

Happy and Blessed New Year!

On the brink of a new year, many people hope for a bright big year ahead. Based on that hope we tend to set a New Year's resolution and our goal for the new year to come.

To accomplish your new year's plan, what do you need? You need help. You need aid to go after your goals. Proverbs says, "We make our own plans, but the LORD decides where we will go." (Proverbs 16:9 Contemporary English Version)

You get to plan the way you want to live in the new year, but only God enables you to accomplish it. This is the reason why we need to recognize God in all of our plans. Remember where God's will stands, there God provides. In order to reach your goal and change your life, I recommend you to seek three things.

Firstly, seek the Holy Spirit to empower you. You need God's help to make changes you can't make on your own. It's not based on willpower. It's based on God's power. It's not based on trying. It's based on trust. Zechariah 4:6 says, "You will not succeed, 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty." (NIV).

Secondly, seek guidance from the words of God. As all of us know the Bible is the owner's manual for life. The more you read it, study it, and meditate on it, the more fulfilled you're going to be in life.

Lastly, seek church people to support you. You will not be able to reach your goals on your own. It takes a team to fulfill a dream! Spectators can't support you, but church people can. The people in your church know when you're sick, when you're having a tough time, or when you need a break. You can share your goals and successes and failures, and they will pray for you and rejoice with you and encourage you to keep going. You need that when you make the right kind of goals and pursue them wholeheartedly.

West Milford friends, you are in the good hand of God. In the year 2020, God richly bless you as you seek His help in every step of your plans and goals. I am so thrilled to walk with you to see what God can do to the West Milford Presbyterian Church in this year 2020. Amen.

From the pastor's desk,  
Justin Choi



**January 2020**

**Worship Opportunities**

**Sunday, Jan 5th** : Communion

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

**Sunday, Jan 12th** :

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

**Sunday, Jan 19th** :Installation

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

**Sunday, Jan 26th**:

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

**Joys & Concerns**



**We Pray for:**

**Those who have lost loved ones:**

- Carol Smith- prayers for her neighbor, Pat Spolist, whose husband just passed away.
- Bobbie del sol- uncle died
- Bobby Del Sol, prayers for family of her friend, Linda Christiansen, who recently died.
- Helen Mayer-son in law died
- Kathy Shopp- Prayers for the Ott Family, the husband passed away recently

**We Give Thanks For:**

- Bobby Del Sol- Joy for her son-in-law from Cuba, who said he loved her and her son for accepting him into their family.
- Audrey VanKopy- Thanks to Howie for putting in her storm windows. She is so thankful for her church family.
- Bill Francis- Thanks to the Deacons for the beautiful advent decorations in the sanctuary
- Carol Wosyluk-granddaughter got engaged.
- Pam McGlashan- how wonderful wreaths across America is.
- Tracy Stoft-thanks to everyone for cards, support etc on death of mom. Joy for the memorial service and Justin.
- Diane Eriksen- thanks to Justin for stepping up to help with wreaths across America.
- Amy Weed- Friend Emily's baby, Jane is happy and healthy
- Bonnie Seufert - Joy for Gail Bishop her Dr. visit brought good news.
- Maureen Lange- Joy to have her neighbor in church today
- Carol Stanhope- Joy to celebrate her Father-in-Laws 94th Birthday
- Betsy Englehardt celebrating her mother's 92nd Birthday
- Joy to celebrate Justin & Lisa's Anniversary.
- We give thanks for our Choir

**We Pray for individuals:**

- Claire Gray- prayers for her whole family, especially, Ben and Erin, who will be undergoing extensive treatment for auto-immune disease.
- Amy Weed- sister Wendy internal bleeding, home now.
- Bob Sibson-Leg surgery on Friday. Home now.
- Lee Tombouliau- Fell off the steps and banged up his left side, but thankfully no broken bones.

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

Happy New Year!!

2020 January

Bulletin  
Board



The Congregational Meeting of West Milford Presbyterian Church will be held in the Sanctuary on **January 27th at 11:00** a.m. All items pertinent to the life and mission of the congregation may be discussed. Please plan on attending! Copies of the annual report will be available on **January 20th** in the vestibule. Committee Chairs your reports are due to the office by January 7th

February Newsletter  
Deadline is January 17th!

**Annual**  
**Reports**  
**Due**

January  
7th , 2020

**Winter Has  
Arrived!**  
Don't Forget The  
Snowplowing Fund!



**Session Meeting**  
7:30pm  
January 13th

**Next Deacons**  
Meeting is January  
5th at 12:30am

### **Souper Bowl of Caring is Feb 2nd**

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.

2019 West Milford Presbyterian Church raised \$83.00

2019 Nation Wide raised \$9,696,666.

Participating Groups Nation Wide 4,878



### **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 \$46 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) \$46.**



## Deacons Doings- January 2020

First, the Deacons want to thank all who helped at and/or ate at the Deacons Café during the Christmas Bazaar. We were very happy to have made \$437 which Jan combined with a donation from Women's Association to buy gift cards given by Wendy Becker and social workers in the schools to deserving families. This is so they could bring Christmas cheer to their homes.

Second, we want to thank Zack and Lily Rodek, Madison Klein and Sophie Ferris who took lunch orders, carried trays and bussed the tables at the Deacons Café.

Our group is saying goodbye to two very special women as they end their term on Deacons. Sandy Smidt has been our secretary. Her job description entailed making sense of rambling discussions, thoughts thrown about for past and future events, etc., and somehow arranging them into orderly minutes. She also managed the Memorial Fund, was the Worship Committee liaison and will be sorely missed in her role as the "voice" at the food pantry that called out what each pantry family needed in their bags. Fran Ehrhardt has been our liaison to Christian Ed. She is known for designing thoughtful and appealing bulletin board displays outside the sanctuary and always with an eye for ways to make our church more welcoming and beautiful. The saying goes "Once a Deacon always a Deacon" and we know these women will still be involved with our activities when they can. This then makes it's not as much a good bye, as a sadness that they won't be around our table at meetings.

We are gaining three wonderful ladies on Deacons. Audrey Van Kooy and Karen Willmott have been attending meetings and working alongside us since they accepted their nomination. They will be joined by Pat Wright in January to fill some of our vacant seats.

Let me offer a short list of a few things Deacons do. We pray for names offered up in concern and rejoice for names offered in joy. We keep a watchful eye on the congregation and are sensitive to those in need or in pain. We make dinners when they would help and send cards when a kind word might make a difference. We host food pantries for those going through a rough spot. We keep the sanctuary beautiful with flowers and decorations as we worship God and welcome parishioners on Sunday. If this sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, please let Marty Tappan know. We'd be thrilled to have you in our group.

## Senior Saints Luncheon



The Women's Association showed their appreciation to the Senior Saints with a wonderful lunch treat on them. When you see one of these smiling duds....Shake their hand and Thank them for all the HARD work they do around the building for us.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir Practice 11:15am - WA Meeting 1:30pm - Girl Scouts Cookie 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	29 7:30pm - Session	30 10am - New Concerts	31 7pm - AA Meeting <small>NEW YEAR'S EVE</small>	1 8am - Sr. Saints	2 9am - Sr. Saints	3 10am - Food Pantry
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12 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir Practice 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	13 7:30pm - Session	14 10am - New Concerts	15 7pm - AA Meeting	16 9am - Sr. Saints	17 9am - Sr. Saints	18 10am - Food Pantry
19 <b>Installation Of Deacons</b> 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir Practice 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	20 <small>WINTER HOLIDAY - KING OF KINGS</small>	21 7pm - AA Meeting	22 9am - Sr. Saints	23 9am - Sr. Saints	24 10am - Food Pantry	25 10am - Food Pantry
26 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11am - Congregational 11:15am - Choir Practice 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	27 7pm - AA Meeting	28 9am - Sr. Saints	29 9am - Sr. Saints	30 10am - Food Pantry	31 10am - Food Pantry	1 10am - Food Pantry