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# ~FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE~

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## From the Pastor's Desk...

As we prepare to say good-bye in September, I am reminded of the hymn:

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

It reminds us that it is God's church, that has been around for two thousand years, and in West Milford for more than 200 years. The hymn reminds us that it is not about one person or another, but rather it is God who is in control. This gives us confidence that just as God has been with us in the past, God will continue to guide us.

Rev. Dr. Janet Macgregor-Williams

## From the Session:

We are already planning for the future at West Milford Presbyterian Church. Times of transition are never easy, but it is an opportunity to explore new ways of doing things. Here is a little bit of what we have been working on:

- Rev. Janet's last day in the pulpit will be Sept. 23.
- We will be having a pot-luck supper for the church family on Sunday, Sept. 23 at the Awosting Club house, to say farewell to her. More details to follow.
- Rev. Janet was also very active in the community so we will be hosting an open house on Saturday, Sept. 22 to give people in the community an opportunity to stop by and say their farewells.
- Irene (Ferris) Kershaw will be making arrangements for pulpit supply, until we have an interim in place.
- We will be trying something new, on the last Sunday of every month we will have a Music Sunday. There will be some spiritual reflections as they relate to the music in the service and a children's sermon, but no sermon.
- Session has elected an advisory committee to explore future leadership options. It will be headed up by Doug Weed, Carol Smith and Lisa Calabria. They will be reaching out to other groups in the church.
- We will have a special congregational meeting on July 22 at 11:15 to vote on the dissolution of Rev. Janet's call. At that same meeting, we will be electing officers to fill vacancies.
- We continue to explore the strengths, weakness and needs of the congregation. We want to best serve you and can only do this if we keep the channels of communication open. Feel free to reach out to any of the elders.

Ruth Allen  
Lisa Calabria  
Chuck Ening

Diane Eriksen  
Irene (Ferris) Kershaw  
Rich Hepp

Matt Smart  
Carol Smith  
Jaycen Stillman

Doug Weed  
Don Wright  
Leah Majka (clerk)

## July 2018

### Worship Opportunities

#### Sunday, July 1st:

8:30am Early Worship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour

#### Sunday, July 8th:

8:30am Early Worship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour

#### Sunday, July 15th:

8:30am Early Worship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour

#### Sunday, July 22nd: Christmas in July

8:30am Early Worship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour

#### Sunday, July 29th –

8:30am Early Worship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour

## August 2018

#### Sunday, Aug 5th:

8:30am Early Worship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour

#### Sunday, Aug 12th:

8:30am Early Worship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour

#### Sunday, Aug 19th:

8:30am Early Worship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour

#### Sunday, Aug 26th:

8:30am Early Worship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour

*Kathi & Chuck would like you to know that they do appreciate all the cards, kind & helpful thoughts and prayers that are sent their way.*

## Joys & Concerns

Prayer  
Works



### Joys:

- \* Lisa Burns' 6th great Grandchild born, Logan
- \* Help with the Rummage Sale.
- \* Rummage Sale mad \$18,500
- \* Lisa Calabria's step mother-in-law's 90th birthday.
- \* Kathy Holley—Great to see people and former students at rummage sale
- \* Thanks for the Women's choir.
- \* Mary Macheska has had a family wedding and also a new baby added to the family.
- \* Ruth Allen's grandson graduates from college in Canada this week.
- \* Jillian Abbod's 14th birthday.
- \* Brian & Kristen (Schmicker) Begley gave birth to a baby boy Wylan Lato, on July 1st .
- \* Pam McGlashen had a good trip to Scotland and Ireland with her daughter and granddaughters.
- \* Phyllis Wilson's wart was non-cancerous.
- \* Joy that school is out.
- \* Leah Majka had a good visit with her mother.
- \* Amy Weed's niece got engaged.
- \* Chris Rodek's Girl Scout group had a good camping experience.

### Those who have lost loved ones:

- \* Pat Schwarz passed away.
- \* Becky Smith's co-worker's step son was killed in a motorcycle accident.

### We Pray for individuals:

- \* There are a lot of toxic comments on social media. Prayers for kindness.
- \* Mary Stevens, as she prepares to move to Louisiana.
- \* Jerry McGovern, with brain cancer.
- \* Prayers for the children being separated from their parents.
- \* Janet's friend, Sharon, is having chronic, uncontrollable pain from her MS.
- \* Helen Maier's dog is not doing well.
- \* Mike Abbod's parents are both dealing with illness.
- \* Wendy Webb asked for prayers for Chuck from West Milford Taxi, who had triple by-pass.
- \* Susan Menshon-Spenelli's father is in the ER.
- \* Prayers for those who don't do well with the heat.
- \* John Nemeth's niece has cancer and recently graduated from college.
- \* Pat Wright's son in law is un employed.
- \* Linda Fredricksen—back pain.
- \* Fran Erhart—Son Greg was diagnosed after 8 years of trying to figure out what he has.
- \* Chuck Eninger undergoing treatment for Stomach Cancer.

### We Give Thanks For:

- \* The session is working closely with presbytery to plan for the future.
- \* We also have a committee working on a farewell for Janet, so watch for details
- \* Lenny Macheska doing well after surgery.
- \* Thanks for all who helped with the rummage unload, and the sorting, and the Sale

*We support each other with our prayers.*





**Happy  
Fourth of July**



**Staff Meeting  
September 10th 3:15pm**

**Session with Deacons  
September 10th  
7:30pm**

**Farmer's Market  
Every Wednesday  
3:00 -7:00pm**



**Deacon's  
Meeting  
Sept. 1st  
12:30pm**



**Food Pantry  
July 7th &  
August 4th  
11am- 12:30pm**

**Save The Date  
September 23rd.  
Janet's Farwell Dinner!**



**VBS is canceled for  
2018.. So Chuck &  
Kathi can focus on  
Chuck getting better.**

**WA Meeting  
Sept 9th  
11:15am**

**Rally Day  
September 9th  
Come One  
Come All!**

**Choir Practice will start up again on Sunday  
Mornings .....**

**September 9th 2018  
9:30 practice before Worship  
11:15 After Worship**



**We are always looking for new voices to join us.  
Please consider adding your voice to our wonderful choir.**



**There will be a special  
congregational meeting on  
July 22, 2018 at 11:15 to  
vote on the dissolution of  
Janet's call and to elect  
officers**

**During Cool Beverage  
Hour / Coffee Hour,  
Fran Erhardt will  
have CD's of  
Lee Tombouljian's  
music for sale**

**Check out our Calendar..... Go to our website.  
www.wmpchurch.org then go to about our  
ministry tab and you will find the calendar link.**



WMPC FINANCIAL CORNER

Income has fallen below our expense at only 86%.  
Thru April only 58% of our per-capita has been contributed.

	June	YTD	
Total Income	\$ 15,241	\$ 84,910	
Total expenses	\$ 15,118	\$ 99,003	86%
Contribution Income (Plate & envelopes)	\$ 12,163	\$ 64,434	
Per Capita	\$ 308	\$ 4,180	
WMPC Per capita responsibility		\$ 7,200	58%
Snow Plowing contributions	\$ 20	\$ 8,586	
Snow Powing expenses	\$ -	\$ 11,230	76%

Snowplowing ytd contributions includes generous \$5000 from Womens Association.

We are only at 58% of our Per Capita collection. Please send yours in now! \$44/member.

Summer does not the church to take a break from it's financial obligations, so please keep this in mind. Weekly donations can be mailed to the office or done on-line thru REALM.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer

Rich Hepp,  
Finance Chair.



Amanda Fredricksen graduated from West Milford High School.



Deacons Corner

Do you Pray?

What is a prayer? Prayer doesn't only happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing for good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That's prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That's prayer. When we send off our near and dear ones and say, 'drive safely' or 'be safe'. That's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive someone. That is prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being. Keep praying always.



Another Big Thank You to all who help with the Rummage Sale... With out you we would not be able to run this very successful Sale. To date we made \$18,500.00 .



A BIG THANK YOU TO  
PAT & DON WRIGHT  
FOR GIVING UP THE WHOLE  
MONTH OF JUNE.....AND MORE  
TO TAKE CARE OF RUMMAGE  
SALE STUFF....



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	2 7:30pm - Session	3	4 <i>Observance Day</i> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 3pm - Farmers Market 7pm - AA Meeting 7:30pm - Al-Anon	5	6	7 11am - Food Party
8 6:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	9	10	11 3pm - Farmers Market 7pm - AA Meeting 7:30pm - Al-Anon	12	13	14
15 8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	16	17	18 3pm - Farmers Market 7pm - AA Meeting 7:30pm - Al-Anon	19	20	21
22 8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	23	24	25 3pm - Farmers Market 7pm - AA Meeting 7:30pm - Al-Anon	26	27	28
29 6:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	30	31	1	2	3	4



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