
~FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE~

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You Have a Part to Play

Each one of God's children
Has a special part to play,
Whether it be great or small,
We are needed every day

If your part seems very small,
Don't feel you're insignificant
Don't feel that you can't offer much
And you wouldn't make a difference

Though you're tempted to give up
And let another take your place,
Remember, God gave you your gifts
And you cannot be replaced

And these gifts that God has given,
He longs for you to share
You're just as important as anyone,
So don't be in despair

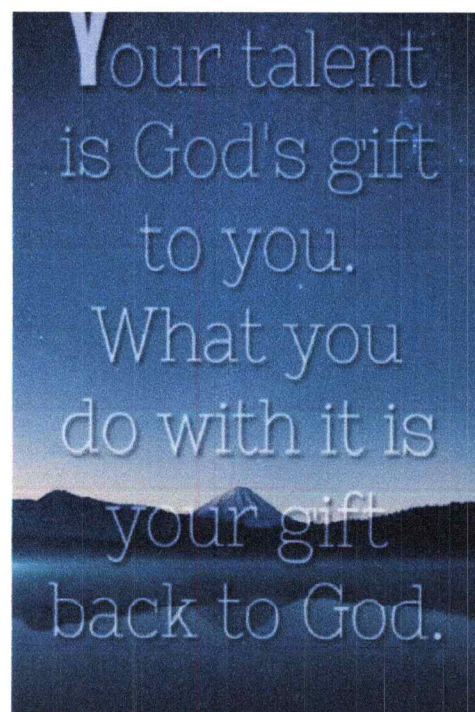
The only one who matters most
Is watching for your part,
With much anticipation
And excitement in His heart

So do not disappoint Him
By not taking your cue,
Though you think it unimportant,
This part is made for you

Don't let God walk away
With a disappointed heart
Because you felt so unworthy
Of your very special part
The parts that we've been given
Isn't based on size at all,
But rather on the abilities
And the gifting of the Lord

For each part is important
To make the whole thing work,
So do your part with enthusiasm
And know that you have worth.

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Joy's & Concerns



Concerns:

- * Prayers for support for Fran's friend since high school .Her husband recently passed away.
- * Pam's friend, Barbara, is continuing to recover after a long illness.
- * Judy Spotto had her second knee replacement and is "enjoying" recovery.
- * Friend, David, is continuing to receive chemo and radiation for his cancer. Good thoughts for him.
- * A friend at Aunt Jenny's mother, Betty Gorsky, is recovering from heart surgery.
- * Continued prayers for Diane Eriksen as she battles cancer.
- * Kit Rusinack asking for prayers for family whose home was destroyed in Pompton Lakes and for her cousin, a firefighter, who was burned while fighting the fire. A few other firefighters were also burned.
- * Mary Macheska's father-in-law will have surgery. Prayers for him.
- * Myrtle Teichmann, she had emergency surgery at Valley Hospital on Saturday night.
- * Mike Abbood,'s aunt died last week.
- * Kit Rusinack prayers for Lois's family after her death
- * David DeLucca prayers for him and his family.



Jays:

- * Rev. Assimos and his wife are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.
- * Julia Held is a great-grandma to Rhys, a Welch name.
- * Pam is glad to see Bob back in church.
- * February 12 is Cookie Walk....Members are asked to bake for event.
- * Betsy: Thank you to Don for all of his help in hauling the history boxes from the attic, and taking pictures.
- * Thanks to Betsy who organized and categorized the church history. There were concerns when we had leaks in the roof. Now the history is safe and within reach. Roof is repaired.
- * Pastor Assioms: Thank you for the three Sundays that he preached. He and his wife felt very welcomed by us.
- * Kathy Holley had nice time in Florida at daughters bridal shower.
- * Mike Hepp and his aunt are proud of the great job Rich did today.
- * Betsy 216 years of our church

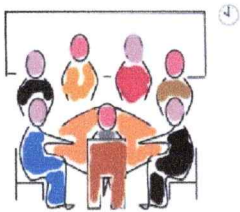
A HUGE THANK YOU!!!!

It is with heartfelt appreciation that I can't thank you enough for such a generous gift you bestowed on me. It brought tears to my eyes.

There are no words to tell you how grateful I am and may God bless you always. You are a true angel and I will cherish your graciousness from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you,

Karen Willmott



SESSION'S REFLECTIONS

FEBRUARY 2023

SUBMITTED BY BETSY ENGELHARDT, CLERK OF SESSION

For those that attended worship service the last 2 weeks in January, you are aware of the historic record retention project that started in early January. For those that did not attend, you missed out on some great historic records being displayed in Fellowship Hall following worship service. As Clerk of Session, I attended a Presbytery seminar in the fall covering the subject of CHURCH RECORDS. I learned about records we are required to maintain permanently and about the PCUSA storage retention center located in Philadelphia. This retention center is available to churches FREE OF CHARGE for records that are on their permanent storage list. I made it my mission starting the first of the year, with the help of Senior Saints, to search all historic record storage throughout our buildings and stage them for cataloging. Upon review, records were classified as ship to Philly, keep in house, OR trash. Finding some fascinating items, I thought it important to share these special finds with the congregation before boxing up for final storage. With the assistance of Don Wright, photos and scans were taken of over 150 items for storage on a USB drive for easy access in the future. Those items being shipped to Philly remain our property and can be taken back at any time. Elder Mike Hashimoto has also volunteered to bring our records to Philly since he visits the city twice a month. One slight problem – the center is only open weekdays. As a tax accountant, Mike is unavailable on weekdays until after April 15. Most likely all records will remain in house until May unless another parishioner has plans to visit Philadelphia on a weekday and wishes to volunteer to visit the retention center with our records before then.

2023 Session Directory is sorely missing leadership. Please consider lending your talent to serve as an Elder.

CLASS OF 2023

Mike Hashimoto – Finance

George Stoft – Worship Chair / Personnel

Debbie Trusz – I & S Chair

CLASS OF 2024

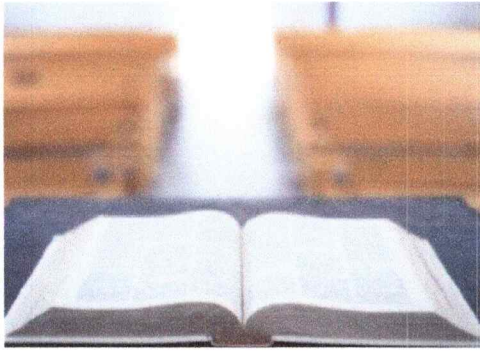
Betsy Engelhardt – Clerk / Deacon Liaison / Personnel Chair / PNC Chair

CLASS OF 2025

Catherine (Kit) Rusinack – Congregational Life-Mission-Outreach Chair

Worship Committee has been hard at work scheduling pulpit supply for the month of February. The committee is also exploring options for conducting Bible Study classes. Communion can only be served if there is an ordained pastor or commission elder officiating service. When pulpit supply is being covered by just a teaching Elder or a lay person, communion needs to be postponed until a qualified person is available. Personnel Committee created a job description for Covenant Supply and Presbytery is working on getting us a consistent qualified person to cover worship for at least the months of March & April.

Virtual Auction dates are February 23 through February 25 with preview days the 21st & 22nd. Please consider donating an adventure, gift cards, crafts, personal services, household items, jewelry, or anything that could be offered for bidding at this event. Need these items delivered to the library or church office ASAP.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY WITH OAK RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Chris Doyle from Oak Ridge Presbyterian has been a great pastoral support to our church since Pastor Choi's resignation. Our worship committee has been interested in starting a Bible Study series at our church. We know members of our congregation have been participating in Pastor Chris' virtual sessions for

some time. Reaching out to the pastor for his feedback on advertising this option to our congregation, he provided the following comment:

In regard to bible study, I hold dear to the notion that anyone from anywhere is welcome to join our bible studies on Monday evenings at 7:30 on Zoom. The approach that I take to bible study is to center the study on the verses that we'll be guided by in my sermons. I've found that this approach is generally really helpful for folks to understand the message of Sunday mornings more deeply, but then also serves as a great aid for me in sermon prep. Varying ways of seeing a piece of Scripture is always a good thing!

A news blast will be sent out to the congregation on Mondays with the Zoom link to join the Bible Study series.

Betsy Engelhardt
Clerk of Session

Mark your calendar! It's almost here!



Our third annual **Community Virtual Auction**, which is held completely online, begins with **PREVIEW DAYS** on **February 21 and 22**. This is a great opportunity to check out all the items up for bid and mark down the numbers that interest you. There is something for everyone! Then on **Thursday, February 23 through Saturday, February 25, 2022**, you will be ready to start bidding. All bidding closes at 8:00pm on Saturday night. Items can be picked up at the church on **Sunday, February 26** from noon – 5:00pm. If you can't make it, please call for a pick-up arrangement.

There is still time for you to help make this auction a success by becoming a sponsor if you have a business, providing an auction item (maybe a Christmas present you can't use!) and encouraging your friends and relatives to take part in the auction. Contact Roberta Schmidt at robertaschmidt308@gmail.com or call the church office if you would like to donate.

[Charityauction.bid/wmpchurch.org](https://charityauction.bid/wmpchurch.org)

is the auction site that will open on February 21.



WA NEWS FEBRUARY 2023

Happy New Year everyone!

Aunt Jenny's Attic is much more than a thrift shop. On a recent day we celebrated a friends birthday, enjoyed pictures of a friends new grandchild, loved looking at some old church photos, rejoiced over our new vacuum- a gift from Greenville United Methodist Church in Virginia, chatted with old and new customers and got teary saying goodbye to a good friend who is moving out of state. We also sold some things. Stop in and have a cup of coffee or tea with us.

Upcoming events

Our WA lunch will be on February 6th at Cypress Tavern on Kinnelon Road. Hope you can join us, just sign up.

Annual Valentine cookie walk will be held on February 12th. Please either bake or buy.

March 10th is the date for our Fish and Chips dinner. Tickets will be on sale before you know it.

Have a great February!



Blessings, Linda and Pam

**West Milford Presbyterian Church
Women's Association**



Take-Out Dinner

Friday, March 10, 2023

5:00-7:00 PM

West Milford Presbyterian Church

**Delicious "Tastefully British" Fish or Chicken
with homemade coleslaw, roll and dessert!**

Tickets \$18.00

**Tickets must be Pre-Purchased by March 8th
Call: 973-728-3081 (Mon. & Wed. 9:30-3:00)**

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