

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As 2018 comes to a close and I look forward to a New Year I like to take a little time to reflect.

What have I done this year that was new and challenging?

For me the new and challenging was to get more involved with the church. After many years of just singing in the choir I decided it was time to become a "part" of the church so I volunteered to be an Elder and serve on Session. Never in my imagination did I think that the church would be in the transitional mode we're in now.

As a church we have some tough decisions ahead of us. We're being tasked to mold the future of WMPC.

How do we continue to meet the needs of the present congregation and still build a church that young people will want to attend? How do we get those recently confirmed to continue to attend? How do we get the young couples with children to attend? How do we get the members we've lost over the years to come back?

Not easy questions to answer, but questions that the Interim Search Committee and later the Pastoral Search Committee will have to address and try to start formulating answers and plans.

I have asked Sandy to insert the WMPC Statement of Faith into the newsletter. Take time to read it and reflect on what **you** can do to live that Statement. As the Ministerial Search Committee forms and starts working one of their first projects will be to evaluate and possibly rewrite the WMPC Statement of Faith.

I'm not asking you to serve as a member of Session or Deacons. But to get involved in the church community and the community where we're located. Start attending the Fellowship Dinners and get to know someone new. Become involved by expressing your thoughts and concerns and suggestions for our future.

This is an exciting time for our church. A time to make changes and to move forward as one body in Christ.

Members of Session we will be setting up a table during coffee hour to listen to you and answer your questions. It will start with members of the Interim Search Committee. We do have wmpcsession@gmail.com where you can send us your concerns and ideas. This e-mail is only accessible by members of session.

We ask for your patience, support and prayers during this time of transition.

In turn Session will keep you abreast of where we are in our search and quest for answers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Carol Smith



**January 2019
Worship Opportunities**

Sunday, Jan 6th: Communion

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

Sunday, Jan 13th: Instalation

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

Sunday, Jan 20th:

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

Sunday, Jan 27th:

- 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:

- * Ken Dykstra Prayers of concern for friends in West Virginia on the loss of their father.
- * Carol Wosyluk Prayers of concern for the Bush family, on the passing of George H. W. Bush.
- * Bill Connolly Prayers of concern for his wife, Sue, whose mother, Barbara Van Riper, passed away on Wednesday from a massive heart attack.

We Give Thanks For:

- Jan Halvorsen Thankful for Rev. Justin Choi leading us in worship, and thankful for the very successful Women's Association Christmas Bazaar.
- * Carrie Smith Thankful for the help of Lily, Zack and Madison, who were tireless servers for the Deacon's Cafe at the Bazaar. Also thankful that the Deacons made \$500 from the Cafe that will be donated to the W. Milford Twp. School System's Holiday Gift Card Program.
- * Claire Gray Thankful for those who decorated the church so beautifully
- * Bobbi Del Sol Thankful for Chuck and Kathi Enering for their years of work helping families and children, and for their big hearts.
- * Pat Wright Thanks for all who baked for the Bazaar's Sweet Stop.
- * Amy Weed Thankful for neighbors with caring hearts and keen eyesight who alerted Amy and Doug to a lost bird, now rescued and resting comfortable in their aviary.
- * Phyllis is thankful for hospital personnel who take care of people when they arrive in an emergency.
- * Chuck Enering A joy that beginning in January there will be an Information Table every week during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall, staffed by Deacons and Elders, ready to hear and answer congregational questions about our ongoing pastoral search.
- * Kathi Enering A joy that there will be a special visitor at Coffee Hour last Sunday, complete with photo ops - and as a postscript, that visitor brought a lot of smiles to young and old.
- * Kathi Enering Joy for our church secretary Sandy Muzzillo's daughter, who got engaged on Thursday
- * Carol Stanhope Joy for her friend in London, finally out of the hospital after more than 7 weeks, and doing well.
- * Audrey Van Kooy Joy to receive a Christmas card and news from former member Gary Fladmoe, doing well.
- * Marty Tappan Joy for all who helped lay wreaths on the graves of veterans in local cemeteries during Wreaths Across America.
- * Carol Wosyluk Joy that her son-in-law, Frank, is in remission.
- * Cyndy Taylor Joy to visit Rev. Janet, who is enjoying her retirement but misses her church family at WMPC.
- * Lisa Burns Joy to see her son from NC and hope for rebuilding his home, severely damaged in the hurricane.
- * Joy that Gretchen Polito will be coming home on Thursday.

We Pray for individuals:

- * Phyllis Van Hooker Concern for Kathy Holley. She is home, under a doctor's care.
- * Carol Smith Prayers of concern for Scott Dressler, undergoing chemotherapy again, and for Chuck Enering, still undergoing chemo.
- * Lisa Calabria Prayers of concern for her mother, who is suffering with a lot of pain from compressed vertebrae.
- * Judy Spotto Prayers of joy that the custody battle over a toddler being cared for by her great-grandparents has been resolved, with all parties cooperating in common love for the child, who is now living with her grandmother. And that the cancer treatment needed by the great-grandmother has begun and is very hopeful.
- * Doug Weed Prayers of concern for his friend Chris, who is undertaking the new responsibilities of home ownership of a fixer-upper while welcoming a new baby into the family.
- * Karen Willmott - Had a Cardo Catheterisation is home and doing well.

Happy New Year!!

2019 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!

January 18th 2019
7:00pm

Pizza Fellowship Dinner

PLEASE JOIN US



**Annual
Reports
Due**

January
7th , 2019

Session Meeting
7:30pm
January 14th



**Winter Has
Arrived!**

Don't Forget The
Snowplowing Fund!

Next Deacons

Meeting is January
5th at 12:30am

Souper Bowl of Caring is Feb 3rd

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.

2018 West Milford Presbyterian Church raised \$133.00 plus 50 Food Items

2018 Nation Wide raised \$8,128,340.

Participating Groups Nation Wide 3,772.



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.





West Milford Presbyterian Church is called by God to work to fulfill the mission of His Son, Jesus Christ. This calling is our guide to minister to one another by: promoting and engaging in purposeful and meaningful worship, teaching and witnessing to foster our mutual spiritual growth, reaching out to each other in a caring, nurturing fellowship, and engaging ourselves in the ongoing life of the church. This calling is our guide to minister to our community by: reaching out in our ministry to welcome and include the community, engaging ourselves in community life in ways that share our Vision with the community, and working with the community to extend the Good News and grow in the Faith. Amen.



January Fellowship Pizza Dinner! If you missed our December Fellowship Potluck Dinner you missed good cooking and a good time. We're making our next Fellowship Dinner even easier - pizza! It's Friday, January 18th at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Look for a sign-up sheet after church, or call the church office (973-728-3081), Judy Spotto (201-602-9876) or Chuck Ening (973-767-7933). We could use a couple of salads and some desserts if you're so inclined. Want to come but you don't drive, or don't drive at night? Don't let that stop you - give us a call and we'll pick you up. We hope to see you there!



West Milford Presbyterian Church
Scout Troop 44 Invites you to our
**Annual Pancake
Breakfast**

Sun., February 3, 2019

8:30 - 10:00 am

Pre-Event Price

\$8 adults, **\$5** children



\$10
at Door



West Milford Presbyterian Church

1452 Union Valley Road, West Milford, NJ

Presale Tickets available contact any scout of Troop 44
@gmail.com or troop44wmnj

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		New Year's Day	7pm - AA Meeting	9am - Sr. Saints		11am - Food Pantry 12:30pm - Deacons
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir 1pm - Girl Scouts 4pm - Claddagh Pipe 6pm - Boy Scouts	10am - New Comers		7pm - AA Meeting	9am - Sr. Saints		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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