to pray about what He has before you in the new year. Spend extra time with God to concentrate on your personal walk with Christ.

Plan now to finish the year with the highest level of faithfulness.



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Congregational Meeting December 15th 2019



Committee Reports Are Due By January 7th 2019. Please email them to the



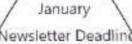


ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION

Was a HUGH Success We made over \$6000.00 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.





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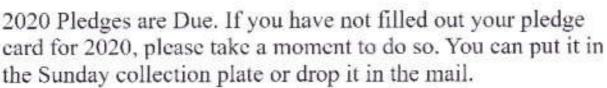


Shopping









We appreciate you taken your time considering how you can help your Church. FY1.... Per Capita for 2020 is \$46.00 per member





December 2019 Worship Opportunities

Sunday, Dec 1st:

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

Sunday, Dec.8th: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee Hour

Sunday, Dec 15th:

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

Sunday, Dec 22th:

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

Tuesday, Dec 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

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

Sunday, Dec 29th:

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 Tracy Stoft and family on the loss of her Mom.

* Dog Weed-Aunt's husband Paul passed away prayers for the family.

We Give Thanks For:

*Lisa Burns- Joy that her daughter's biopsy came back negative.

*Julia Held- Joy to celebrate her 86th birthday in Baltimore with her daughters. They went apple picking and had a wonderful time.

"Mrs Seufert- Bless Bonnie and Howie for their loving care they give to her.

*Jan Halvorsen- Bless Rev Choi and his family for helping out @ food pantry yesterday.

"Ken Dyxstra- Joy that he and Gladys celebrated 56th wedding anniversary

"Betsy Englehardt- Joy for the Elks who do a lot of good work for the Veterans."

"Maureen Lange Thanks for all the thoughts & prayers, cards. She really appreciates it.

*Linda Fredrickson- Joy for our Veterans.

* Becky Smith- Joy for the Marine Corp. birthday today.

- * Linda Fredricksen- Kari & Sophie received coaches award. Kari was chosen by news 12 as a Scholar athlete.
- * Bonnie Seufert-Thanks for Family & Friends who help us in times of joy and sorrow.

*Laurie- grandson born safe & healthy delivery.

- * Rev. Choi- Welcome Laurie to our church from the 1st Presbyterian church in Clifton.
- *Chris Rodek- Thanks to the Deacons for all the beautiful decorations in the Sanctuary. *Leah Majka- Leslie Spohn previous member daughter getting married in 2020.
- *Jan Halverson- Many thanks for all who help by donating food for the Thanksgiving baskets the Pantry recipients expressed their deep gratitude.
- *Linda Sibson-Also thanks for Rev. Choi
- * Erin Scilingo- Joy for a great vacation in Florida.

We Pray for individuals:

*Amy Weed- Doug's Uncle Paul has taken a turn for the worse- on hospice now.

- *Carol Stanhope- prayers for Aunt and Uncle John, who suffers with dementia and moved to assisted living.
- *Joan Menshon- Prayers for her daughter Susan who is having health issues.
- *Mary Macheska Her brother had tongue surgery. Her father in law 86 is having surgery.
- * Pat May-Klenhoffer Prayers for those who suffer with mental illness.
- * Helen Maier- Husband's family, who were lost at sea
- Carol Wosyluk's son in law Frank still fighting cancer having a tough time with radiation.
 Robyn Klein Bob Sibson fell & hurt his foot
- "Paul Smith- Prayers for a co-worker whose 8-year-old daughter suffers from a severe eating disorder
- *Linda Sibson- Bob is seeing an orthopedist, still in a lot of pain.
- * Mary Macheska Father's surgery went well but is still recovering. Continued prayers for her brother.
- * Erin Scilingo- Prayers for Chris's dad who had a heart attack, but is doing better now.

We Pray for Communities:

We support each other with our prayers.



2019 ANNUAL AUCTION

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the success of this year's auction. In this 3 hour event, we raised \$6000 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 7th, 2019 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

DEACONS DOINGS

It began the first Sunday of November when on All Saints Day we remembered those who had passed into God's arms by recognizing Memorial gifts given in their names. We moved directly from there to honoring our veterans for their service to country on Veterans Day. The Auction approached and we cobbled together a Comfort Basket to be offered for bidding. Within a blink of time there were turkeys and dinner makings to be given to pantry guests for their holiday and a lavish table set in the sanctuary for our Thanksgiving service. With barely a pause we were going through the wonderful Chrismon ornaments set carefully aside from last year, along with garlands and bows, poinsettias and candles, fake trees that are getting harder and harder to put together bearing lights that never work. The real life angels are the Senior Saints who bring down all the decorations from the attic and magically get the lights on the trees to work for one more year. It was all hands on board as the first weekend in December arrived and with it the Christmas Bazaar with the Deacons Café. There were soups and ham sandwiches, sausage and hotdogs, walking tacos and salads, all plated and served with smiles. The profit went to gift cards for area children whose Christmas would have been lean without a boost from the community. Lots to do in little time? Yes, but so much more too. All of this activity was done with the comradeship of fellow Deacons working together towards a common goal. Time and effort given freely, joyously. The Deacons are thankful for the opportunity given to us to work together in meaningful service. Bonnie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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