
~ *FOR* *HEAVEN'S* *SAKE* ~

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December 2019

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.

The Bulletin Board

December 2019

Session
December
9th
7:30pm

Congregational
Meeting
December 15th 2019

Next Deacons
Meeting is
December 14th at
11:30am

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

January
Newsletter Deadline
is **December 16th**



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.

 **SOLD
SOLD**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 7th
10am-4pm
Come do some Christmas
Shopping

2020 Pledges are Due. If you have not filled out your pledge card for 2020, 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 2020 is \$46.00 per member



Joys & Concerns

We Pray for:

Those who have lost loved ones:

- *Prayers for Tracy Stoff 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 Dykstra- 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 Halvorsen- 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 Mension- Prayers for her daughter Susan who is having health issues.
- *Mary Macheska - Her brother had tongue surgery. Her father in law 88 is having surgery.
- * Pat May-Kienhoffer - 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.

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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



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



**West Milford
Presbyterian Church
Bazaar & Craft Show**

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

Sandy Muzzillo, Janet, Holidays in United States

Dec 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir 11:15am - WA Meeting 4pm - Claddagh Pipe 6pm - Boy Scouts	2	3	4 7pm - AA Meeting	5 9am - Sr. Saints	6	7 10am - Bazaar & Craft
8 10am - Worship/Pageant 11am - Coffee Hour 11am - Mission Study 11:15am - Choir 4pm - Claddagh Pipe 6pm - Boy Scouts	9 7:30pm - Session	10 10am - New Comers	11 7pm - AA Meeting	12 9am - Sr. Saints	13	14 10am - Food Pantry 11:30am - Deacons 1pm - Memorial Service
15 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11am - Congregational 11:15am - Choir 4pm - Claddagh Pipe 4:30pm - Girl Scouts 6pm - Boy Scouts	16	17	18 7pm - AA Meeting	19 9am - Sr. Saints	20	21 Toy Give away
22 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir 4pm - Claddagh Pipe 6pm - Boy Scouts	23	24 Christmas Eve 7pm - Family Service 10pm - Candle Light	25 Christmas Day 7pm - AA Meeting	26 9am - Sr. Saints	27	28
29 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir 4pm - Claddagh Pipe 6pm - Boy Scouts	30	31 New Year's Eve	1	2	3	4