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# ~FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE~

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## From the Pastor's Desk...

### Lenten Theme

Valentine's day is the beginning of Lent, this year; which is a perfect way to start a season of remembering God's love for us. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

This year our Lenten theme is "The Lord's Prayer" as we work our way through the prayer that Jesus taught us all to pray. It is a chance to strengthen our relationship with God, as we remember his love revealed to us in Jesus.

L Turn away  
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**One Great  
HOUR  
OF SHARING**

### One Great Hour of Sharing

During Lent we also partner with others in the Presbyterian Church and other denominations through One Great Hour of Sharing. The children will receive fish banks to collect all of their change and help those in need, just as a young boy shared his five barley loaves and two fish in the feeding of the 5,000. Our One Great Hour of Sharing offering, which we will take on March 25<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) goes to help others in three areas:

- Emergency Disaster Assistance.
- Fighting Hunger and providing relief.
- Self-development of People—giving people skills and supports to become self-sufficient.

Be sure and check out the bulletin inserts and see how this money changes lives.

Please check out the upstairs hallway to see what our children are learning in Church School. And a HUGE Thank You to our Sunday School Teachers and Kathi, who share God's love with our Children





Happy Valentines Day

2018 February  
Bulletin  
Board



**Noisy Offering**

On December 31st we collected \$83.00 for Heifer International. This will purchase 2 flocks of chickens and 1 hive of bees to help needy families. January's noisy offering is for the Snow Plow Fund.....We collected \$100.68. Thank You all for saving your coins.... Keep Up The GREAT work.

**March Newsletter Deadline  
is February 15th!**

**Fish & Chips  
March 23rd  
2018..**

**Services At The Chelsea**

Rev. Janet does a service on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month @ 1:30 in the downstairs recreation room of the Chelsea. Please feel free to join her or if you would like to help, give her a call.

**Staff Meeting  
Feb 12th 2018  
3:15 ish**

**Session Meeting  
7:30pm  
February 12th**

**Next Deacons**

Meeting is  
February 3rd at  
12:30am

**Winter Has  
Arrived!**

Don't Forget The  
Snowplowing Fund!



Game Night--  
~ February 2nd , 7:00-10:00 pm--  
When was the last time you sat down with family and friends had had a fun night of playing games and just hanging out? In this day and age of technology, we have missed the human contact of playing games together. Bring your friends, family, and a snack to share and come for an informal evening of playing games together.  
All ages are welcome. You can either bring a favorite board / card game or you can come and play one of ours. You can either play together as a family or you can make new friends as you play together. Mark Your Calendar ... 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall on February 2nd.

**Souper Bowl of Caring is Feb. 4th**

This is a national movement of congregations, schools, community organizations and compassionate individuals caring for others on Super Bowl weekend. Souper Bowl of Caring equips and mobilizes youth to positively impact their communities by collecting money or food on or near Super Bowl weekend. 100% of the collections are donated directly to the charity of each group's choice. ALL of the food and donations we collect goes to our church Food Pantry. We ask the children to bring a canned good and the adults to place a dollar (or more) in the soup pot for their favorite team. This donation was started by a youth group in a Presbyterian Church in North Carolina and now is a nation wide effort to help address hunger.

2017 West Milford Presbyterian Church raised \$200.00plus 50 Food Items

2017 Nation Wide raised \$10,115,948..00

Participating Groups Nation Wide 6,540



**Per Capita**

**What is Per Capita? It is the first envelope in your packet of donation envelopes. The denomination charges each church a rate of \$44 per member. The money collected goes to help fund staff at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly level in our denomination. The church has to pay their share, whether you give it or not. We ask for you to help us not have to take it out of our general budget, by paying your own Per Capita. To calculate how much you owe, multiply the number of members (youth who have gone through confirmation or adults joined by transfer or reaffirmation of faith) \$44.**







### Joys & Concerns

#### We Pray for:

#### Those who have lost loved ones:

- \* Ian Smith-friend who passed away
- \* Carol Stanhope's cousin passed away.



## **February 2018** **Worship Opportunities**

**Sunday, Feb 4th:** Communion  
10:00am Worship (Boy Scout Sunday)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Coffee Hour  
11:15am WA Meeting  
11:15am Choir Practice

**Sunday, Feb 11th:**  
10:00am Worship  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Cookie Walk  
11:00am Coffee Hour  
11:15am Choir Practice

**Sunday, Feb 18th:**  
10:00am Worship/ Family Service  
11:00am Coffee Hour  
11:15am Choir Practice

**Sunday, Feb 25th:**  
10:00am Worship  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Coffee Hour  
11:15am Choir Practice

#### We Give Thanks For:

- \* Cyndy Taylor's lost cat was found.
- \* Joy for Pastors who are there to support us when we need them.
- \* Adam Schmidt and his wife welcomed a baby girl into the world.
- \* Chris Rodek is the Teacher of the Year for Apschawa School... Congratulations.
- \* Sandy Smidt's niece had a baby.
- \* Chris Rodek's colleague gave birth to a baby boy.
- \* Walt Matson turns 80. Bonnie Seufert is collecting memories to share

#### We Pray for Individuals:

- \* Scott Dressler having radiation.
- \* A woman battling stage 4 lung cancer (family doesn't know)
- \* Rich Hepp's father had heart surgery
- \* Karen Shumpert fell in the city and has a concussion
- \* Mary Stevens—no longer needs the boot for her foot, but continued healing.
- \* Peter Wosyluk doing better.
- \* Maureen Lange's uncle Ronnie is not doing well.
- \* Someone in seaside, depressed and looking for a job.
- \* Linda Sibaon—family friend with a blood disorder.
- \* Gretchen Polito was in the hospital (now home) her new address 31 Maple Ave Bloomingdale, NJ 07403
- \* Dee Casey's friend Audrey, who is not doing well
- \* Amy Weed had surgery on her neck and is doing pretty good.
- \* Phyllis Richards (Richard's Funeral Home) is not doing well.
- \* Joan Benson's ex husband is not doing well.
- \* Helen Maier—granddaughter's father-in-law on hospice.
- \* Hank Van Kooy was in the hospital and had two stents. Home and feeling better.
- \* Leah Majka's mother is doing better and is no longer on hospice.
- \* Leah Majka's friend in a car accident.
- \* Sandy Smidt's client is in a nursing home and not adjusting well.
- \* Amy's friend Laurie was diagnosed with breast cancer.

**We support each other with our prayers.**



### **Bible Study**

#### **Discover Hope in 1st Peter**

This winter our Bible Study group is continuing to exploring the book of 1 Peter, join with us as we delve into Peters letter. It is a letter filled with hope as the early church is established. The group meets on Tuesday's, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

**GOD IS EVERYWHERE,  
SO PRAY ANYWHERE.**



**Valentine Cookie Walk February 11th:** The Women's Association would appreciate bakers for the annual Cookie Walk! Please bake a minimum of two dozen cookies to be donated for the sale, and also please mark what type of cookie you made. You may bring them in on the 11th to be sold at Coffee Hour. So those that enjoy *baking* cookies please bake, and those that enjoy *eating* cookies, please buy! If you have any questions, see Mary Macheska during coffee hour.





# First Ladies Tea

at West Milford Presbyterian Church  
Saturday, February 24, 2018

2:00 to 4:00 pm

**\$10** Donation

Call Kathi for Tickets at 973-334-9838 or  
Church Office at 973-728-3081

Door Prizes • Entertainment • Snow Date 3/3/2018



The Girls in action:

Maggie  
Sophie, Leah  
Dorothy, Claire, Isabelle, Joanne  
Annie, Amanda, Lillian, Ann, Mia

Fall, 2017

Thank you so much  
for the love of the Church  
Hall supported by always  
being so accommodating to  
our ever-changing and crazy  
schedule. The girls and  
coaches are ever appreciative.  
Girls in the Fall  
Coaches: Margaret De  
and June Lynn Truitt



# Save the Date

West Milford  
Presbyterian  
Church Women's  
Association  
Dinner

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

All church women are invited for an  
evening of fellowship and fun.



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